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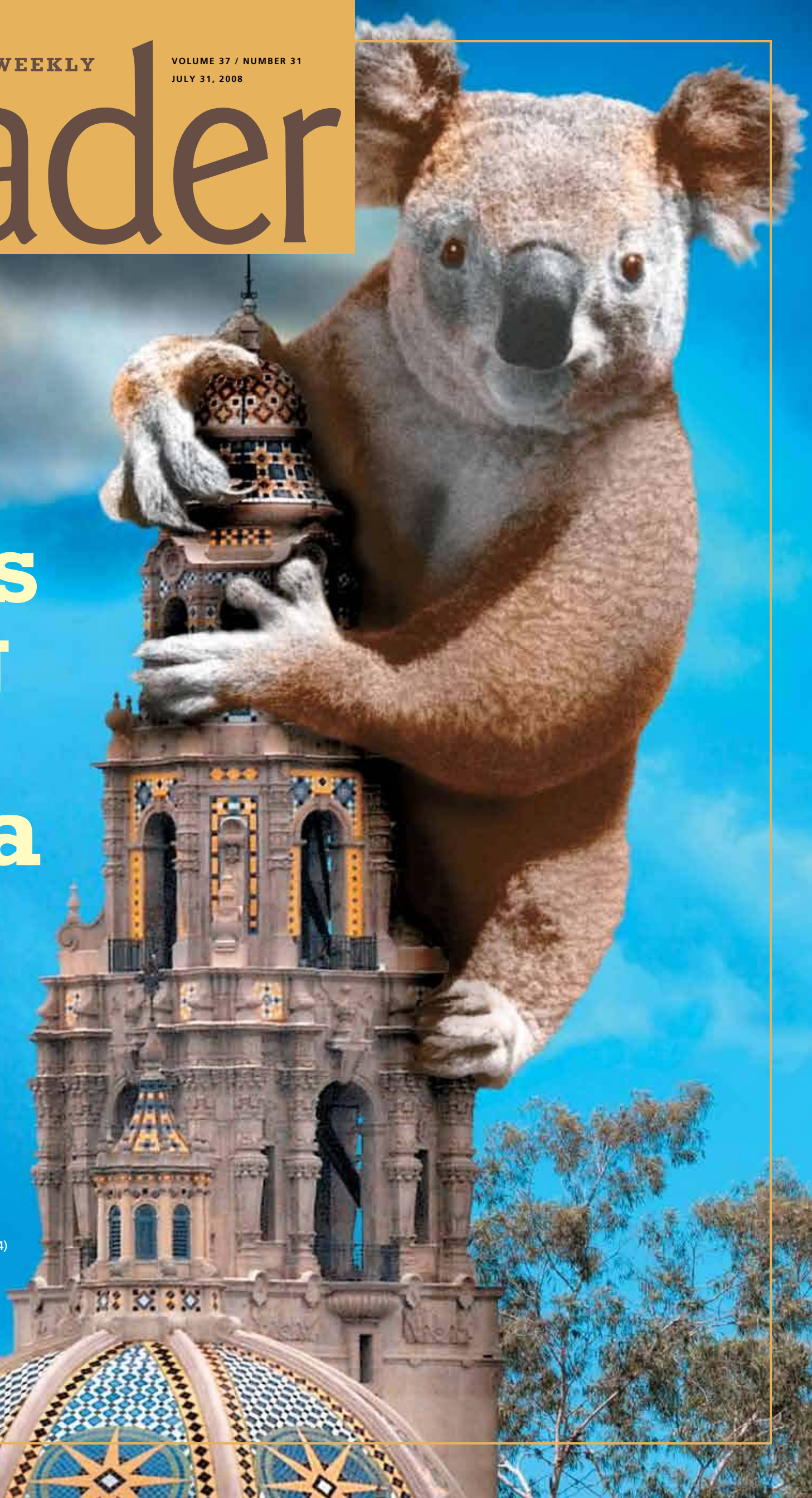
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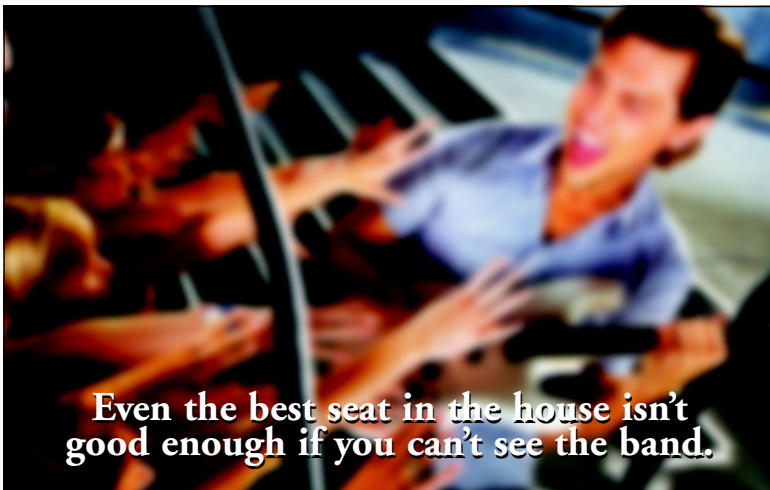
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Post your entry by going to [SDReader.com/neighborhoods](http://SDReader.com/neighborhoods), find your neighborhood or campus, and follow the instructions to create a blog. Winning entries will be published in the August 14, 21 and 28 issues.

## 1st place ...\$500

### ***Man Without a Neighborhood***

*I suppose I am a man without a neighborhood. As a life-long San Diegan, I have called many neighborhoods "home." Often I find myself in the minority and my native claim second only to the Kumeyaay Indian (though an admittedly distant second). However, my ancestral neighborhood is proudly the College Area. - By Dominic Carrillo,*

### ***College Area***

## 2nd place ...\$250

### ***Junior Personnel Nearly Arrested for Demanding Customer Service***

*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. - By Becky Troup, **Coronado***

## 3rd place ...\$100

### ***Ornery O.B. Ornithology***

*'Twas mid-May in Ocean Beach. May Gray was momentarily at bay, spring had sprung, and every OBecian could smell and see sweet summer coming. Whilst walking my precious pooch, Kindle, on Voltaire Street mere moments before sunset, I daydreamed with the rest of my 'hood of long, warm, and salty Dog Beach days to come...drinkin' Vitamin Water. - By Dayna Celise Blevins, **Ocean Beach***

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David Copley

someone to buy the *Union-Tribune* marks the end of an era for San Diego, which has labored under the yoke of the Copley newspapers for 80 years. Until a buyer is confirmed, the destiny of the city remains in the balance, but some loyal *U-T* readers will no doubt miss the regular Copley sightings that appeared in the *U-T*. Year by year, the stories describe David Copley's increasingly grandiose obsession with partying, car collecting, and mansion building. An excerpted history:

February 12, 1984: "David Copley drove up with **Susan Farrell** in a 1936 Cadillac convertible roadster that belonged to the late **Jim Copley**."

November 3, 1985: "The luggage that came with David Copley's sleek new Aston Martin sports car carries the Aston Martin nameplate. And he took the handsome luggage along on a recent visit to Springfield, Ill. The bellboy who brought the suitcases to Copley's room in the posh new Ramada Renaissance greeted him with a respectful, 'Your luggage, Mr. Martin.' To which Copley countered, graciously: 'You can call me Aston.' "

January 1, 1987: "David Copley wished friends 'a peaceful, laid-back, stressless' season on invitations to his holiday party at his home, 'Foxhole,' in La Jolla.... Sophisticated jazz players performed on a balcony overlooking the pool, and a totally high-tech mood was generated in the garage, which was transformed, with mirrored walls and other mod decor, into an inviting dance setting."

December 19, 1988: "The holiday at home was a warming of David Copley's new pied-a-surf, a glass fronted, cardinal lacquered, marble and steel, art-filled Mission Beach showplace that combines wide-open views with highly stylized privacy.... Guests traipsed up and down the curved glass stairwell, ogling everything and trading assessments — overwhelmingly positive."

April 29, 1999: "**Helen Copley** and her son, David Copley, president and chief executive officer of The Copley Press, invited newspaper executives from around the country to an art deco dinner-dance that surpassed even the elaborate visions of *Metropolis* director Fritz Lang. The German filmmaker's futuristic fantasy guided **Nevin**



Helen Copley

**Kleege** and his Advantech Event Management team in transforming a cavernous hangar into a dazzling party venue — a stunning study in black, white, chrome and gray. Gigantic sets copied from the film and built by the San Diego Opera Scenic Studio — the massive facade of a cathedral, a factory's complex machinery — dominated an anteroom that opened into a vast, black-on-black nightclub raked by darting, swirling, dancing lights. (**Jack Burnett**,

one of the production managers, said the party's spectacular effects required 'more lights than they had at the Grammy Awards.')... **Pierre Charmasson**, another key member of the Kleege team, pointed out that it took more than a square acre of carpet to cover the hangar floor, and that many of the dinner guests were seated in 70 custom-built, tufted, semicircular booths upholstered in matte-black vinyl."

December 7, 1999: "His mother's La Jolla estate is called Foxhill. So when David Copley bought himself a small house 24 years ago, he named it — with a grin — Foxhole. He did a few things: added a second floor, then a pool pavilion, then a new wing, then a second wing as the lots next door became available. Friday, David invited more than 200 guests to experience what he has now made of Foxhole: a 17,000-square-foot mansion."

July 15, 2007: "*Happy Days*, the 50-meter yacht David Copley has named for the boat that his grandfather, Col. **Ira Copley**, owned in 1927, was declared winner of the 17th annual Show-Boats International Award as the year's Best Full-Displacement Motor Yacht of its size. Copley and a few of his friends were here for the presentation of the award at the Monte Carlo Sporting Club."

**Meet and confer** How will the convention business hold up in an oil-starved world? Will video conferencing start to trump air travel and hotel stays? Nobody yet knows, but San Diego taxpayers have been paying an



Carol Wallace

increasing amount of money to support the region's increasingly stressed convention industry. Take the example of the City-subsidized San Diego Convention Center Corporation. According to the latest available federal tax returns, the nonprofit outfit paid its president and CEO

**Carol Wallace** \$307,565, along with \$56,454 in employee benefit plan contributions and \$4232 in car allowance and other expenses. That was up dramatically from the previous year, in which Wallace got \$259,361, along with \$20,745 in benefits and a \$6551 expense allowance. The year before that, Wallace was paid \$278,568 and got \$21,051 in benefits and \$6940 for expenses. Another convention center employee getting the big bucks was the corporation's vice president and general counsel **Beatrice Kemp**, who received \$205,064, as well as \$20,506 in benefits. The year before, Kemp got \$197,972 and benefits of \$19,797. The year before that, she got \$195,411 and \$19,541 in benefits. Another beneficiary of the corporate salary hikes was **Mark Emch**, vice president of finance, who got \$182,376 along with \$18,238 in benefits. The year before, he made \$166,296 and \$16,630 in benefits.

— Matt Potter

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## Spinrise

By Don Bauder

**T**he campaign to ballyhoo the proposed Sunrise Powerlink has one beneficial effect: it is shining light on how San Diego's

overlords try to use misinformation to manipulate public opinion.

San Diego Gas & Electric and its parent, Semptra Energy, want to build the 150-mile transmission line to bring, purportedly, solar power from Imperial Valley at a projected cost of \$1.5 billion, which is probably grossly understated. Critics point out that the line would slash its way through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Grapevine Canyon, Santa Ysabel Canyon, and Rancho Peñasquitos, ending in Torrey Hills.

The state says that by the end of 2010, renewable energy must be 20 percent of major utilities' deliveries. SDG&E is at a pitiful 6 percent and admits it probably won't make the deadline. Southern California Edison is already at 16 percent and Pacific Gas & Elec-

tric at 12. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger wants 33 percent renewable by 2020, and former vice president Al Gore wants the nation to hit 100 percent renewable in ten years. In theory, Sunrise Powerlink would help SDG&E meet its



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2010 California bogey, although the company admits that there is no guarantee that Sunrise would bring in clean energy.

Semptra's natural gas operation is the largest in the United States. Some say Semptra has a vested interest in sabotaging renewable energy. In this year's report to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Semptra admits its business could be hurt by the push for clean,

alternative energy. It wants to bring in questionable liquefied natural gas from Indonesia and burn it in its Rosarito plants, moving the power to Los Angeles, its major market. The Rosarito plant evades U.S. pollution requirements. "What they are doing is trying to build dependency on sources of power that they control," says City Attorney Mike Aguirre. "They are holding renewable energy hostage to Powerlink." Aguirre is pushing for the building of solar and alternative energy facilities within the San Diego metropolitan area.

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## Neal Obermeyer





## Crow Nuisance, Crow Delight

By Joe Deegan

**A**s children growing up in Riverside, my friends and I were captivated by crows, big birds that were bold. We used

to see how close we could creep toward them, while they seemed to contemplate our attention before flying away. What were they cawing about us?

Not long ago, the following email message arrived in the *Reader* offices. “Originally, the only crows I had ever seen,” observed the writer, “were at Death Valley. Now, they are all over La Jolla, walking on my wooden roof with scratchy nails, standing in the treetops, doubtless robbing babies from nests of other birds, leaving huge poops down the side of my house and on the front sidewalk. How come they have moved in such numbers to the coast? We used to have mostly raucous mockingbirds, but now it’s crows. There must be a reason for this migration.”

There must be a reason all right, but local bird experts aren’t sure what it is.

One of them is Terry Hunefeld, who has just returned from leading a seabird-watching expedition past San Clemente Island, 110 miles into the Pacific. “There are birds far out on the ocean, such as albatrosses,” he says, “that people never even see from land. They sometimes fly for thousands of miles before coming down.”

In contrast, crows tend to be stay-at-home birds. But if the La Jolla emailer is correct, they must have once left their inland habitats, right? Yes, Hunefeld tells me, in the early to mid-1980s, many of them suddenly seemed to pick up stakes and move into urban and coastal San Diego. Why they did it then, but not earlier, nobody adequately explains.

Crows seemed rarely to venture farther west than places like Poway, Lakeside, and El Cajon. “Those areas, and especially oak and riparian woodlands, were their native

habitat,” says Hunefeld, who is 56 and retired from the real estate-training business. (He has always liked to spend time outdoors and, about eight years ago, got a serious case of bird-watching fervor.) “And even though San Diego was becoming a metropolis for a long time, it’s a mystery to ornithologists why the crows waited to move into the city, why they didn’t do it in the 1960s or 1970s, for instance. And why did it happen so quickly in the 1980s and 1990s?”

Hunefeld is

in the crowns of trees with dense foliage.” Originally, coast live oaks in foothill areas were their favorites, but now that crows have moved to town, they inhabit “palms, pines, Italian cypress, and especially eucalyptus. In groves of such trees, crows nest colonially.”

In winter, crows gather in large flocks and

in 1999,” says the atlas, “and is spreading rapidly across North America; crows have already been decimated in parts of the eastern United States.”

Other corvids are rooks, jays, and common ravens (*Corvus corax*). It is easy to confuse ravens and crows. But ravens are much bigger birds than crows, says Terry Hunefeld, in length, weight, and wingspan. Ravens have a shorter beak that’s somewhat like a

desert floor. The change in the raven is less dramatic than that of the...crow, but the raven too is on the increase, aided by man-made...food sources...road kill, and...nest sites like buildings, bridges, and power-line towers.” They nest, for instance, in the California Tower in Balboa Park.

Crows are more communal than ravens. It’s

No matter what other people think, Hunefeld seems to be as fascinated with crows as with other birds. He concedes that he goes out bird-watching every day for one unique chance—to spot exotic birds. “Birds from the East Coast sometimes fly in here,” he says. “They just make a wrong turn during their migrations. And every once in a while, we’ll see Asian birds that, like the birds on our Pacific Flyway, go to Alaska for the summer. Then they just go back down the wrong coast.”

But crows? “Due to their cooperative and social nature, they may be the smartest bird out there,” says Hunefeld. “Crows will call warnings to each other and, in small groups, will chase away competitors.” They fight them off for food but will stand watch while their own family members eat.

“Crows are scavengers and

hard to tell the male crows from the females. Both, together with extended families, take care of their young in nests at common roosts, which may be home to hundreds of crows. Egg laying in the San Diego region occurs roughly from the second

“Roman nose,” and their wings are pointed, unlike those of crows. Ravens have longer tails than the fan-shaped crow tail. When the cousins fight, the single great

roosts. Despite their more recent urban lifestyle, the highest concentration of crow populations in San Diego County, according to the bird atlas, is still “at the east end of Lake Hodges.”

Susceptibility to West Nile virus has become a particular hazard to crows. The virus “appeared in New York City

advantage crows have over ravens is greater maneuverability in the air.

Ravens have long been local residents. “After the house finch,” according to Unitt’s bird atlas, “the Common Raven is the most widespread breeding bird in San Diego County. It occurs in all habitats, from beaches to mountaintops to

week in March to mid-May. The incubation period is 18 days, according to the bird atlas.

Many people think of crows as a great nuisance. “They definitely can be annoying,” says Hunefeld, “especially in the evening, when they are calling to let each other know where they are.”

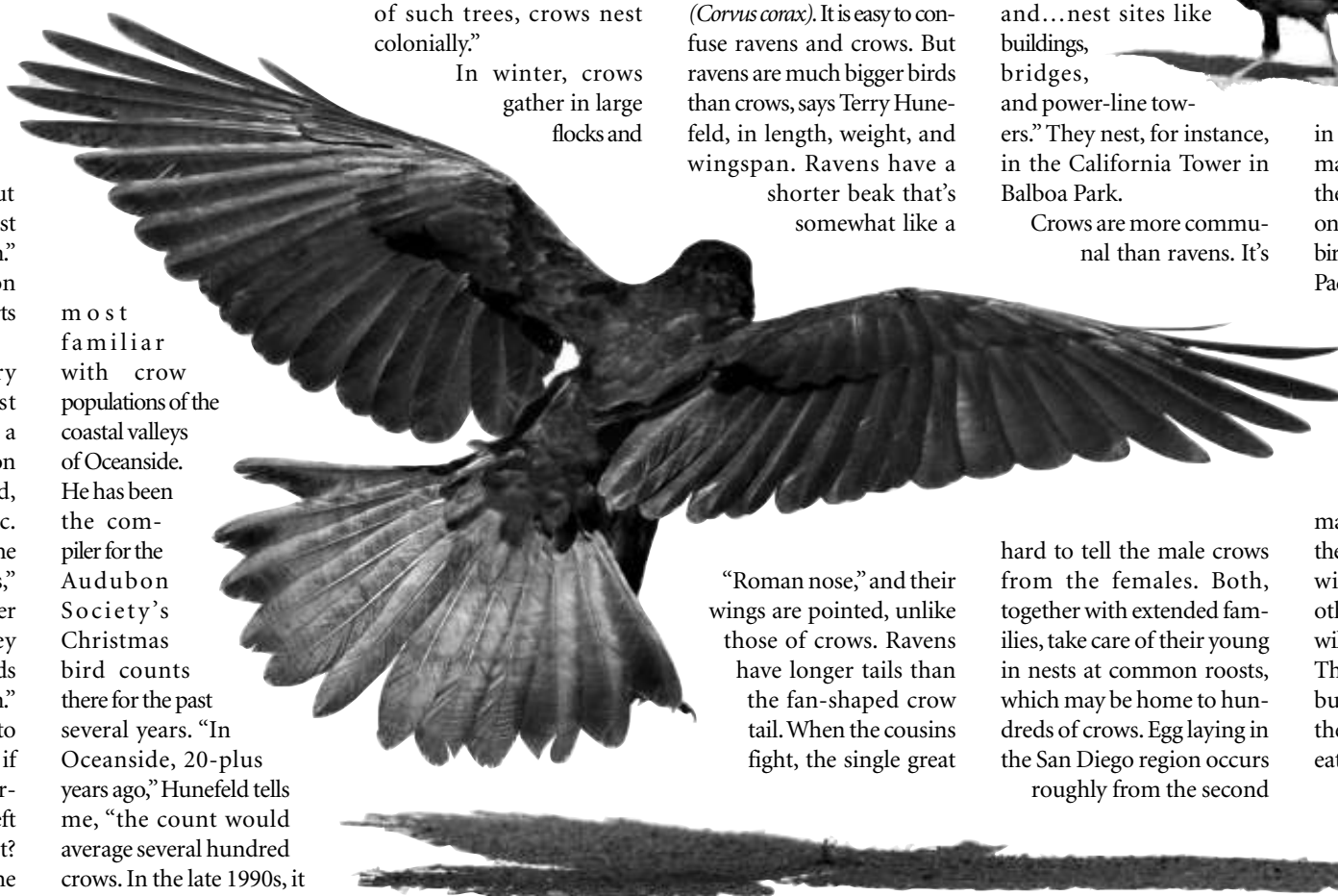
will eat just about anything,” says Hunefeld. “So they are predators on the eggs and young of other birds.” They

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Terry Hunefeld





## Spinrise

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was inaccurate and pathetically fatuous. The second sentence read, "But what few San Diego Gas & Electric customers know is that their monthly bills are higher because UCAN's small staff has collected nearly \$2 million from SDG&E ratepayers for intervening before the California Public Utilities Commission in opposition to SDG&E projects from

1989 to 2006."

Think about that nonsense. SDG&E has 1.4 million customers, residential and business. The grand sum of \$2 million spread over 17 years would make a tiny, tiny dent in bills received by more than a million customers annually. However, that claim of \$2 million is inaccurate. The California Public Utilities Commission in 1981 set up a program by which intervenors in rate

actions, such as UCAN, can get reimbursed for their work on a rate case. However, the commission's intervenor compensation guide makes it clear that to be paid, an intervenor must make a "substantial contribution" to the rate-setting proceedings. In requesting compensation, an intervenor should weigh "the actual costs of your participation in the proceeding against the benefits achieved for ratepayers as

a result of your participation." Intervenor must show that their work did not duplicate that of others involved in the process.

Says Michael Shames, founder and head of UCAN, "The law says you can't have intervenor compensation unless the benefits [to the ratepayer] exceed the cost [the intervenor] is seeking. There is not a scenario in which ratepayer bills could be higher because of

what they pay to UCAN."

The *U-T*'s editorial did not mention, of course, that on January 26, 2002, another editorial that appeared in the *U-T* lauded Shames as a "consumers' hero." UCAN had challenged a deal cooked up in a back room by Semptra and former governor Gray Davis. UCAN won and saved the ratepayers \$363 million, later reduced to \$197 million. Said the editorial about UCAN,

"Good work, guys." If the *U-T*'s statement that UCAN has cost ratepayers \$2 million over 17 years were accurate — and it is *not* accurate — even the *U-T* might understand that \$197 million is a very good return on a \$2 million investment. It's even better on the actual investment: zero.

The July 14 editorial was written by Bob Kittle, the *U-T*'s editorial page editor. Kittle got information for his piece from SDG&E, says Shames, quoting a phone conversation he had with Kittle.

In an email, I asked Kittle about that. He shot back, "In fact, I received no information from SDG&E." He explained that the information provided to him was given by Semptra, SDG&E's parent. Hmmm. This isn't even hair-splitting. It's rank deception.

Then a spokeswoman for SDG&E told me, "We were contacted by the *U-T* and did provide information about UCAN intervenor fees." But SDG&E or Semptra did not suggest or plant the editorial, she asserted. Remember, she is a spokeswoman for SDG&E, not Semptra. But I am not going to play that game. If she works for SDG&E, she works for Semptra.

Kittle's editorial went on to claim that intervenor fees are a "multimillion-dollar rip-off for consumers" because the utilities commission already has a Division of Ratepayer Advocates, which supposedly represents the consumers. But those who follow these utility proceedings say that bureaucratic sclerosis and political pressure often render the ratepayer advocates ineffective and intervenor arguments frequently carry the day.

Getting even sillier, the editorial went on to criticize Shames for making \$90,000 a year over a three-year period. This is peanuts. In big firms, first-year attorneys, right out of law school, can make \$150,000. Shames has been practicing law for UCAN for 23 years. He says he charges \$350 an hour and that this is half of what SDG&E's outside lawyers charge. SDG&E would not reveal what it pays its outside attorneys. "Shames could make four times the money if he went to work for the industry," says someone who has studied San Diego utilities for decades, noting that Semptra paid its chairman \$9.5 million

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## Spinrise

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last year and its president \$6.5 million.

Two days after the *U-T*'s fallacious editorial appeared, a group called Community Alliance for the Sunrise Powerlink, funded by SDG&E/Sem-

pra, held a press conference to denounce project delays. Julie Meier Wright, cochair of the group, and also president of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, complained that the project won't be finished until 2011 at the earliest. This is

costing ratepayers \$350,000 a day, she asserted, and it means the outdated South Bay Power Plant keeps belching pollution into the air. Shames says her statements were hogwash. Sempra's economic assumptions for Sunrise have already been found unreliable by the utilities commission, he says. The \$350,000 "is totally made up," he says. And "it is a total fallacy that Sunrise is required in order for South Bay to be closed. Even if Sunrise is not operational until 2017, you don't need South Bay to be operating."

At the press conference, Wright plugged the *U-T* editorial. "Ratepayers pay for the intervenors," she says she told the audience. Since there is already a Division of Ratepayer Advocates, "It's an inherent conflict of interest. We pay for the delays, and we pay for the intervenors." She claims she had not talked with Kittle before

referring to the editorial. Shames thinks the editorial and press conference were orchestrated. I agree.

Meanwhile, Charles Langley of UCAN says the organization got "a tremendous surge of community support" as a result of the error-filled editorial. It brought in several new members. And some old members dropped their subscriptions to the *U-T*. ■

## Crow delight

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inhabit residential neighborhoods because they get lots to eat from picnics in parks, french fries and pieces of doughnuts on the sidewalk, and half-eaten burritos thrown from car windows. They help clean up refuse.

In that respect, crows'

urban existence is similar to their lives in earlier times. Farmers used to hate crows for eating their grain and fruit. But the crows fed on destructive insects at the same time.

On a neighborhood walk, you can often come surprisingly close to crows pecking at something on the ground. If you move in a way they find threatening, of course, they're gone. "But they also recognize friendly gestures," says Hunefeld. "When I was a kid, we helped a crow in our classroom to recover from a broken wing. For the next two years, he kept coming back for handouts."

A number of websites attest to great affection for crows. I attach the following reminiscence entitled "Ball Playing Crows" from *crows.net*, The Language and Culture of Crows:

Washington State, near Seattle. "Grocery store, strip mall roof. As I approached the covered breezeway I could see several crows, maybe 5 or 6, 'jumping' up and down on the roof.... A moment later a super-ball dropped off the roof and bounced into the busy parking lot; three crows quickly followed and chased the ball while it bounced. When the ball came to rest in a gutter one of the crows picked the ball up in her beak and 'threw' it. At that point the other crows all tried to catch it. Even when it rolled under cars they would pursue the ball and make it bounce....

"After about 10 minutes the 'owner' of the ball took the

ball back up to the roof where I could once again hear the bouncing and jumping. The super-ball was one of the 2" diameter ones; so it was really an effort for them to pick it up and then fly."

And now I notice on *crows.net* a possible answer to why crows suddenly moved from the backcountry into the San Diego urban area. "I was driving by when I noticed hundreds of crows gathering.... They were landing on top of the fence and all the way down covering all the 'terraces.' They stood in place all the way to the sidewalk. After a few minutes the area was packed with crows. Two crows were standing in the bicycle path by the street next to the sidewalk. One of them made a sound and all the other crows became silent facing the ones in the bottom. Then the second began making sounds. After about three minutes, the second crow stopped making sounds and the first one made a sound and all the others began flying off.

"The first thing that came to my mind when I saw this was that they were in an amphitheater listening to a lecture. I was amazed that they all stayed quiet while the one in the bottom was 'speaking' and none flew away during all this time. I was also surprised at how instantly they grew quiet when the first crow made the first sounds and how quickly they left when 'he' made the second sound." ■

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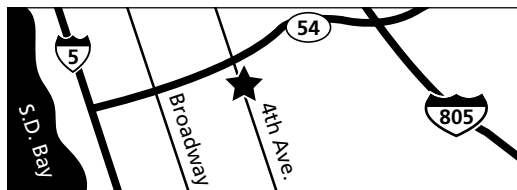
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### Peak Misconception

Re "Way Too Many People Live Out Here" (Cover Story, July 24). Just a slight correction. In the article on development near the Cleveland National Forest, on page 42, the author said that Cuyamaca Peak, at 6512 feet, is the tallest peak in San Diego County. This is a very popular misconception. The highest peak is Hot Springs Mountain on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation, northeast of Warner Springs. It is 6533 feet high. You can verify it on a AAA map of San Diego County.

John Wehbring  
via email

### Contentious CBD

Regarding your lead article "Way Too Many People Live Out Here" (Cover Story, July 24) and the conflict between the Center for Biological Diversity and the Cleveland National Forest, I would like to share a little insight. The CBD has been a contentious and difficult group to work with about issues on public land for many years. Agencies like the National Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management have a "multiple use" mandate in their decision-making policy about issues with public land. The CBD pushes these agencies to manage their way, with a strong bias towards species conservation and, when not satisfied, take agencies to court by means of lawsuits. These lawsuits often have the opposite effect of their intentions. This is because the lawsuits force the agencies to use large amounts of money and other resources to fight, taking away the agencies' ability to manage the land they are charged with. The main tool of the CBD is the Endangered

Species Act. One little-known fact about the Endangered Species Act is that if you sue and win, the government pays your legal fees. The CBD has used this fact to their financial advantage in many hundreds of lawsuits throughout the country.

The Endangered Species Act was originally sold to the American people to protect large animals from extinction. It has since been used extensively to protect species down to insects and plants (plants considered to be weeds by some). One time there was even an unsuccessful attempt to list a fungus as endangered. They often got away with using "junk science" to defend their cases. While the CBD is quick to sue, they are slow to volunteer. I personally volunteer with the Cleveland National Forest and Ocotillo Wells State Park. I have yet to hear of CBD people volunteering to help. It is my experience that volunteering and forming positive relationships with the staff of these agencies goes very far in guiding the management of land that interests me. If the CBD

were to volunteer more and sue less, our public land might be far better off.

Ed Stovin  
via email

### Shame On The System

Prosecutor Brenda Daly should be ashamed ("Off-Road on Private Land," "City Lights," July 24). This is just another example of the legal system punishing a private citizen, Alan Inn, for trying to protect his property and defending the vandals who have no respect for the property and rights of others.

Sandra Conklin  
via email

### Bad Guys In The Desert

I read the article on the convicted felon Alan Inn, who committed a felony of assault with a deadly weapon ("Off-Road on Private Land," "City Lights," July 24). Did he or his attorney convince you to write this misleading story? Next time, please do some more research. For example: Drive out to the desert and view the Wisdon Min-

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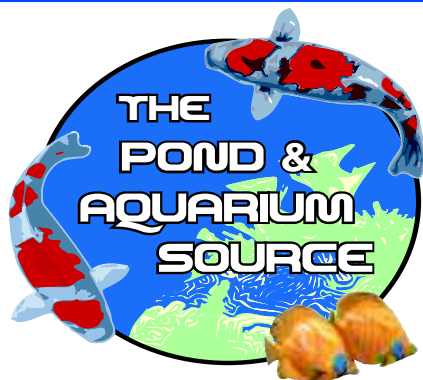


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Heymatt:

*Why is not wearing underwear called "going commando" style? I would think a commando would appreciate the support and reduction of chafing that briefs provide.*

— Chafing at the Bit in RB

The elves go commando at their weekly backyard badminton tournament. They appreciate the ventilation. Grandma's threatened to stop doing their laundry if they don't cinch up with some undies, but so far they've charmed her into it.

Actually, Chafing, you've probably been reading too many issues of GQ. Commandos (aka Special Forces) aren't out looking for fashion colors and luxury fibers. They want comfort and practicality. Commandos are supposed to wear what the military tells them to wear. Absorbent cotton briefs, mostly. But wet-underwear chafing is a major problem when you're walking miles through the commandos' typical landscape: jungles, swamps, deserts, lots of damp or blazing-hot places. Nobody wants to suffer the chafing from an extra layer of clothes soggy from swamp water or sweat. The best solution isn't designer skivvies, it is no skivvies at all. (No undies also makes peeing and pooping easier when on the trail or hunkered down in some mud pit, trying not to move and give away your position.) According to a Vietnam vet friend, it wasn't just the Special Forces that went commando in that humid environment. The term became popular during the Vietnam era, but some historians say the practice dates back to commandos in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Hi, Mr. Matt:

*I can't find anyone that knows the derivation of the name for the Formosa Slough in Point Loma.*

— Phil Crepeau, via email

Ooh, twice wrong, Phil. First of all, you can find someone who knows the derivation of the name (me). And second of all, it's Famosa, not Formosa. (*Famosa* is Spanish for "famous." "Formosa" is the former name of the island of Taiwan, off the coast of China.) Now that we have those details straightened out, here's your answer: Famosa Slough is a slice of wetland created when landfill cut it off from the San Diego River construction. It pretty much sat there south of the river, nameless, until someone in the city planning department decided they needed to call it something. They were tired of referring to it as that swampy area south of the river. Because Famosa Boulevard ran adjacent to it, Famosa was the name that stuck. Thanks for this info to Jim Peugh, longtime spokesman for the Friends of Famosa Slough, the intrepid caretakers of this piece of our shrinking wetlands. By the way, none of us know why the boulevard was named Famosa. Maybe one of you Alicelanders can fill us in.

Matthew Alice:

*I've been contemplating Doris, my cat, and trying to imagine who first got the idea to try to capture and tame a wild lion or tiger or whatever into a domestic friend. I'm sure you can make it clear.*

— Jennifer and Doris, via email

Not sure anyone was ever motivated to domesticate a tiger. Doris's ancestors were considerably smaller. Bigger than today's average housecat, but not lion size. And by the way, I'd guess that most cat owners question whether they are actually domesticated anyway, given the average cat's abundance of attitude and independence. Archaeologists opine that all our house tabbies descend from five species of wildcats from the Middle East and India. While big cats were shooed away from human settlements, smaller cats actually proved handy in their rat-catching abilities, so they were cautiously welcomed. It's probably no coincidence that cats began hanging around human settlements at the same time humans began cultivating grains — grains attract rats, rats attract cats.

The oldest evidence of an individual cat associated with an individual human was a cozy burial site in Cyprus, with pet next to owner. The site is estimated to be from 9500 BC. The cat isn't native to Cyprus, so by this time cats must have been moved from the Mideast to other areas around the Mediterranean. Again from burial site clues, it wasn't long before cats took on god qualities. The Egyptians certainly idolized them. But of course there's no record of how or when people went from encouraging small cats to patrol their grain stores, then their houses, to when somebody reached out cautiously to pat one on the head or when wild cats decided being petted was a good idea.

Matt:

*Why is a pineapple called a pineapple?*

— Nameless, via email

In the Middle Ages, Europeans called pretty much all fruit and fruitlike things "apples." The "fruit" of the pine tree (the pine cone) was called a pine apple. When explorers brought back from South America what we know today as a pineapple, the British thought it looked a lot like their pine apple, so that's the name that stuck. After decades of confusion and ruined recipes, the pine apple eventually became the pine cone.

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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

# Prep For The Onslaught

This may be the last hours of sporting life as we've known it. Soon, very soon, a 500-foot-high Summer Olympic Games tsunami, now rocketing across the Pacific, will SLAM into San Diego, taking out newspaper sports sections and obliterating regular sports news on television.

The sports blackout will continue for 16 days, or about the length of time it took Germany to occupy France during WWII. It won't be pretty.

Yes, I hear you. You want to know how you'll survive a Summer Olympic Games tsunami, or a tornado, hurricane, and/or nuclear war. Step over here and listen up. Our federal government recommends a home shelter for these kinds of emergencies. Although one doesn't normally pay attention to a bankrupt, this advice is sound as far as it goes. Unfortunately, the feds don't say anything about how to pass time once you're barricaded inside the family bunker.

Not to worry. I will arm you with the latest reports from Non-Olympic Sports World, enough to see you through the upcoming ordeal, and I'll throw in a few brain-twisters to keep you occupied until the all-clear sounds. Clip and save.

First up, NFL Sports World: Roger Goodell, NFL commissioner, has deployed experts to look for "suspicious" hand gestures in past game films. Goodell is worried that NFL players have been flashing gang signals during games. He's vowed to identify, purge, and bring to justice gang-sign flashers. At first one thinks Goodell and his posse ought to ease up on the scotch. Then, one thinks that a white millionaire commissioner doesn't know shit about what young men consider cool...or about gangs or hip-hop or what is fashion and what is real.

But this is obvious, simple-minded conjecture and overlooks the insidious brilliance of Goodell's scheme. His maneuver is a diversion, a ploy to move attention from Goodell to the locker room. When you sit down and study game films, you'll see that it's Commissioner Goodell who's been using public airways to broadcast criminal hand signals. Remember that TV head-shot of Goodell sitting in the owner's booth with Spanos? Did you see his right hand move up to adjust a pair of \$3800 Moss Lipow sunglasses at the start of the third quarter? Well, you might not have noticed that Goodell's pinkie formed a German umlaut. I've consulted experts, too, and they tell me a pinkie umlaut is a well-known Crips gang sign telling the

owner of the New England Patriots, Robert Kraft, that "It's okay to cheat this weekend. I've got your back."

I'll break in here with a brainteaser: Who will bear Brett Favre's love child, and will she free-birth?

From the World of Major League Baseball: "I'm tired of them. They're tired of me. If the Red Sox are a better team without Manny Ramirez, they should trade me; I will not object." The words of M. Ramirez, philosopher-king and BoSox left-fielder.

Brainteaser: Who Will George Bush pardon first? Marion Jones. Roger Clemens. Bill Belichick. The executive branch of government.

From the World of NASCAR: The fact that Indianapolis Motor Speedway has been around for 99 years, and the fact that Formula 1's attempt



NASCAR's Car of Tomorrow

to race at said track ended in humiliation when 14 out of 20 cars refused to participate due to the poor quality of Michelin tires doesn't mean that three years later either track officials, NASCAR, or Goodyear should know anything about the surface of said speedway. It's not their job to go rooting around dusty three-year-old archives looking for ancient news accounts about how Michelin tires blew up after ten laps on the track.

That was then. This is now.

Now, NASCAR has a new car type, hideously named the Car of Tomorrow (CoT), and the fact that it has never run at Indy doesn't mean much since other cars have run there and they didn't blow their tires after ten laps. What's the problem?

You say the CoT has about half the downforce as the model it replaced and a much higher center of gravity, which means right-side tires will be shredded after ten laps. Hmm, I'll have to get back to you on that.

There were 11 yellow flags dropped during Sunday's race, including six competition cautions ordering teams to putt-putt into their pits and change out tires. The flag was dropped every 10 to 12 laps — in fact, the race never went longer than 12 laps without an interruption. During what turned out to be lap sprints, drivers raced at about 85 percent of what fans were accustomed to seeing. Which caused 250,000 unhappy customers to boo. Which caused officials to seek malefactors and assign responsibility. Who's to blame?

The answer was given at day's end by Greg Stucker, Goodyear's director of race-tire sales. It's "nobody's fault," Stucker said.

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**Denomination:** nondenominational

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**Founded locally:** 1996

**Senior pastor:** Stephen J. Mather

**Congregation size:** 150

**Staff size:** 7

**Sunday school enrollment:** 15

**Annual budget:** \$150,000

**Weekly giving:** about \$2800

**Singles program:** no

**Dress:** semiformal to formal

**Diversity:** Caucasian

**Sunday worship:** 10 a.m.

**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 5 minutes

**Website:** [coronadocommunitychurch.org](http://coronadocommunitychurch.org)

"Give me that old-time religion/ It's good enough for me," sang the Chancel Choir from their section of seats at the Lamb's Players Theatre. And Coronado Community Church *did* give that old-time religion, at least in form. The

Introit, the Call to Worship, the Confession of Sin, the Gloria, the Doxology, the Benediction — all steeped in the "old time" of tradition. The Anthem dipped back linguistically into Latin, pleading "Dona nobis pacem" (grant us peace).

The content, too, offered some of the traditional understandings of sinful man seeking redemption. From the prayer of confession: "Almighty God, You have loved us but we have not loved You. Help us to admit our sin so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness." And there was this, from Reverend Mather's opening prayer: "Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.... Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.... Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness.... Con- vict us, convert us, con-secrate us, until we are set free from service to ourselves to be your servants in the world."

But other prayers struck a more modern, or maybe just a more personal, note: "We can relax...and take comfort that we are yours, and that we have simply to discover what our authentic self is, what our destiny is, and relax in that. Lord...help us learn what we are to do while we are here, so that...we will have the sheer joy of...having done what You purposed us to do." A different way, perhaps, of getting at the sentiment expressed by the Hymn of Consecration: "Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus/ Just from sin and self to cease/ Just from Jesus simply taking/ Life and rest, and joy and peace." The Affirmation of Faith, meanwhile, was a deep rewrite: "We believe in God as the origin of life and its meaning.... We believe in Jesus as the Christ, the one who showed us what God is like.... And we will welcome the presence of God's Spirit with us, everywhere, in all things, and in all people."

That spirit of following the Spirit wherever it blew informed Mather's sermon, which took Jesus' Parable of the Leaven as the occa-

sion to ask, "Is George Carlin in heaven?" ("The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.")

"There's nothing worse than a fallen-away Irish Catholic," granted Mather. "He just hated religion; he thought it was pretentious and hypocritical. He didn't believe in God.... Well, maybe the God he didn't believe in isn't one that should be believed in. Deep down, there was idealism, I think. He was like the prophet Amos, who just ranted and raved and used intemperate language to make a point."

Jesus did the same thing, said Mather. "Jesus, in the parable about the leaven, does something very interesting. In Jewish language and thought, leaven is almost always connected with evil.... Now Jesus is coming around and saying that the leaven is an example of the transforming power of God. He takes something that no one would have thought had any redeeming value in terms of religious significance and

says, 'This is precisely what the kingdom of God is like.' I imagine His hearers were a little startled.... If God can use leaven, God can use anything. Carlin invited us to take seriously what we use words for, what our ideals are — to think about the attitudes we ordinarily go over" without thinking.

Mather cited another parable of the kingdom — the one in which the foolish virgins were locked out because they were unprepared. "You have to decide whether the text needs to be changed — whether it has the faint echo of how maybe God can even change the script. In *Godspell*, Jesus opens the door and waves the virgins in. Oh, I know: 'How can we fiddle around with holy writ?' Our understanding of God grows; our appreciation for what God is doing grows. Is George Carlin in heaven? I have a hunch that whoever

is running the show up there will surprise the drop-away Irish Catholic with the words, 'George, you really got things riled up. Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

Mather's Benediction: "Now is the time to return to the world. Do not be irreverent — well, maybe a little. Do not be irrelevant — certainly. Find ways to express your faith that are imaginative...and maybe push the envelope just a little bit."

What happens when we die?

"I think there's a cosmic surprise," said Mather. "Everything will be neatly tied together, and the things we thought we were so certain about will be neatly turned around. There will be a great reversal — Jesus said, 'The last shall be first and the first shall be last.'"

— Matthew Lickona



STEPHEN MATHER

**Coronado Community Church  
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## Sermon

content.....★★½

delivery.....★★★½

## Liturgy

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## Check out this week's puzzle on page 140

We've started publishing the names of all those who get the *Reader* crossword puzzle correct.

We will also publish comments from those who get the puzzle correct, such as “Go Chargers,” “This puzzle was too easy,” or “Zonies go home!”

And we will list the number of weeks you have submitted the correct puzzle solution, placing the winners with the longest winning streak at the top!

The new deadline for the puzzle to arrive at the *Reader* office by mail, fax, or hand delivery (we have a mail slot in our front door) is Monday at 7 am.

## BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

“It's like my body flipped a switch and started storing fat,” lamented my husband Patrick as he stood in front of the mirror. “Ever since I turned 35, the battle of the bulge has turned into a rout. Gut 1, Patrick 0.”

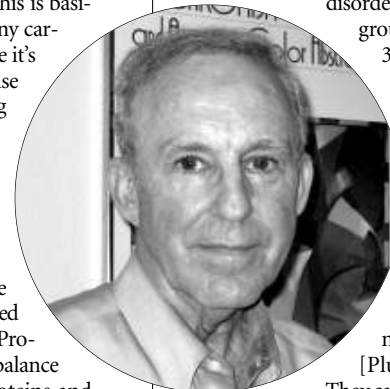
My search for a workable solution — Patrick is a tough nut when it comes to diets, though he is exercising more of late and cutting carbs — led me to Dr. George Scheele, a La Jolla resident. Scheele is a medical doctor and nutrition expert.

“Many people today suffer from metabolic syndrome, which occurs as a result of dietary imbalance,” said Scheele. “The syndrome is associated with eight degenerative diseases — the first is overweight disorder, then high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and high blood sugar. Then you have type-two diabetes, cardiovascular diseases (heart attacks and strokes), four kinds of cancer (breast, prostate, colon, endometrial), osteoarthritis, and finally, gall bladder disease. All this is basically because people eat too many carbohydrates. That's partly because it's the cheapest food and also because the food industry keeps throwing sugar into everything to make it taste good.” Further, he said, “We don't get enough protein.”

But, according to Scheele, there is protein and there is protein. “Healthy cells contain proteins that span the entire charge spectrum — from negatively charged proteins to positively charged. Protein health means that there's a balance between negatively charged proteins and positively charged proteins. This is essential for core body health because the 25,000 proteins in the body are its worker bees.” Scheele said that those proteins helped reset and maintain the body's metabolic pathways — the proper functioning and interaction of its various organ systems.

“Under conditions of protein deficiency,” continued Scheele, “the synthesis of negatively charged proteins continues, but the synthesis of positively charged proteins is greatly diminished, and this impairs cell function, causing further disease. All foods made in bulk in nature contain negatively charged proteins — things like whey, soy, casein, and egg white. And when we get meat at the store, it's usually muscle, which is also mainly negatively charged proteins.” And when you eat negative, you end up making negative. “Unless, of course, you eat like your grandparents did — tripe, kidney, or stomach. You get much more of a protein balance from organ meat, but people don't eat all that much of it anymore.”

What determines the whole positive/negative charge of a protein is the dominance of positively or negatively charged amino acids attached to it. “You could make up for a positively charged protein deficiency by eating protein with an overall negative charge,” but you'd have to eat huge amounts, and that would mean a massive caloric intake. So Scheele came up with an easier way: Factor4 Weight Control, a nutritional and weight-loss shake that provides, among other things, the essential amino acids “that correct



*“The food industry keeps throwing sugar into everything to make it taste good.”*

protein deficiency.”

“The body needs 20 amino acids,” explained Scheele. “Eleven are nonessential — meaning our body makes them — and nine are essential — meaning our body doesn't make them, and we must get them from our diets. As we age, there are two things that prevent us from getting those essential amino acids: we fall into poor eating habits, taking in lots of carbohydrates and less protein-rich food, and also, the aging process interferes with the digestive process, leading to further deficiencies in amino acids and positively charged proteins. I call this the food-chain gap.” According to Scheele, Factor4 Weight Control, which contains essential or “power” amino acids, corrects the amino-acid deficiency, closes the food-chain gap, and rebalances the charge spectrum of protein health.

The benefits of what Scheele calls “super-charged protein health” are many, but they begin with energy replenishment and fat loss. “By the end of the first week, you have more pep and energy. By the end of the first month, your clothes fit better. In a weight-loss study that we did on 25 subjects with chronic overweight disorders, 24 lost weight. One group lost between 20 and 30 pounds. I myself lost 25 pounds in six months with no meal replacement or struggles with portion control.

“The power amino acids,” said Scheele, “reset the metabolic pathways, and that's why you get more pep and energy. [Plus, it burns calories.]

They can even improve mood: three of those amino acids are direct precursors to neurotransmitters in the brain. Two of them are dopamine and serotonin, which are related to pleasure. This means they can also relieve stress, anxiety, mood swings, and depression. Because they reach the brain within minutes, the amino acids also signal the brain's appetite centers that the body is well fed, and that leads to feelings of comfort, satisfaction, and well-being.”

And of course, overall health and correct functioning within the body mean less susceptibility to viral sickness. “I used to get three viruses a year. But I've been using Factor4 Weight Control for two and a half years, and I don't get sick anymore.”

To help explain the science behind Factor4 Weight Control, Scheele has been giving a series of free lectures at the Riford Community Center in La Jolla on issues of core body health and weight loss. The last (August 13 at 7 p.m.) is entitled “Anti-aging Health: Living Longer with Improved Quality of Life.” I asked about the anti-aging part. “Well,” he said, “with Factor 4, hair and nails grow twice as fast, and skin has more blood supply and elasticity. These things lead to a more youthful look.”

Factor4 Weight Control is available at [factor4health.com](http://factor4health.com) for \$29.95 for 30 servings. For more information, call 888-870-3438.

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1. Dr. George Scheele

2. Diagram showing protein imbalance by charge



**HERE AT TABLECLOTH CAPE STUDIOS WE STRIVE TO STAY AHEAD** of the competition. While other news outlets blather on about sunscreen, we're going to stuff stale bread up a turkey's chute and call it the "Holiday Edition." Ready? Doesn't matter.

First, you're going to need some bread. So, get your tablecloth cape on nice and tight, and for headgear, I like to go with the classic 1960s TV series *Batman* cowl, the blue-gray fabric one. Some of our readers prefer the sleek style of a Lone Ranger eye mask. Your choice in the matter is personal and I don't care, nor do I want to hear about it. Got your costume on? Nobody cares!

So, to get bread, we're going to have to go to a neighbor's house. Across from me lives Mrs. Gutierrez. She doesn't speak English, and I'm pretty sure the only bread she has are those flat Mexican things made out of corn that taste like crap. Let's skip her place and go to the marmish lesbian schoolteacher's place. Marmish lesbian schoolteachers love bread. You can look it up on Wikipedia.

Okay, after she answers the door, I'm going to ask if I can borrow a tube of Chap-Stick. When she goes into the bedroom to get her phone to call the police, I'm going to run into her kitchen and steal her bread. Ready? That's a rhetorical question.

"Hi," I say. "I'm from across the courtyard. I'm sure you've seen me perched triumphantly on the ladder I keep out front on which to perch triumphantly."

"Where are your pants?"

"Never mind that, kind citizen. What I need is ChapStick, a zucchini, and cuticle scissors! Might I borrow those items from you?"

"Katie, that weirdo is at the door."

"I didn't know you could stable livestock within city limits. Oh, I see. That's your girlfr — AAAUUUAAAHHGHGHG! YOU MACED ME!"

"You know you're not supposed to come on this side of the courtyard. That's why there's a line painted down the middle like in that episode of *The Munsters* where Herman and Grandpa divided the house."

"I hate you two! I just wanted some bread to do my holiday cooking show!"

"Get off the porch before I kick your ass. Again."

"Tune in next week when I — ow, I just tripped on something. I can't see."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 31

**BIG BROTHER 10**  
**CBS 8:00 P.M.**

If vampires lived on my interest in live-in game shows such as *Big Brother*, the vampires could bite my neck and die (die, vampires, die!) of starvation. Would someone please (please!) rerun *Manimal* instead of this medium-sized stack of trash.

**JIMMY KIMMEL**  
**ABC 12:06 A.M.**

I hear that weird boy with the long face and the black ponytail broke up with Jimmy Kimmel.

That's too bad; I thought they were cute together. Although, I couldn't tell which one wore the saddle and which one wore the cowboy hat, if you know what I mean (wink).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

**12 SEXIEST WET AND WILD JOBS**  
**E! 8:00 P.M.**

Oddly, "Television satire writer, his beard crusted with flecks of chili, his bellybutton filled with vermouth, his legs straight in the air while he cries, naked, alone, and ashamed" did not make the list. I like to think it was number 13. Next year. Next year.

**AMERICAN SOUNDTRACK: DOO WOP'S BEST ON PBS**

**PBS 12:00 A.M.**

Oh, yes, PBS. Doo-wop is where it's at. Songs from 60 years ago, featuring nonsense and peppered with morality lessons for teenagers, that's the good stuff. And don't pretend that because it's on at midnight you can wave off relevance. You know how relevant doo-wop is, PBS? I could write a puppet show about my extra elbow skin and it'd be more pertinent than doo-wop. Put that on at midnight, PBS. (STUPID PBS!)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

**X GAMES**

**ESPN 6:00 P.M.**

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

**COMIC-CON SPECIAL**

**NBC 8:00 P.M.**

Bringing you the spandexed camel toe of overweight computer enthusiasts since 1970: it's Comic-Con. Set your calculator watch alarm, squeeze your strangely flat ham hocks into a little girl's unitard, and ride your Segway on down. We'll keep a slice of pepperoni extra cheese semi-warm for you. Yes, folks. It's Comic-Con. Woo.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

**TEEN CHOICE AWARDS 2008**  
**CW 8:00 P.M.**

What I want to watch is the *Senior Citizens Choice Awards*. I can see the white-haired knuckles holding up "Polident #1" signs and I can hear the shouts of "Pat Boone! Pat Boone! Wait. I'm lost. Why is my zipper down? Pat Boone!"



Big Brother 10

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

**REAPER**

**FOX 9:00 P.M.**

Continuing the *Animal Reaper* series, we come to the "Baboon Grim Reaper." Wow, a grim reaper baboon would be pants-pissing scary. They have those fangs, those big stinky pink butts, and it'd be in a black robe and carrying a sharp farm implement. EEEEEEE! I'm not going to be able to sleep tonight. STAY OUT OF MY BEDROOM, GRIM REAPER BABOON! STAY OUT!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

**LAW & ORDER**

**TNT 8:30 P.M.**

*Law & Order* will be the crowning achievement of the Bush administration. When construction, technology, and manufacturing jobs took a big hit, strategic tax cuts to *Law & Order*-related television shows added thousands of service jobs, making *Law & Order* one of the largest industries in the nation. One out of three Americans now works in a *Law & Order* TV show field of employment. Thank you, George W. Bush! I love the 2000s.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

**NATIONAL TREASURE**

**USA 7:30 P.M.**

A thousand years ago, ol' Ben Franklin dug a pit and put all his Lucky Charms in and then covered it up and patted it down, and now Nicholas Cage's bald spot and gross old-man knuckles race against the clock to find it. Gross. Knuckles. Bald spot. I'm not making any of this up. You just have to watch.

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## Married Off

*All weddings, except those with shotguns in evidence, are wonderful.*

— Liz Smith

The first one was periwinkle and the texture of living room drapes. The second was a shiny satin the shade of sea-foam green. The third — my favorite, as its sable, “iridescent espresso” tone was the only one to suit my strawberries-and-cream complexion — was 100 percent silk. I have worn just three bridesmaid gowns, one for each of my sisters. Heather, second oldest, was first to march down the aisle, followed by Jane, the eldest. Jenny, last to be born, was also last to be married.

I’ve attended my share of weddings — of both gay and straight families, friends and acquaintances — and I have come to believe that the manner in which a couple chooses to interpret the traditions of ceremony and reception reveals not only what is important to them in a wedding, but also what is important to them in life.

Let’s start with periwinkle. Heather (who was a young girl when she decided her future was to be a happily married teacher and mother of two) cherishes tradition and all things right and proper. In the months leading up to her ceremony, Heather focused on favors and programs, painstakingly ensuring that not one point of etiquette was breached.

Sean, Heather’s groom and a devout atheist, “converted” to Catholicism by agreeing to hand his children over to the church in order to grant his fiancée’s wish for a traditional Catholic wedding in the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. Though he didn’t follow her faith, Sean shares Heather’s reverence for tradition, and he was active in

the preparations. Heather and Sean met with the deacon and his wife for six consecutive weeks to discuss issues with which many couples struggle. “We weren’t just preparing for our wedding,” Heather told me, “we were preparing for our marriage.”

Their reception was held on the steamship *William D. Evans* in Mission Bay. This complemented Sean’s nautical background (he’d sailed around the world), while also guaranteeing for Heather that no guests would leave before the garter and bouquet were tossed. My date, upon realizing he would be trapped for three hours on a boat with my family, got cold feet on the gangplank and refused to board the ship, leaving my parents to pay for a meal of lobster bisque and filet mignon that would go uneaten.

Sea-foam green was Jane’s choice of color for her wedding party. She got married right around the time MasterCard released that commercial: “Sea-foam green shoes, \$90; sea-foam green dress, \$200; a friend that you would wear sea-foam green for? Priceless.” By the time Jane saw the ad, it was too late to change the scheme, but there was plenty of time left for her to fret and feel guilty about making us wear a color that had become a national joke. It turned out for the best because guilt is sort of Jane’s thing; in the midst of all the pre-wedding craziness, the sea-foaminess of the material she chose provided a safe haven for her neu-

roses, and it gave the rest of us ammunition with which to tease her, the immense power of which remains intact ten years later.

Jane, the family’s fashionista, expressed her nuptials with style. Both the wedding and reception were a fairy-tale affair held at Mt. Woodson castle in Ramona. Whereas Heather’s dress had been adorned with conventional pearls and lace, Jane’s was an elegant plain ivory silk with an A-line cut and a medieval-style high waist. Jane’s ceremony was the most emotional. She and her husband Simon — an outwardly calm and collected guy — sniffled and sobbed their way through the poignant vows they’d written themselves, at the end of which not a dry eye was left in the castle.

Iridescent espresso was not Jenny’s choice so much as it was Heather’s, her maid of honor. Jenny and Brad wanted two things — for the ceremony to be uncomplicated and to share a bit of themselves with family and friends. Jenny left most of the details, like the flowers and favors, to Mom and Heather, who, with their experience and willingness, were perfect choices for the job. Mom found the location overlooking the water behind the Island Palms hotel on Shelter Island and handled all the arrangements. The ceremony itself was perfunctory, lasting no more than ten minutes. The most elaborate feature of the affair was Jenny’s golden-ivory dress, in which her sisters got to see the youngest and only flaxen-

**“We weren’t just preparing for our wedding,” Heather told me, “we were preparing for our marriage.”**



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haired member of our family shine.

Both Jenny and Brad poured most of their preparatory effort into selecting songs to be played at key moments and choosing photographs for the slide show to be screened for guests during the reception. Music and photos — symbolism and memories woven together — are an integral part of Jenny's life. The Beatles tune "All You Need Is Love" was the wedding recession. Jenny and Brad took to the floor to "Square One" by Tom Petty; Brad and his mother danced to "Brand New Day" by Van Morrison, and Jenny and Dad performed their practiced father/daughter dance steps to Abba's "Thank You for the Music." Of the slide show, Jenny said,

"We wanted to portray as much about our lives and ourselves so people could understand who we were, who we are as a couple, and how we got there."

Crimson would have been the color for my bridesmaids had I had any, but I did not plan a wedding. It may seem contrary to my nature to forgo such a great opportunity for attention, but my choice to elope is very much in line with my values. As the black sheep of my family, I have never embraced the traditional. David and I are religion-free, child-free, and unconventional in myriad other ways. Years before our "wedding," we'd already considered ourselves partnered for life; we entered into the institution of marriage not for sentimental reasons, but for practical ones — it was

the fastest, easiest, and cheapest way to change my name and legally grant my love his pull-the-plug rights. And so it was that one Wednesday just over a year ago, wedged between errands to the supermarket and the dry-cleaners, David and I made our way down to the county courthouse and joined the ranks of governmentally approved couples.

The day after Jenny's wedding, the entire family, including a horde of relatives from Brooklyn, Jersey,

and Staten Island, congregated at Mom's for a celebratory bash. Children squealed and splashed in the pool while most of the adults guzzled wine, beer, or daiquiris while discussing everything from who should be the next president to whether or not Uncle Jimmy needs Botox for his 50th birthday. Heather and Sean, Jane and Simon, Jenny and Brad, David and I shared stories and laughter with the rest of the family. When I noticed each couple had at

some point stepped away from the crowd to have a moment to themselves, it occurred to me that despite the differences with which we had each handled our marriages, my sisters and I had all, quite similarly, fallen in love with men who, as far as we can tell, were

specifically designed to make us happy. ■

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# th Balboa Park?

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Balboa Park is owned by the city and operated by the city's Department of Parks and Recreation. Two official bodies contribute



advisory input: the San Diego Park and Recreation Board and the Balboa Park Committee. A number of individual philanthropic organizations provide support, including the Friends of Balboa Park, the Committee of 100, and various foundations.

On top of this, dozens of nonprofit park lessees provide services and recreational activities, a few for-profit restaurateurs and food vendors pay rent, and many more special festivals and events are scheduled throughout the year within the boundaries of the park.

But is this becoming a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth? Should Balboa Park become a more



It's hard to believe Balboa Park needs money or help of any kind. It all looks so idyllic.

unified entity? One reason why it might be time to

address this question is because Balboa Park needs hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars of attention. Everything from seismic retro-

fitting of buildings to renovating an old landfill.

And according to a recent study, the time to address this question

is now, before it becomes an urgent one.

**The Study**

The 187-page study, *The Soul of San Diego: Keeping Balboa Park Magnificent in Its Second Century*, was financed by local civic philanthropic organizations and produced by the Center for City Park Excellence of the Trust for Public Land. Supporting documentation was provided by the Keston Institute for Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy at the University of Southern California and by the Morey Group.

The first 18 pages — an introduction, background, summary of studies, questions raised, and a conclusion — are followed by three appendices of varying lengths: the Morey Report on Balboa Park usage,

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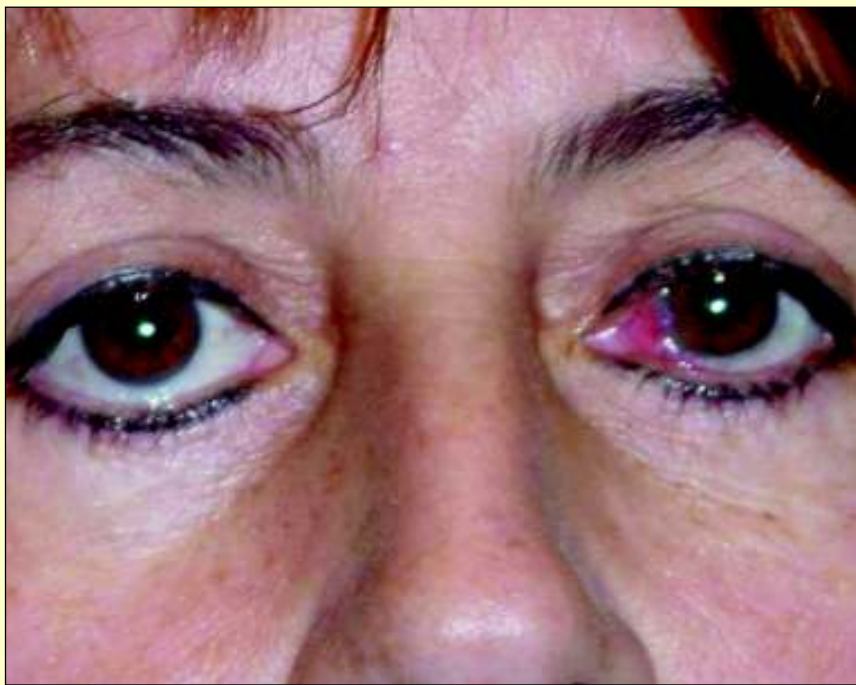
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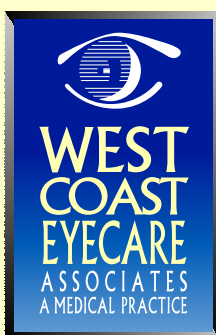
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examples of capital and maintenance needs, and then the Keston Report on Management and Funding Options.

The study is full of colorful graphs, hard facts, and beautiful sentences.

"Balboa Park is in many ways the physical and psychological soul of the city and even the region — an economic, ecological and spiritual engine that continuously pumps life into the metropolis," the introduction states.

"Other than the Pacific Ocean itself, there is probably no more universally beloved feature in San Diego."

The study goes on to tell a relatively complete tale of Balboa Park's history — from its birth in 1848, thanks to Alonzo Horton, through the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, which contributed most of the Spanish architecture, through the creation of the zoo and museums and the unfulfilled planning efforts of the '80s and '90s and the past few years.

Finally, the study states: "Most San Diegans believe that it is important to assure that Balboa Park does not go through the kind of collapse that at one time or another befell New York's Central Park and many other great urban gathering places.... The

purpose of these studies and this study is to provide the factual basis that is necessary to have an informed and robust public discussion about the future of the park."

The study is careful to state then that its purpose is not to make recommendations but only to provide information in three specific areas: usage, examples of capital and deferred maintenance needs, and "analysis of current management and planning issues...including gover-

the lack of adequate resources available."

Balboa Park is currently looked after by thousands of volunteers who spend their days pruning rose bushes, guiding tours, manning desks, and cleaning up. In 2003, the cultural institutions alone had 7000 volunteers working for them. It's apparent that without these unpaid assistants donating their time, the park would either fall into quicker disrepair or be considerably more

## "If Balboa Park weren't here, where would we go?"

nance alternatives and funding options that could be considered for the future."

Councilmember Toni Atkins had this to say about the document: "The information provided in the study gives us a basis to begin. It's a reflection of the reality of our overall financial ability to maintain a world-class park for San Diegans and visitors to enjoy."

In an email, Atkins was careful to add the following important point: "What may be hard for people to garner from the study who aren't intimately familiar with the park is how well the park is actually maintained by staff given

expensive to maintain.

"I'm here about once a week," said one member of the Rose Garden Corps, who wished to remain anonymous. "It's therapeutic, being out here in a beautiful garden like this." The Corps is a group of 50 or so volunteers who attend regular horticulture classes and help care for the park's 2000 rose plants.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the park," said David Kinney, director of the House of Hospitality Association within the park. "From the Balboa Park Committee to the thousands of volunteers at the cultural institutions and volunteer groups like the Friends of Balboa

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Park and the Committee of 100. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. There's so many volunteers that keep this park going, I think that whatever governance structure is created for the future needs to incorporate volunteers."

Added Councilmember Atkins, "Clearly the issue of financing is key — but the direction we take to try and secure the resources to preserve and maintain Balboa Park is what leads us to the broader discussion of governance. I want the stakeholders and the citizens who care about Balboa Park to work with the City to determine how we proceed."

#### Data for a Sample of Projects

In the Balboa Park study, 21 maintenance and upkeep projects are singled out for

attention.

On March 8, at the first of a series of public forums held on the subject of Balboa Park's future, Dr. Glen Sparrow said, "I want to emphasize these projects were chosen somewhat randomly. This is not a complete listing. This is a sample of some of the projects that need to be done, need to be maintained, and need capital funding for improvement."

Dr. Sparrow is professor emeritus at the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies at San Diego State. He was also the project manager chosen to oversee the Balboa Park study.

And just how much are these 21 projects supposed to cost?

Two hundred thirty-nine million.

But Dr. Sparrow,

and indeed the study itself, is careful to qualify this figure.

Dr. Sparrow said, "This is not a figure that should be used to say, 'This is what needs to be done with the park.' We don't know what needs to be done with the park. That needs to be found out. After the governing and the financing process is completed, we need to do a master plan and a capital-improvements budget for the park. So that still lies ahead. The massive, big picture. What we have here is an incomplete listing. So it's a start. But what we wanted to do was indicate what's out there and emphasize the importance of these issues. Because, while the park is not falling apart in front of us, there are things underground and behind the scenes that need to be addressed.

"We sampled some of the institutions — some of the museums and theaters in the park — and we got their listing of their deferred maintenance and what they thought needed to be done to their buildings, which they lease from the city but in many instances have been spending their own money on to maintain."

The following sample represents about a quarter of the 21 projects detailing necessary maintenance and upkeep in Balboa Park and is quoted directly from the Balboa Park study.

#### Arizona Landfill Reclamation

• **Project description:** Approximately 77 acres on East Mesa that were formerly City landfill, proposal is to reestablish area as active parkland.  
• **Funding:** Cost estimate 2000: \$61,600,000, cost estimate 2007: \$86,700,000.

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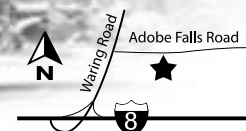


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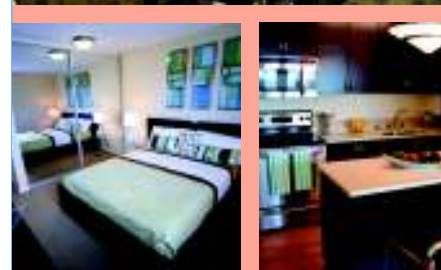
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Those who qualify for the study will receive at no cost:

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### Centralize Park Irrigation

- *Project description:* Replace and automate Park central control irrigation system.
- *Funding:* Cost estimate 2005: \$10,000,000; cost estimate 2007: \$11,000,000.

### Historical/Cultural Structures Central Mesa

The City of San Diego owns most of the buildings in the Central Mesa Area of the Park. Repair and maintenance of these buildings is the

obligation of the City; however, the tenants themselves, including those listed below, have spent millions of dollars of their own money to maintain and improve these City structures. The following are some of the outstanding projects.

### San Diego Air and Space Museum:

- Exterior building painting/repairs, \$150,000 to \$200,000
- Weather damage to wooden materials, \$20,000 to \$100,000

- Roadway around building is failing, \$30,000 to \$50,000
- Tree root is pushing concrete slab up, \$500 to \$5,000
- Lighting on front of building doesn't work, \$25,000 to \$50,000
- Slope of parking lot directs rain run-off into museum's front door, \$10,000 to \$20,000
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### San Diego Museum of Art:

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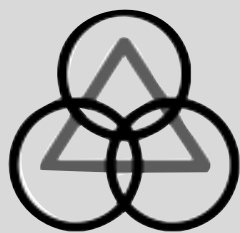


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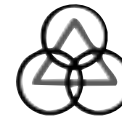
To qualify:

- You must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- You must be a Type 2 diabetic
- You must be overweight
- You must be willing to comply with scheduled office visits

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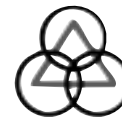
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## RESEARCH STUDIES

# Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment

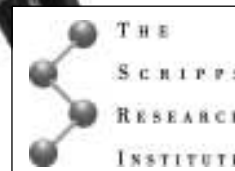


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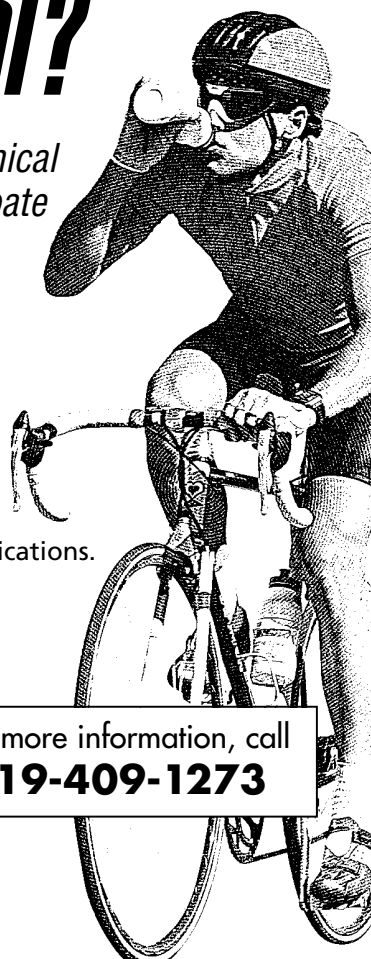
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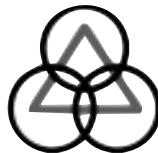
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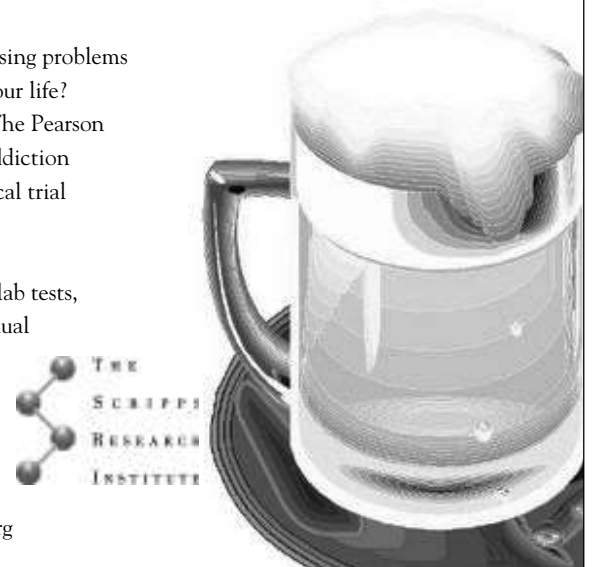
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## Saturday in the Park...

Joan, 83, from Imperial Beach, is a small, curly haired woman. She's in robust health and attributes this to her love of walking.

"I come to the park only every other month or so," Joan says. "And when I come here, I just walk around. Maybe I'll go to a museum. I'm a member of the Natural History Museum."

Joan rates the park a perfect ten, saying, "If it weren't here, where would we go?"

She's never noticed any problems with the park and hasn't ever thought about the park having problems. She even thinks the cost of parking is reasonable.

"You may have to walk a little further sometimes, but then, I'm a walkabout person, so I don't really care."

Tracy, 51, from East County, has come to the park today with her three kids. The kids are still in the science museum, and Tracy's sitting in the sun by the main fountain, waiting for them.

"I come to the park about eight to ten times per year," Tracy says. She visits the museums, goes to the zoo, and usually has lunch at the Prado. Her average stay is three to four hours.

Tracy thinks the quality of the parking varies. "If you come in the summer, it's a little more difficult," she says, "but it's always feasible. It's always doable."

One thing Tracy doesn't like is the idea of

a parking garage.

"This is a beautiful park," she says. "Where are they going to put it? It's going to look like garbage."

What about parking

meters?

"If they wanted to have parking meters," Tracy says, crinkling her face behind her sunglasses, "and it was only a couple bucks to park,

then I wouldn't mind.

But if they're going to charge us like downtown, where it's, like, ten bucks, then forget it."

Tracy rates the park an "A-plus," saying, "I feel

safe here. It's clean. It's beautiful. I can't think of a problem. I can't think of anything that I see when I come here that makes me think, 'Oh, that's an eyesore' or 'Oh,

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Another Tracy, who is 18 years old and lives in North Park, is sitting on a bench near the

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Botanical Garden with her dog Bob on her lap. She's rubbing Bob's sides vigorously, and his white fur flies off onto Tracy's clothes and into the sun.

"I come to the park about once a week," Tracy says. She does her schoolwork here, brings Bob for walks, and also goes to the museums.

Tracy says firmly that she has no problems with the park.

But then she thinks a moment, continuing to pet Bob, albeit less enthusiastically. "Actu-

ally, I've been here at night before," she says, "and there's a lot of homeless people that, they're not all necessarily dangerous, but... Once, there was a man near the

**"I think the parking's terrible," Strahm says.**

fountain who was cursing to himself, and he kind of scared my friend and me, but nothing really happened. I guess I feel safe. You just have to be on your guard."

Paul Strahm, 47, of La Jolla, is a member of the San Diego Art Institute, which is located on the park grounds. Today, he's painting. So far, he's blocked in some of the

Spanish buildings along the Prado and outlined the lily pond in front of the Botanical Garden.

"I come to the park about once a month," Strahm says, continuing

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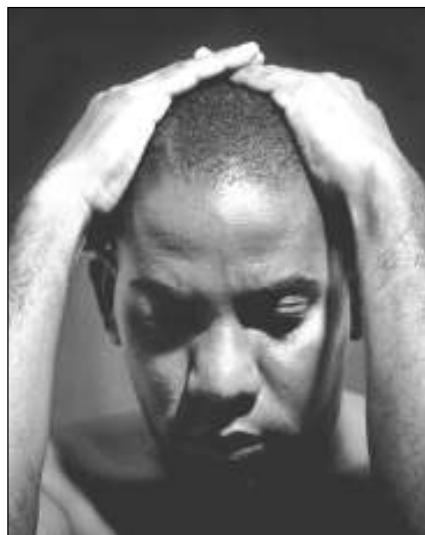
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to mix colors on his palette. "Usually I'm dropping off or picking up paintings. And I'll also go to the museums."

Strahm's one issue with his park visits is the parking.

"I think the parking's terrible," he says. "I had a lady threaten me in the parking lot a couple weeks ago. When it's really bad, I don't even bother coming here. But I wouldn't want them to start charging for it."

Lou, 60, from Spokane, Washington,

and his wife Sue are visiting San Diego for the first time. They've come to Balboa Park twice, for about three hours each trip.

"We came back hoping to catch the Botanical

courtyard of the House of Hospitality.

The two have gone to three or four of the museums and toured the park grounds.

"We came down here to meet up with our

## "We're trying to pay for things that people think are free."

Garden," Lou says, "but they're closed again today."

Sue's in the gift shop, browsing, while Lou waits for her in the

grandkids," Lou says, "and to go to SeaWorld. Balboa Park is really the one place that my wife and I wanted to see."

Lou shakes his head

### RESEARCH STUDIES

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slowly when asked what he thinks of the park.

"It's wonderful," he says, "just wonderful. I can't think of much they could do differently. It's pretty much perfect. It's so large, with so much to do, and yet it's so user-friendly and so well maintained. And everyone's really courteous and helpful."

Charlie's wearing the official beige uniform of a House of Hospitality maintenance worker and touching up the paint around a window near the Prado Restaurant.

"If you can get employment in the park," Charlie says, "it's such a beautiful place to work. Such a relaxing place to work. We don't

really have the same turnover ratio like other businesses do."

Charlie spends his days fixing light fixtures and windows and over-seeing setup for functions and weddings. He says one of the perks of his job is getting to meet people from all over the world.

"In my three years of working here," Charlie says, raising his eyebrows, "I like it a lot. I can't complain."

### More than Meets the Eye

It's hard to believe, from walking through Balboa Park, that the place needs money or help of any kind. It all looks so idyllic. But it's like that

famous frog experiment: If you put a frog in boiling water, it will jump out and save itself, but if you put it in cool water and heat things up slowly, the frog might die before it realizes the water is too hot.

Balboa Park is heating up gradually, but why wait until the problems boil over? San Diego doesn't want a situation on its hands like the one with the Interstate 35W bridge that collapsed in Minneapolis last year.

"We have to recognize what might be on the horizon and deal with it before anything actually goes wrong," said Peter Harnik at the public forum on March 8. Harnik runs the Center for City Park Excellence, a division of the Trust for Public Land in Washington, D.C.

Harnik is also the

principal author of the Balboa Park study.

"Many cities have great parks," Harnik said in front of an auditorium full of about 100 park-concerned citizens. "And what you're facing here in San Diego is not a unique situation. New York City has Central Park and Prospect Park; Atlanta has Piedmont Park; Houston has Her-

mann Park; St. Louis has Forest Park; Chicago has Grant Park and Millennium Park; Boston has the Boston Common; and the list goes on and on. And, frankly, many of those parks have gone through periods of decline and been resuscitated by people putting in long hours and deep thought and sometimes also deep pockets."

Without directly mentioning Balboa Park — which has its own problem with homeless residents — Harnik, during his opening statement, told a story to illustrate the importance of dealing with urban issues, of not being so ambivalent that we "let a great park go down the tubes."

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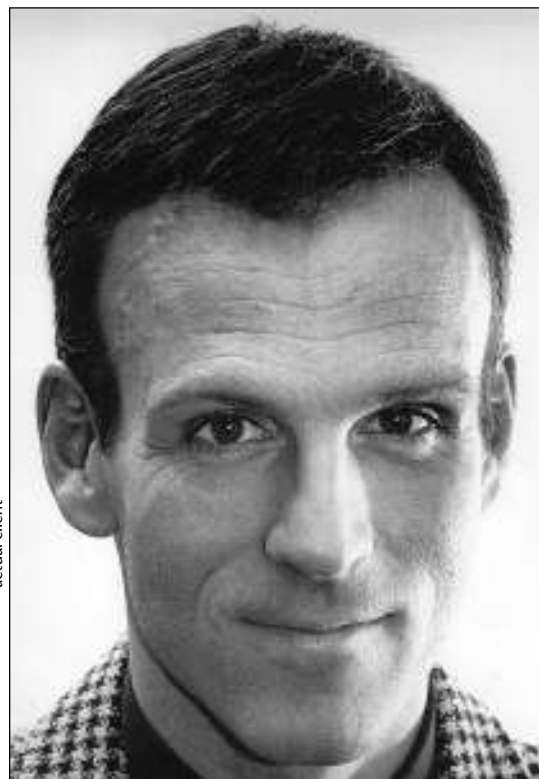
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tremendous homeless problem in Golden Gate Park for many years,” Harnik said, “and people had mixed feelings about coming down hard on the homeless. They tried various things but sort of halfheartedly. And then one night, one of the homeless people, either accidentally or purposefully, set a fire which became basically a forest fire inside Golden Gate Park...and at that point, the next morning, surveying that wreckage, people said, ‘Okay, we’ve got to do something.’”

Harnik then indicated that the study, its related studies, and public meetings were all designed to head off anything like that for Balboa Park.

As page 9 of the study states: “The sink hole that opened up in the middle of the Prado recently is just one reminder of the devasta-

tion that disrepair can bring. Underground utilities, for instance, are underground and out of mind — until they begin to leak. The golf course irrigation system is given little thought — until the turf dies. Cracked steps or inaccessible buildings seem like minor problems — until someone files a negligence or discrimination lawsuit against the city. Seismic retrofits seem like a waste of money — until the next earthquake hits. A horticultural survey seems unnecessary — until the quality of the landscaping declines so far that residents prefer to stay in their own backyards rather than visiting the park.”

### Hard Facts

“The park is highly rated,” John Morey said at the March 8 forum. Morey is owner of the Morey Group, a 23-year-

old company that does national market research and consulting for the cultural attraction industry. “People are really happy with it. It isn’t broken. At least not on the outside.”

Morey estimates that Balboa Park enjoys 10–11 million visits (not visitors) per year.

Morey responded to one forum speaker by saying, “[Balboa Park is] the Smithsonian of the west. There’s no greater place that I’m aware of that has as much richness and diversity in just actual numbers of attractions in such a confined area, other than the Smithsonian and the National Mall.”

The Legler Benbough Foundation hired Morey’s company to determine some of the baseline facts and figures about the use of Balboa Park.

As Peter Harnik said,

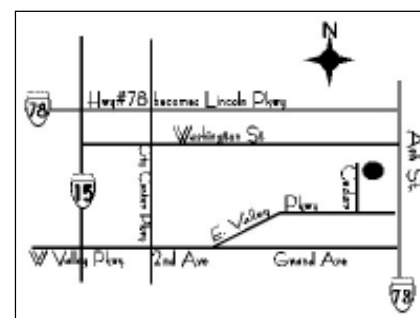
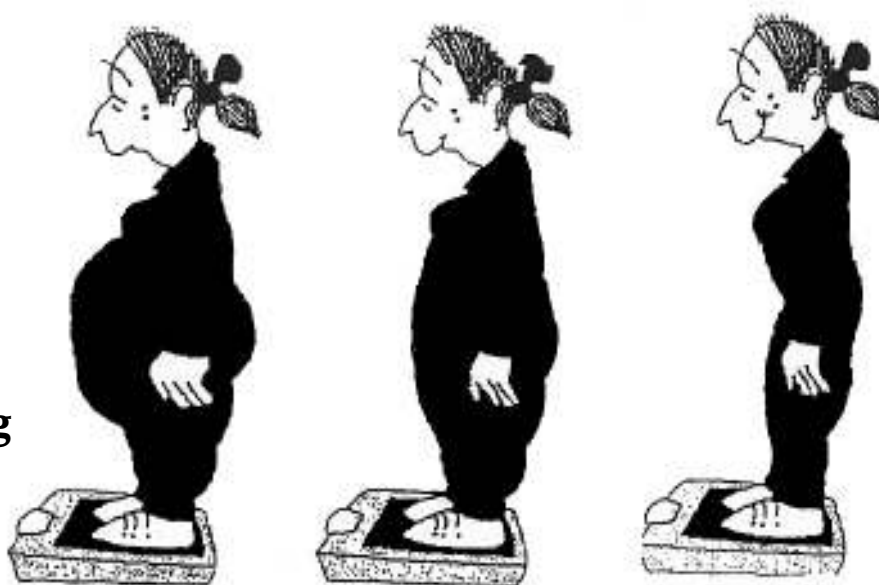
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before introducing Morey at the forum, "My mantra is to collect data. There's so much idle chatter, speculation, wild theories, and personal anecdotes and feelings about parks. And that's important; one of the reasons why people love parks so much is that they have this personal connection to them. But we can't make public policy based on how individual people feel about things. We have to actually know what's going on in the park."

To this end, the bulk of the Balboa Park study is made up of colorful graphs based on data that the Morey Group provided by surveying nearly 2000 parkgoers over two data-collection periods.

According to the Morey Groups' report, over half the park's visitors drive there in their cars.

Nearly all (96 per-

cent) San Diego County residents drive to the park. Forty percent park in an internal lot, 20 percent park at the Zoo, 15 percent park on or around Sixth Avenue, 11 percent park on Park Boulevard, and 12 percent park elsewhere.

"The biggest issue is probably parking," Morey said. "But on average, it isn't horrible. Forty percent of county residents said that parking negatively impacts their decision to visit the park. So what are our potential solutions? The data suggests that a parking garage would be a solution: it's more centralized, and it has a lower footprint [than a parking lot]."

Some other interesting highlights from the research conducted by the Morey Group:

Seventy-five percent of non-city residents cite the park as a major rea-

son for visiting San Diego. And these visitors will stay in the city for three to four nights in connection with their park visit.

This illustrates how Balboa Park is a major economic resource for San Diego. It lures countless tourists and raises the values of nearby properties. It also offers hundreds of free public activities that might cost money in the private market.

There were also indications in Morey's report of the incredible variety of attractions at the park. Sixty-nine percent of visitors come to the park because of a museum, a theater, or the zoo. Fourteen percent visit because of a public event or festival. Seventeen percent are there for leisure and 20 percent for recreation.

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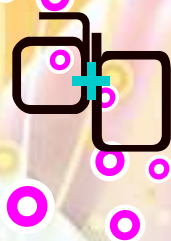
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was pleased with the first public meeting about the future of the park on March 8. She called it “the first step to engage the public in a dialogue about the study and the future stewardship of the park.” She then went on to say, “This is not going to be an easy process, but it is my hope that all San Diegans will get an opportunity to weigh in on these important issues within the park, and about the park, as we move forward through the process.”

Councilmember Atkins said, “The Balboa Park Committee is tasked to host these public discussions. I have great faith in the Committee to understand the broad range of stakeholders and users of the Park — they work to represent and bring balance to these important user interests every single day. It’s not an easy task,

but I know they take the responsibility seriously.”

At the forum, Balboa Park Committee chairperson Vicki Granowitz echoed the sentiment that it’s important for the public to stay involved in the future of the park. “We will go to the Natural Resources Committee of the City Council,” Granowitz said, “and that will be a public hearing. And my desire is not to lose control of the park but to figure out how we can all do it together. We’ve got a lot of people we have to keep involved in the process as we move forward.”

One would think that without robust public input there is a very real chance that lots of people could get left behind in the process of switching governance and financing in the park. What about the archers and the lawn

bowlers and the dog people and the joggers?

In response to this concern, Councilmember Atkins again stressed the importance of the public voice.

“We need to approach this through a cautious, thoughtful, and thorough process and open dialogue with many stakeholders and institutions, not only in the park and city, but also in the region,” Atkins said. “This is critical, so that no one gets left out of the process.”

A second public meeting, which wasn’t specific to the study, took place on May 1 in the Santa Fe Room at the Balboa Park Club. For a schedule of future meetings, check the Balboa Park website: [balboa-park.org](http://balboa-park.org).

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sion drawn by the study, the City of San Diego no longer has the financial ability to maintain Balboa Park as the “world-class urban amenity and tourist attraction” it has become.

In the recently released fiscal budget for the upcoming year, the city intends to cut spending yet again for its developed regional parks, from \$378.63 million in 2007 to \$334.65 million in 2008, down to \$318.8 million in 2009.

So how to raise enough money for capital improvements to the park and for what Dr. Sparrow calls “the massive, big picture” of the future of Balboa Park?

In an appendix to the 187-page study, entitled “Options and Opportunities: New Management Paradigms for Balboa Park,” a table on page 10 lists “Possible Options to Fund a Balboa Park Capital Improvements Program.”

According to the table, “revenue sources amenable to continued city administration” are sales taxes and transient occupancy taxes, development exactions, and general obligation bonds.

Sales taxes and transient occupancy taxes could each bring in up to \$8 million a year, and collection mechanisms are already in place. However, this step would require voter approval and would have to overcome resistance to tax increases.

Development exactions could produce “in-kind” as opposed to “cash” contributions and would engage selected private development, but park improvements would compete with other needed improvements.

General obligation bonds have the potential to produce enough capital to cover all costs, but they require voter approval, and in any

case, the city’s debt rating is “poor.”

The Capital Improvements chart also lists funding solutions under the heading “revenue sources amenable

to other public administration.” These potential solutions would be revenue bonds and user fees, and special assessments.

Revenue bonds and

user fees could directly engage park users in upkeep and repair and increase accountability and flexibility, but then there would exist the dangers of misused

funds and corruption.

Special assessments might spread the costs of improvements over a broad base of beneficiaries, but this step requires a two-thirds voter

approval.

A third heading, “revenue sources amenable to private sector administration,” is also listed. These solutions include grants and

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Grants and donations don't impact city finances and encourage a shift to nonprofit administration or partnership, but the current park-management structure discourages such a resource.

Public-private partnerships could move certain functions off City books, but then a private-sector entity would have to charge fees for full cost recovery and return on investments.

"We're trying to figure out how to pay for things that many people think are free," said Richard Little at the March 8 meeting. Little is director of the Keston Institute for Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy at the University of Southern California. "But nothing's free. You might not be paying for things at the time of

use, but you're not really getting them for free. So there is a movement afoot to better align services and how they get paid for. And one of the things that that leads to is some new ideas about how might the park be governed."

## The Problem of Governance

"Balboa Park seems like a unified facility," Peter Harnik said at the March 8 public forum, "but it's really more like a bundle of twigs held together by twine. Because, for whatever reason, over the last 100 years, every time the municipal government didn't step up to the plate on a particular aspect of the park and sort of exert command and control and authority, some enterprising person or institution took control instead and said, 'Let's create this museum, let's create this

garden, let's create this sports facility, let's create this club.' And through the force of their personalities and ability to raise the money, they did that. So there's a tremendous amount of vitality and wonderful subcomponents within this park, all of which work together very nicely for the average user. But it's a risky structure right now, with so many different players making decisions that sometimes fit together really well and sometimes don't."

No one can deny that the park runs well right now. And there's a palpable worry that the study is an attempt to politicize the park and to take it away from the public.

"I want to stress too that our committee's mandate is to look at a way to create an efficient and transparent governance structure that

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involves all the stakeholders to create a sustainable future for Balboa Park,” said the House of Hospitality’s David Kinney by telephone. “If you think about it, the best way to get any project done is to first create a governance structure that can support them and get them done. That’s the first step.”

But isn’t the park run rather efficiently right now? At least it seems so.

“The City of San Diego has gone through some significant changes recently,” Dr. Sparrow said at the first public forum. “The government has changed its structure. And with that change, from a council-manager form of government to a mayor-council, Mayor Sanders has reorganized the city. So the city has gone through what was called ‘business process reengineering,’ which was a major change. That has complicated the process of trying to figure out how to help the park.”

Even if the city is, in fact, doing a fine job with the park, perhaps an aggregate of 85 institutions on 1200 acres of land is more than any city government should have on its plate.

Keston Institute director Richard Little thinks this is the case.

“Running a city,” Little said at the forum, “really isn’t for sissies. We talk a lot about looking for business models. Well, most corporations in this country, and even global corporations, usually move to a model where they focus more on a few core business lines, things they can really do well and make money at. And that’s where they spend their time. Well, if only cities had it so simple. But they have to deal with education, and homeless issues, and health care, and so many things...oh, I guess we can put parks

in there too. And it’s very hard to be an expert in everything. And, of course, citizens expect their governments to be experts in doing what they do. That’s very diffi-

cult. I guess one of the models we’re seeing municipal governments look at is maybe focusing on those things they can do really well and perhaps handing off some

of the things that become problematic.”

Little did commend the city’s job up to this point, even though he eventually qualified the endorsement.

“San Diego is very blessed with having a Parks and Recreation Department that does a wonderful job,” Little said. “You’ve got wonderful, dedicated people

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Because they're kind of in the back room, doing all these machinations, and buying their own baling wire and chewing gum, and they're keeping things running, and people come by and say, 'Well, gee, that's nice. I don't know why the park needs any more money. Look how nice it is. Everything looks fine.' So that's a problem. Because we often get into situations where it takes a bridge falling down for people to start paying attention to bridges. That's kind of the way we are."

On top of any other concerns, San Diego taxpayers may well be skeptical about what the city ultimately does with their tax dollars.

Little addressed this issue at the forum, stating, "I don't think that people are going to run out and cheer for any solution until there is a

governing structure in place where people feel comfortable that the money that's dedicated to the park is in fact going to stay in the park. And that should be addressed before we get into other issues, because if there isn't a dependable mechanism to raise and spend money, then this effort isn't going to go terribly far. But if this tension continues to exist between 'Well, if we put money into the city, we're not sure it goes to the park,' then I don't think that kind of uncertainty is conducive to long-range solutions."

Little's particular job, in terms of the Balboa Park study, was to consider possible future mechanisms for park governance. His expertise on the subject has led him to narrow the future park governance choices to three models: a joint powers agreement, a

public-private partnership (often called a conservancy), or the creation of a new government entity to run the park.

"One of the popular things in California is a joint powers authority," Little said. "You already have that at San Dieguito River Park, actually. Several governments have come together and taken on the responsibility of a single function, and they manage and operate the park. And when you get into how to pay for the things that are needed, there are some advantages to that model. Because a joint powers authority, in essence, becomes an enterprise, and from the standpoint of public finance, that gives them certain benefits because the funds they control — whether they come from participating governments or whether they raise money on their own —

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they are dedicated to a particular purpose. And in the case of the park, I don't think it's going to be funded on a kind of pay-as-you-go-type thing. We need some borrowing to pay this off. And borrowing can be problematic. So JPAs, if they can establish revenue streams, can issue revenue bonds that are dedicated for certain purposes, and that money has a fence around it. It's not money that can disappear in other ways."

As for the conservancy model, although the city would lose some control over the park, the Keston Institute's portion of the study indicates that conservancies are usually quite successful. As page 15 of the study states, "One of the great benefits of partnering with a non-profit or a conservancy is that the relationship can be prescribed in a contract or memorandum of

understanding rather than in legislation."

And as regards a new governmental entity, the Keston Report notes many places across the country where this has worked wonders for parks. The major drawback is that taxes to fund such an entity would require the approval of two-thirds of affected property owners.

In the end, Little tried to be clear that he wasn't endorsing any one solution. He said, "There isn't some model you can take off the shelf and say, 'This will work.' But I think there is a solution for San Diego that will enable you to do the things you need to do so that, 50 or 100 years from now, we don't have to have this discussion. You will have put the things in place that will make sure the park goes on in perpetuity." ■

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Captain Samuel F. DuPont, a portly man whose walrus mustache flared into thick muttonchops, found the small population quiet and orderly. After he shored up the Presidio and renamed it Fort DuPont, the captain visited Mission San Diego. Though olive and date trees still flourished, the gardens and vineyards had gone to seed. The church, surrounded

by wigwams made of thatch, was “dilapidated,” its paintings “tattered.” The natives wore few, if any, clothes. “A more miserable and naked sight I never saw.”

The mission’s only priest, Father Vicente Oliva, was a “perfect Friar Tuck, who was what sailors term ‘two sheets in the wind.’” A troubled, deeply melancholic man, Oliva had been at the mission for 26 years and watched its slow decline. A month earlier, he’d buried his dear friend Father José María Zalvidea at San Luis Rey, which made the despondent Oliva one of the last Franciscans in the region.

DuPont doesn’t mention the 53-year-old woman caring for the friar. Apolinaria Lorenzana was probably either running the daily affairs of the mission or at one of her three ranchos. When Oliva arrived in 1820, she was already hailed as *la beata*, the blessed one, for her piety. By the time DuPont arrived, the mission had become so “destroyed,” she said, it was “very hard to provide Father Oliva with food.”

Rumors strafed San Diego: the haughty Americans were here to stay (their leader, John C. Fremont, wore an elegant blouse, leggings, and a felt hat and was obviously a man of reason, but his volunteers dressed and acted like

rabid curs); no, the mongrels were headed to Los Angeles to battle Californio forces amassing there. More rumors: Americans, joined by native tribes, were burning ranchos; the oldest families in town were taking sides, turning against each other; worse, bands of Sonorans were coming up from Mexico to wipe out the invaders, the Indians, and every Californio who supported the takeover. Things changed so rapidly, no news was new.

When Oliva buried Father Zalvidea, he promised he’d return to celebrate the Feast Day of San Luis on August 25. Lorenzana encouraged the old friar to make the bumpy trek in a *carreta*. They could gather much-needed corn and seeds, she said, since “there was nobody at San Diego to do the planting, or for that matter, anything else.”

As they headed north, on a dirt trail often just six feet across, Lorenzana and the friar looked far ahead and behind: every rider could be a foe; every sky-high cloud of dust an army come to pillage. They stopped at Juan Marrón’s rancho, Agua Hedionda (at Carlsbad, from the ocean east to Vista). To their surprise, he was home.

Marrón had been administrator of Mission San Luis Rey. But when Fremont’s army went through on August 9, he evicted Marrón from office. Now that the Americans were here, Fremont told him in Castilian Spanish, natives wanted the land the friars had promised.

Marrón’s wife Felipa said she feared the Indians *and* the American troops



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“because they were undisciplined.” Soon she would also fear Californios, who accused her husband of spying for the Americans, which she denied.

That foreigners could invade Mission San Luis Rey — and enter the sanctuary *armed* — horrified Lorenzana: such an unthinkable violation. The stately church, which gleamed like a dove in bright sunshine, had been her second home. From 1821–1830, she’d nursed countless patients and been godmother to dozens of children at the mission. If the enemy could invade sacred ground so freely, so brutally, where could God reside?

Lorenzana was born uprooted. Shortly after her birth, in 1793, someone left her at the Mexico City orphanage. She came to Alta California as part of an experiment. In 1800, New Spain promised 20

## QUOTATIONS

1. Thomas Savage: Lorenzana has “an intellectual precocity and, perhaps because of her own displacement, a kindred spirit with the sick and needy that marked her life as a mission nurse and teacher.”

2. Genaro M. Padilla: “She cannot keep her memories focused on the matrix of loving relationships she has established with scores of children without reminding herself that the world they all occupied had

been broken by the new social order.”

3. Rosalia Vallejo: “Those men inspired me with such a large dose of hate against their race, though 28 years have elapsed, I have not forgotten the insults they heaped on me...and have abstained from learning their language.”

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orphans they'd have parents and families in the colonies. But Lorenzana never married and found her home in the church. She taught herself to write on scrap paper, became a *curandera* (a healer using traditional and native remedies) and a teacher. Although everyone called her *la beata*, she rejected talk of sainthood and preferred the title *la cuña* (the foundling). She performed so many services for so many years that historian Father Zephyrin Englehardt wrote, "Miss Lorenzana deserves to be classed among the Franciscan missionaries of California."

At first, Father Oliva refused to celebrate the Feast Day because enemies occupied the mission. But Oliva assented when an emissary in deerskin, Alexis Godey, promised the padre he'd be unharmed. (Lorenzana often reads a person's temperature: she called Godey, Kit Carson's great rival, "a very good and tranquil man.")

After the ceremony, Lorenzana wanted to go north, to San Juan Capistrano, rather than home. She was "very sad because of the American takeover of the country and did not want to return to San Diego."

The 66-year-old Oliva, whose life work was in Mission Valley, said, "If you're going to San Juan, then I'm going too. What would I do all by myself in San Diego?"

On their way, Lorenzana left Oliva at Rancho Santa Margarita (now Camp Pendleton) and continued on. For one of the few times in her life, she had no strength to share. "I was furious about the situation with the Americans. I thought, if I leave, then the Americans will leave too."

When she reached San Juan Capistrano, word came that war had erupted in Los Angeles. She returned to San Luis Rey with Oliva. Godey was gone. Five Americans said, go to San Diego. Then one said, no, he'd ride there first to see if it was safe. That night, the man headed to San Diego. Lorenzana never saw him again.

Between chaos to the north and south and natives gathering in the east, Lorenzana and Oliva stayed at Mission San Luis Rey, always with a "sense of impending danger."

Juana Moreno arrived with her children. Families are abandoning San Diego, she said. More rumors: California's most prominent leaders, Pio Pico and General José Castro, might flee to Mexico. ("Castro,"

Angustias de la Guerra uttered through clenched teeth, didn't want "to expose his interesting person to bullets.") In September, an army of Californios forced the Americans out of Los Angeles.

A few days after the Morenos arrived, an armed Indian rode up to the mission holding a spear with a red flag attached like a banner. "A bad sign," Lorenzana told Oliva. His chief wanted wine, the Indian said. He

was camped at nearby Guajomita with many angry warriors.

Oliva gave him the wine and the Indian left.

That night, Doña Moreno appeared in the doorway "half-naked and

very frightened." One of her son's young native friends told her to leave San Luis Rey at once. "Indians were going to attack the mission and kill all the white people."

The Indian who had taken the wine rode up, a

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quiver full of arrows slung across his back. His chief, it seemed, wanted more.

Oliva gave him a second bottle, plus a scolding for bringing weapons to the mission, and again the Indian left.

That night, as Moreno's son sprinted to Santa Margarita for help, Moreno, Lorenzana, and Father Oliva lit candles and torches and tried to illumine as much of the grounds as possible. "There was so much light, it almost seemed like day."

Oliva sat on a bench while Lorenzana roamed around, checking various rooms for attackers. "As you can well imagine," she recalled 32 years later with a shudder, "we did not sleep at all that night."

The next morning, Sérvulo Varelas, who had led the recapture of Los Angeles, rode up with 30 men. He told the Indians their "attitude made no sense at all, because they and the Californios were one." He gave them food and wine. When he returned, he took Lorenzana and Father Oliva aside.

"Go to San Juan Capistrano," he whispered, "*pronto*."

On December 6 and 7, Andres Pico and about 80 lancers defeated General Stephen Watts Kearney's army at San Pasqual. Twenty-one of his soldiers died, and Kearney received two serious wounds. But more Americans had come to San Diego and, according to Miguel de Pedrona, just

themselves from these new invaders.

In the first week of February 1847, Father Oliva asked of Lorenzana a favor: go to San Luis Rey, bring back the mission registers, and find a chalice he'd hidden in an arroyo. It could be dangerous, he added. She agreed to try.

That hordes of foreign soldiers clogged the region —

**So many Americans had invaded Alta California that she could no longer wish — or even pray — them away.**

tice of the peace, "a party of fanatic adventurers called Mormons" was on its way from the east, "well armed with the purpose of taking this country by force." Rumor had it that their leader, Brigham Young, wanted to colonize all of Alta California and drive everyone else out. Some Californios sided with the American forces to defend

taking cattle and horses and human lives — tormented Lorenzana. As she approached San Luis Rey, she saw a sight as perplexing as it was nightmarish: a battalion of forces, at least 300 strong, was camped at the mission. But unlike Fremont's savages or Kearney and Stockton's grim regulars, who'd come through in January, the new ones looked like a civilian

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Lorenzana didn't see history, just more sharp sabers, more long flintlock muskets tilted against each other like teepees, and more death.

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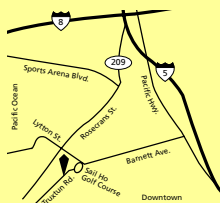
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and smallpox in mission infirmaries. This plague felt more menacing: it threatened to kill a way of life. So many Americans had invaded Alta California that she could no longer wish — or even pray — them away.

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Father Oliva died on January 2, 1848. A few weeks later, she complained to the president of friars, "The doors of the church of Mission San Diego have been removed" and silver chalices and candlesticks stolen. "This wickedness and robbery must be attributed to the American soldiers." The assault "has been very sad and painful to me." If asked, she said, she would go to the mission, but since Oliva's death, she had no priest to

perform the sacraments — a must in her daily life — and had "no mind to go to San Diego."

Lorenzana had three ranchos, two deeded her by the Mexican government, a rare privilege for a woman (and almost unimaginable for a poor, single woman). A third she bought outright. All three — Jamacha, San Juan de las Secas, and Los Coches — had been mission grazing lands. Before leaving San Diego, she lived part-time at Jamacha. After she left, she entrusted care of the three to her close friend, British-born John Forster, one of the largest landowners in the region.

Around 1850, while she was still at San Juan Capistrano, Forster allowed Captain John Magruder to use Rancho Jamacha to graze U.S. Cavalry horses. Either through "hocus pocus" or *americano* legalese, the livestock became squatters, and the land eventually fell into Magruder's hands.

"I had placed my trust in Señor Forster," says Lorenzana, "and he violated that

trust by letting others use the rancho," which she never saw again. "And I never heard from Don Juan Forster again either. The truth is that I never received anything in return for the use of my rancho."

The county recorder of January 17, 1853, claims that Magruder paid Lorenzana \$2500 for Jamacha. Philip Crosthwaite, J.J. Warner, and E.B. Pendleton, prominent San Diegans, testified with one hand on the Bible that the terms of the contract "had been fully explained" to Lorenzana.

But when Thomas Savage interviewed her in 1878, Lorenzana angrily told him she'd refused to sell the property and that, somehow, she lost all three of her ranchos. "It is a long story, and I don't want to talk about it," she added — or Savage added, possibly freeing himself from the need to probe further. "She appears to be a good old soul," he wrote, "resigned to her sad fate."

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writes Genaro M. Padilla, Lorenzana "found herself in the 1870s not only near the end of her life but also at the end of a way of life. The world she had known was receding into a past as unrecoverable as her sight."

When Savage interviewed her at Santa Barbara, Lorenzana was at least 85. She was feeble, impoverished, and "stone blind." The orphan, who experienced all the turmoil of 19th Century California, once again depended on the charity of others. "So it is," she said, "after having worked for so many years, after having had possessions that I did not relinquish through sale or otherwise, I find myself in the greatest poverty, living by the favor of God and from handouts."

Lorenzana lived six more years in that condition, fending off bouts of sadness with thoughts of happier times, as when she would take the sick to the hot springs at Agua Caliente and "bathe them and take care of them."

She died in Santa Barbara. The funeral took place at the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, a church devoted to the seven sufferings of the Virgin Mary. The register entry, written by Jamie Vila, reads, "On April 12, 1884, I gave ecclesiastical burial to the body of Apolonia Lorenzana, single, about one hundred years of age, a native of Mexico whose parents are not known." ■

— Jeff Smith

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istry property. This article strikes me as an unfair portrait of off-road riders.

As a homeowner and landowner, I truly feel sorry for Mr. Alan Inn's misfortunes. However, his approach on developing the land and his approach on pointing and shooting a gun are all wrong. If you unknowingly crossed a property line, do you deserve to be threatened, assaulted, and shot at? I don't think so.

Mr. Alan Inn basically is taking out his frustrations on motorcycle riders who are riding 30-year-old es-

tablished trails. Alan only fenced one side of the Wisdom Ministries property (the west side). Therefore, everyone traveling east to west became trapped and Alan pulled his gun and assaulted them. There were *not* adequate No Trespassing signs posted by Alan Inn. Even if he did place 50 signs as he says, the odds of seeing one in a greater-than-one-square-mile property are slim. The land is over one mile square! You can enter Alan's property and never know it until you travel one mile and reach the west fence. That is where Alan pulled his gun and shot at the off-landers.

Alan placed expensive

items in the middle of the desert without fencing, signs, or security. Did he think they would be safe? The desert is full of criminals who come out at night looking for unsecured items to steal and/or vandalize. Read the Borrego Springs newspaper. The theft and vandalism of property in the desert is common. I feel sorry for Mr. Alan Inn that his equipment or property was vandalized. However, this is just not a safe place to leave expensive equipment.

Note: The off-landers are often the victims of theft. Don't ever leave your camp and belongings unattended at night. These are

known facts for off-landers. Alan Inn should know better and either secure his property or insure it is not left unattended.

Next you should do an article about Mr. Alan Inn's illegal destruction of the desert.

If this Wisdom Ministry land was in San Diego or Borrego Springs, the county would be all over Alan Inn to stop his illegal activities.

(1) You describe Alan Inn as a developer who wants to build a wellness center and resort in the middle of the desert next to an 80,000-plus-acre off-road park and surrounded by privately owned property utilized by off-landers.

Doesn't this wellness center and resort sound fishy? What is Alan Inn's property zoned for? Answer: residential agricultural.

(a) Who in their right mind would build or visit a wellness center and resort at this location? It is 110-plus degrees in the summer and prone to high winds throughout the year. Alan's land is located in what is called the badlands. They have called it that for a reason.

(b) Why is the property owned under the name of Wisdom Ministries?

(c) If he is a developer, why did he not procure the required permits in January 2005 for...

— Grading (over 200 yards requires a permit). Alan has moved tens of thousands of yards illegally. He has topped several large hills. He has bulldozed so much that it just makes you wonder how he gets away with it. Look at a satellite picture of Alan Inn's property in 2004. Next, look at one from 2008. This is ridiculous. For over two years he and a laborer have used a D10-sized dozer, a grater, a backhoe, water truck, and fuel truck to destroy these picturesque badlands. You can never restore the damage that he has done.

— Well permit and five water tanks (never approved).

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— Construction trailer (no permit).

— Underground electrical and water pipe burial (no permit).

— B&Ps environmental control (nothing).

Even after his arrest, Alan continued to bulldoze these picturesque badlands without any permits or regard for the San Diego County planning, land use, and building requirements.

(2) Take a look at the attached pictures. Do you see any No Trespassing signs? No! Do you see a grading permit posted at the property? No! Do you see the unpermitted construction trailer, the dozer, the large amount of grading? Please

consider doing some research and telling the story of the other illegal activities by Alan Inn. The San Diego County planning and building departments have been aware of Alan Inn's illegal activities. It was officially and properly reported to them in 2005. Case #05-02211. Supervisor Horn's office was even copied. What have they done to stop this activity since it was reported in 2005? It appears, nothing.

(3) This should be your next story. Please consider. Name Withheld

*This emailed letter included 28 photos of Alan Inn's land, trailer, and equipment. — Editor*

### What's The Point?

Despite a promising start, Cranston's article fails to deliver on some basic journalistic principles ("Off-Road on Private Land," "City Lights," July 24). If this isn't just a "dog bites man" report, then what is Cranston's point? Is this a cautionary tale about vigilantism, the hazards of developing once-common lands in the desert, a jab at "evil off-roaders," or a story about an immigrant's tragic end? Too bad, because there is plenty to say about all of these issues. The article falls flat by simply retelling Inn's story without providing key background info like climbing popula-

tion figures and housing stats in Imperial County, trespassing incident stats from the sheriff, or firm evidence linking off-roader activity to vandalism on Inn's property or crime generally. Simply making inferences without solid research and context is poor journalism. A shame since there is so much irony in a clueless immigrant's attempt to tame the wild west by employing the brutal methods of the outlaw.

Marcus Nenn  
via email

### Something New For Gnarls

Two things I noticed in your most recent issue. You had

the riders printed for what bands were going to have backstage (Blurt, July 24). Gnarl Barkley's was interesting. It was also interesting when you printed that same exact one, a year ago when they played Viejas Casino. Tell the music editors we love Barkley. We'd rather read something fresh about them in the Blurt, not the same news we're familiar with.

Second, the idea to do the crossword puzzle this way is excellent. Although as Murphy's Law happens to be, I've yet to complete one now that I can print a message. Great idea on that one.

Name withheld  
San Diego

### Ignorant Review

Reading Duncan Shepherd's scathing review of *The Dark Knight* ("Black-out," Movie Review, July 23) was reminiscent of the times I spent participating in the class activities of my AP English language class this year. We had to read each other's essay, make corrections, offer suggestions, and pass the essay for someone else to assess. Getting to my point, there was always that one essay that was not only mind-numbingly boring but completely inaccurate. Shepherd's review of TDK was exactly this.

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ponents of a great summer blockbuster: action, suspense, exceptional acting, and a great plot. The action and suspense went hand in hand, since the suspense stemmed from the grand action in the film. For example, as the Batman pursues the Joker on his motorcycle towards the end of the movie, everyone squirms in their seats anxiously awaiting the inevitable: the showdown between the Batman and the Joker. The acting was also phenomenal: the Joker, played by the recently deceased Heath Ledger (R.I.P.), was the best of the bunch. The way that Ledger seemed to capture the essence of the Joker reminded all of us viewers of the sick, twisted persona that we remember from reading the comics. Everyone laughed at the idea of a clown as a villain, but we readers knew of the Joker's sick personality, and Heath Ledger has been the only actor (sorry, Mr. Nicholson) that has been able to truly personify every aspect of that notorious comic book

villain. Obviously it helped Ledger that the plot was an intricate creation, something that all actors, producers, and directors wish to work with.

I could go on praising the film, or, better yet, attacking Shepherd, but I feel like everything that I stated, coupled with the actual film, proves how faulty his review of TDK really is. *The Dark Knight* was nothing short of a fantastic film, and anyone who claims otherwise is ignorant.

Stephen K. Eisermann  
via email

### Starless Dark Knight

For any of you that are new to San Diego, or just new to the *San Diego Reader*, you might wonder at the way films are rated by the in-house critic Duncan Shepherd. For your benefit I will explain how he goes about his job.

1. Was the film made by the Coen Brothers? If no, deduct a star.

2. Was it made in France? If no, deduct a star.

3. Was it based on a

comic book? If yes, deduct a star.

4. Was it a sequel? If yes, deduct a star.

5. Was it praised by other critics? If yes, deduct a star.

See how easy it is? This is how an excellent movie like the new Batman movie, *The Dark Knight*, gets no stars. Sending Shepherd out to review superhero comic book-based movies is a patent waste of time; he doesn't like this kind of movie and is incapable of looking at one objectively. It's like someone watching a football game and complaining about what a lousy baseball game it was. He just doesn't get it. Shepherd's taste in films runs so far from the general public's that there is no common ground. Apparently there are a few pinky-waggers here and there who lap up his drivel as if it had a speck of merit or insight.

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*Dark Knight*, failed to rate a single star among them. These are all huge at the box office and well reviewed by other critics, but old Dunkyboy says they're all trash. I suppose he imagines himself a lone crusader fighting an uphill battle against Hollywood excesses. Could that be the case? Could he really be a beacon of sanity shining brightly amidst a fog of bad films? Or could he just be an egotistical gasbag unable to get his mind outside the extremely narrow parameters of what he considers to be good filmmaking?

Whatever the case, Shepherd has been cranking out his reviews for the past 30 years, and he has been consistent. You can always depend on him to give no stars to superhero movies, most sci-fi and fantasy movies, and anything else that smacks of the fantastic (except of course Jean Cocteau's *Beauty and the Beast*, because it was made in France).

The point of all this, why not have Shepherd stick to

reviewing the artsy-fartsy films he is so enamored of and let someone else review superhero/sci-fi/action movies that he so obviously disdains. That way there would be at least a semblance of objectivity involved.

David A. Lathrap  
Pacific Beach

## The Bottled-Water Magic

Oh, Ollie, Ollie, Ollie. Please, you must stop this masochistic behavior at once ("Remote Control King," July 17). One day, upon filling the carafe of my own instrument of torture, a strange sensation overtook me. Looking into the cloudy sludge that passes as San Diego tap water, I had the most selfish, self-serving urge to fill my little glass vessel with bottled water. I know, I can hear the outrage. We have the cleanest drinking water in the world, yet people pay for bottled water, polluting our oceans and creating literal mountains of nonbiodegradable debris, dooming

future generations to tunnel underground in order to escape the eventual life-threatening scorch of an unrelenting Mother Earth and Sister Sun. Why, look at Angelina Jolie, that arbiter of goodwill, traipsing the globe, clutching her orphans in her withered arms, the result of denying herself sustenance due to the horrors of which she has borne witness. "Oh, God forgive me!" I cried as I filled Mr. Coffee with fresh, crystal-clear water from the fridge. I watched as it slowly dripped, dripped, dripped brown life-blood into the pot, anticipation reaching a crescendo as the color of my witch's brew became almost translucent and thinner in consistency, not the viscous sludge of yesterday. Resisting the urge to pause and serve, I wait until the entire pot is brewed. Hands trembling, I fill my mug and bring it to my lips. What happened next can only be described as a religious experience. The clouds parted, the sun shone, the angels sang. Oh, life-giving elixir, never be-

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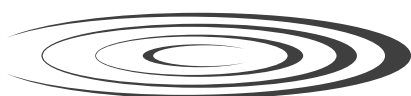
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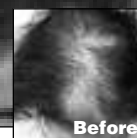
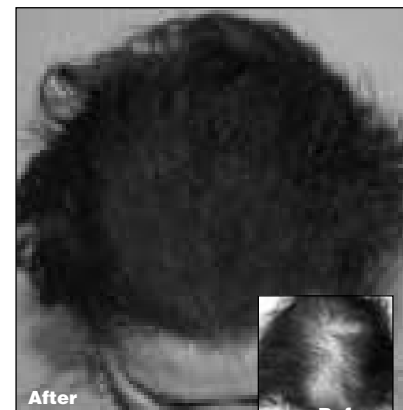
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Lorie Grant  
via email

**Phantom Treatment**

I found Stephen Dobyns's cover article very informative and troubling ("She Told Me My Arm Was Gone," Cover Story, July 10). It troubled me that the techniques developed by Dr. Ramachandran more than a decade ago for the treatment of phantom limb problems go mainly unused in his home area. I first learned of Dr. Ramachandran shortly after his first book was published. Not long after that I viewed a documentary on him on KPBS. The findings appeared to be dramatic progress in a troubling area. I assumed that by this time his technique would be widely used, especially in San Diego. I queried a most reliable source in the medical community for an explanation. Sometime ago,

Dr. Ramachandran refused to see several patients this highly respected physician referred to him. There can be understandable reasons for that. But what was also stated was even more troubling. Local physical therapists and rehabilitation specialists have not been encouraged or taught to use these treatments by Dr. Ramachandran! This needs investigating and a follow-up report by the author.

R. Larry Schmitt, M.D.  
Mission Hills

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**Shame On All Of You**

Reading the July 10 article "Troublemakers Unlisted" ("City Lights") by Joe Deegan (about the Republican Central Committee), I was not sure why anyone would be interested in the information. By the time I finished I was outraged. Is this another "elephant" in the room (pun intended)? My acceptance of how much corruption there is all around us has reached new heights.

How and why do people get away with this behavior?

Is it so common that we ignore the ethical implications and outright injustice of these dirty tricks? Is this politics as usual? If I was one of the people who was conveniently "left off" the slate of candidates on the mailers for election to the Republican Central Committee, I would be pursuing some kind of legal action against the perpetrators. The actions of the supposed leaders/deciders is heinous.

It is hard to believe that the report is true. Maybe I am more naïve than I thought. Is being forced to pay to have your name on the slate okay? Are state assembly/state senate officeholders (or past candidates) honestly selecting the 17 ex officio members to serve on the Central Committee? Maybe they choose their

friends or those who will toe the party line? Was Brian Bilbray's 21-year-old daughter Brianna qualified or just paid big enough to get on the slate?

The worst part of all this is the money trail. It is so obvious what this activity is about. Bribes in the form of contributions from loyal-to-the-party developers and businessmen trickles down to organizations that in turn give the money to other organizations who will make sure the officials who do get elected are friendly to development. Legal? Maybe. Fair and democratic? Definitely not. Shame on all of you who are a part of this deceitful, deceptive practice. How do we fix this?

Jennifer L. White  
Mission Valley

**The Place, Not The People**

I have a comment on your June 5 cover story, "There's Been an Accident," by Staci Thrasher. I am the "cemetery director" referred to on page 29. Unfortunately, the writer implies that my comment on an area of the cemetery as "less desirable" refers to the individuals interred in that area, because she writes, "I think Jadean would be much happier with the undesirables." Nothing could be further from the truth. I used the term "less desirable" in describing the fact that the location is next to a street, making it less attractive to families who prefer a quieter location when visiting their loved one.

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# Women in Summer

## Films and Picnics in the Park

**I**n the past, if we had a French exhibition, we'd show French films," says Golda Akhgarnia, public relations coordinator for the San Diego Museum of Art. "This year we're celebrating a 'summer of women' theme at the museum, so we selected five films that have female leads."

The museum is featuring two exhibits — *Georgia O'Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle* and *Eleanor Antin: Historical Takes*.

### LOCAL EVENTS

Each Thursday during the summer (beginning July 31 and ending August 28) the museum will host its free summer-movie program called "Screen on the Green."

"A lot of people will arrive early, two or three hours before the film starts, to get a good spot," says Akhgarnia. "They set up blankets, some bring low-backed chairs, and have picnics or full-on meals. One year a woman had pizza delivered. Some will bring games — like Apples to Apples or Frisbee — to play while they're waiting for the film to start."

Dogs, which are allowed in the park, are often found beside their owners at screenings. In accordance with city regulations, no smoking is allowed in Balboa Park at any time, nor are glass containers. Alcohol is permitted only until 8 p.m., the time the movies are scheduled to begin.

"Last summer I met people who put their younger children and babies into pajamas because they always fall asleep before the end of the movie," says Vas Prabhu, the museum's deputy director for education and interpretation. "When I met them, they were leaving with these kids on their shoulders, going home to bed." The average attendance is 1000. "You may get a little chatter," says Akhgarnia of the crowd, "but for the most part it's like being in a theater. Everyone's really respectful."

The movies are projected onto an inflatable screen temporarily erected on the lawn near the Botanical Building, just east of the museum. In the past, the movies were shown



on the east wall of the museum itself, but a Mexican fan palm tree has grown over the area. Prabhu explains that the museum consulted with tree experts and decided to move the screen rather than trim the palm.

This season's show was curated by KPBS film reviewer and "San Diego's self-appointed movie maven" Scott Marks.

"It's not only outdoor screenings, but also the age of the audience I have to consider," says Marks. "*The Parent Trap* is a film beyond criticism. Hayley Mills was my first big crush. It's infinitely better than the crappy remake. I picked *Shop around the Corner* because I think *You've Got Mail* is garbage. If you like the Velveeta, you're going to love the real cheese."

Some movies do not lend themselves to outdoor viewing. "*Lawrence of Arabia* is a great coffee-table movie, but to show that film letterboxed on [an inflatable] screen with a thousand people would not do it justice," says Marks. "A big, long epic where you're sitting on a blanket for three or four hours would just not work."

Before each film, Marks plays a vintage cartoon, like a Looney Tunes feature or Popeye. "That way we can start it a little early. No one feels guilty if the sun is up and we show a cartoon, but you really can't start the film before 8 o'clock — the sun has to be down."

*Sabrina* will play on August 7. "I would not do anything related with women and old films and not show an Audrey Hepburn

film," says Marks. "She is everything in cinema. She's perfect. Angelina Jolie should sit and take notice."

— Barbarella

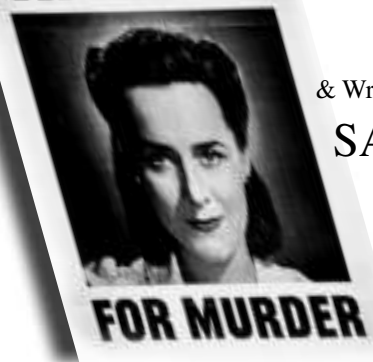
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## DANCE

**“Mad Hot Ballroom”** Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater’s Fundraiser for tenth anniversary “Trolley Dances” planned in NTC Promenade Command Center Rose Garden (reception follows at Solare Ristorante and Lounge). Dust off your dancing shoes for afternoon of ballroom and Latin dance lessons, wine and cheese, “a taste of site-specific dance by the San Diego Dance Theater dancers,” live auction. Reservations: 619-225-1803. Sunday, August 3, 4 p.m.; \$75. NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road. (POINT LOMA)

**Contradance with Guest Caller** Mary Keith Cornett Eustis from the Southeast calls, the Usual Suspects provide music for San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. (8 p.m.). Beginner’s workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, August 1, 7:30 p.m.; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**English Country Dancing** Chris Page calls for English country dancing. Beginners’ instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, August 3, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Hip-Hop Don’t Stop!** Latest dance steps taught by instructor/dancer Prince on every Thursday. 858-635-1211. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; through Wednesday, December 31, 2008, \$10. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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A somewhat noisy stretch follows as you continue west toward the airport. The gently curving pathway threads between busy Harbor Drive and a Coast Guard base and rent-a-car facilities. Just south of the airport, the path angles toward hotel-dotted Harbor Island — itself not a true island but rather a long, thin artificial peninsula built of sand dredged from the bottom of San Diego Bay. Take a spin around the entire peninsula, using the lightly traveled Harbor Island Drive to do so (the sidewalks on both sides of the road are for pedestrians only). From this vantage, San Diego’s downtown skyline — ever more befitting of a major city — emerges gray and somber in the morning mist and gleams in the afternoon sunshine.

Back at the Harbor Island entrance, resume your travel west on the bike path/sidewalk. After about one more mile, scoot over to the sidewalk on the Harbor Drive bridge, which goes over an arm of the bay. Continue west, passing some Navy facilities and two traffic lights, to a frontage road on the left. At

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**Screen on the Green** Outdoor film series gets under way with James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan in 1940 flick *The Shop Around the Corner* (it was the inspiration for the more recent *You’ve Got Mail*). Screenings take place on east lawn, near Botanical Building and Casa del Prado. 619-232-7931. Thursday, July 31, 8 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Sunday Dive-In** See *Happy Feet* as part of Splash Sunday fun; catch flick while floating in a tube or splashing in pool. 760-940-WAVE. Sunday, August 3, 7 p.m.; \$6-\$8. Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

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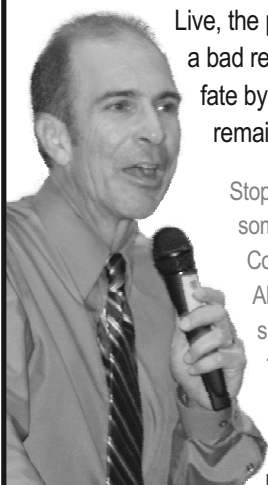


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## LECTURES

**"Ancient Chinese Bronze, 600-200 B.C."** Pieter Meijers, consultant to Los Angeles County Museum of Art in field of conservation, speaks for Asian Arts Council. 619-232-7931. Thursday, July 31, 1 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking"** Documentary photographer Chris Rainier talks about work in this exhibition (continuing through August 24). He has traveled world depicting rituals, traditions of cultures, seeking to capture origins of tattooing and body-altering art. 760-435 3720. Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m.; Ocean-side Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

**More on Ink and Its Origins** Photographer Chris Ranier discusses his career and photographs of tattoos and body markings from around the world. Signing follows. 619-238-7559. Friday, August 1, 7 p.m.; Museum of Pho-

tographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"China: Fragile Superpower"** UCSD scholar Susan Shirk plans lecture on China's rapid growth, effects on its leaders, in conjunction with "People, Prints, Politics: China 1920-1980" exhibition. 619-239-2001. Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Creating a Garden Oasis"** Ed Simpson demonstrates how to create a simple water garden to serve as an oasis in a drought-tolerant landscape. Simpson is owner of Santa Fe Nursery. Advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, August 2, 9:30 a.m.; \$30-\$35. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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**"Learn to Paint with Pastels"** Soft pastels specialist and art teacher Judy Nachazel is guest demonstrator when Pastel Society of San Diego gathers. 858-453-7899. Sunday, August 3, 1 p.m.; Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

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**"The Portrait in Photography"** Lecture by South African photographer Gary Schneider, who "has been investigating the portrait since 1975." Artist also discusses his exhibition "Flesh," currently on view at MoPA. 619-238-7559. Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m.; \$8-\$12. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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LOCAL EVENTS

ginners and intermediates hosted by Chinmaya Mission San Diego. 858-549-2908. Friday, August 1, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 2, 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.; ages 15 and up. Ker Little India, 9520 Black Mountain Road. (MIRA MESA)

**Gallery Talk** Artist Ray Brownfield, currently exhibiting “Warning Signs,” leads talk and tour. 760-839-4120. Wednesday, August 6, 2 p.m.; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Shakespeare in the Garden Talks** Actors, directors, academics offer “in-depth perceptions of the Shakespeare plays in the Old Globe Shakespeare Festival season” for public in Old Globe Plaza. Focus on *The Merry Wives of Windsor* on Friday, August 1, and *All’s Well That Ends Well* on Sunday, August 3. 619-23-GLOBE. Friday, August 1, 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, August 3, 7:15 p.m.; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

**A Series of Extreme Low Tides** in late July/early August can be enjoyed by true “morning people” only! Check out the local tide-

pool life without hordes of other people around. Thursday, July 31 features a minus 1.5-foot tide at 3:26 a.m. On Friday, August 1 there’s a minus 1.4-foot tide at 4:05 a.m. On Saturday, August 2 you can catch the minus 1.2-foot tide at 4:41 a.m. On Sunday, the minus 0.8-foot low tide happens as late as 5:16 a.m.

**Grunion** may be active again early next week (Sunday and Monday nights, August 3 and 4), roughly during the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m., following the nocturnal high tide. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer (except in those areas classified as ecological preserves) by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only, and should be eaten (not wasted).

**The Thin Crescent Moon** returns to easy visibility in the early evening sky on Sunday, August 3. Notice how the sharp-tipped cusps point away from the sun, whose glare will be evident on the north-west horizon until well after sunset. With every passing evening in the coming week, the increasingly thicker crescent will be spotted in twilight higher than and farther to the left of its initial position on Sunday.

**Watchers of the Dawn Sky** during early August will notice the bright, so-called winter stars — es-

OUT & ABOUT

**WIENER TAKES ALL: A DOGUMENTARY** Sunday, August 3, Joyce Beers Community Center.

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pecially those in the constellations of Orion, Taurus, and Gemini — rising just above the rosy glow of morning twilight. A few bright meteors, belonging to the annual Perseid shower that climaxes Tuesday, August 12, may be seen as early as Friday, August 8. The moon’s glare will not seriously interfere with the dark predawn sky (as seen from remote locations far from city lights) until Wednesday, August 13.

**Birding the Marsh** Guided bird-watching hikes around Sweet Water Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. 619-409-5900. Sunday, August 3, 11 a.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

**California Native Plant Society Walk** Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, August 3, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**Get Dirty in Paso Picacho** Help with trail-repair work. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 619-341-1746. Saturday, August 2, 8 a.m.; Paso Picacho campground, Cuyamaca Rancho

State Park, Highway 79, five miles north of I-8. (JULIAN)

**Guided Nature Walk** Meet at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance. 858-581-9944. Bring binoculars, drinking water. Saturday, August 2, 9:30 a.m.; Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**History Walk** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors’ Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Hoots and Howls!** Listen for sounds of night hunters — bats, owls, coyotes — on trail guide-led twilight walk. Reservations required: 619-668-2748. Saturday, August 2, 7 p.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**MTRP Rocks!** 100-million-year-old plutonic igneous, volcanics, and sedimentary rocks pointed out during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 2, 9:30 a.m.; Sun-

day, August 3, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, August 6, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Savor Sights, Sounds, Smells!** Night hike led by naturalist Mike Kelly. Good chance to see deer, owls, bats, more. Flat, moderate pace. Wear hiking boots, bring water, flashlight, bug protection. 858-484-3219. Friday, August 1, 7 p.m.; Peñasquitos Preserve kiosk, Park Village Road and Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo** Bilingual nature walk led by Spanish-speaking interpretive guide. Walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and nature center. 619-409-5900. Sunday, August 3, 1 p.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**“18th Wine Experience”** 011-52-646-178-3038. Friday, August 1, 7 p.m.; \$30. Riviera Hotel, Miramar Street. (BAJA)

**“Cinefotografia”** Lecture by Brandon Phillips on importance of photography in film. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Festival of Traditional Arts of Baja California** Festival brings native artists from the Pai-Pai, Kumiai, Cucapá, Kiliwa communities together in cultural event, marketplace with traditional arts and crafts, food, exhibits. 011-52-646-178-8780. Saturday, August 2, 9 a.m.; Sunday, August 3, 9 a.m.; Plaza Ventana al Mar, Boulevard Costero at Alvaro Street. (BAJA)

**Pablo Montero in Concert** The Mexican singer and actor takes the stage. 011-52-664-625-9010. Sat-

urday, August 2, 7 p.m.; \$25. Palenque de Parque Morelos. (BAJA)

**Put 119 Candles on the Cake!** Tijuana’s 119th anniversary celebrated with parade, mariachi music, Alejandro Fernández in concert, more. 011-52-664-688-1721. Thursday, July 31, 6 p.m.; Zona Río. (BAJA)

**Rock Concert** Thermo performs. 619-734-2333. Saturday, August 2, 9 p.m.; \$10-\$30. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

**Songs and Wine in Tecate** Enjoy sunset at foothills of Cuchumá Mountain, music by vocal group Innuendo, wine tasting, dinner, arts and crafts, entertainment. 011-52-665-654-3460. Saturday, August 2, 7 p.m.; \$50. Parque del Profesor, Calle Prolongación Cuchumá. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

**“Comets and Meteor Showers”** Illuminated during “The Sky Tonight” planetarium show. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233 Wednesday, August 6, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$7-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Israel in Crisis: Sacred vs. Secular”** Discuss with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m.; Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**“Over the Top!”** Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus hits town, August 6-10. “See puppy dogs fly and jump, Asian elephants skip, hop, and groove, and one courageous man” standing with a pack of Bengal tigers.

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# Yes, It Is Safe To Visit Baja California, Mexico

## A Letter From Rosarito's Mayor & Testimonials



### Dear Friends,

Some of you have asked us if it is safe to visit Baja, California and Rosarito Beach.

The honest answer to the question is 'yes.' For decades, millions of Southern Californians and others have visited us safely to enjoy fishing, surfing, our food and culture, as well as breathtaking beauty.

They can and do continue to do so. Also, scores of thousands of expatriates have chosen to call Baja home --- 14,000 in Rosarito alone --- because they feel comfortable and welcome here.

The safety question has arisen largely because of handful of highly and repeatedly publicized robberies of visitors in 2007 throughout all of Baja.. It was a very low incidence among millions of visitors, but even that is not acceptable, and all of Baja has taken steps to increase visitor safety more.

In Rosarito, we have created a special tourist police force, a citizens' watch program for tourist areas and a 24-hour ombudsman office for visitor assistance. There was not one major crime reported this year during a busy Rosarito-Ensenada Bike Ride, Spring Break, Memorial Day and Fourth of July weekends.

Baja also is experiencing a challenging time as it cracks down on drug cartels that use Baja routes to smuggle drugs into the United States. But the struggle is between rival cartels and authorities. It does not involve our valued

visitors.

Some of you might think that my statements here are influenced by the need this region has for tourism. It is true that more than 50 percent of Rosarito's economy is dependent on tourism. But if I did not believe this area was safe for visitors, I would not say it was. One of the reasons I ran for mayor last year was to make the region even more secure and comfortable for our visitors.

My request of you is this. Speak to your fellow Americans who visit Rosarito and Baja, or ones who have chosen to call it home, to get a first-hand perspective on our area. We are ready to welcome you with open arms and to make your trip to beautiful Baja safe and enjoyable.

Very Best Wishes,  
Hugo Torres, Mayor  
City of Rosarito Beach

## Rosarito-Ensenada Bike Ride: 27 Years, 375,000 Participants And Not A Single Violent Crime

September 27, 2008 will be our 28th anniversary and the 50th running of the ride. We've hosted 375,000 participants, including 95,000 from Mexico and 280,000 from the United States. We have never received a report of a participant being the victim of a violent crime during our event weekends.

In April 2008 we hosted 5,000 participants, including 3,000 from the United States, and the event was incident-free. The added security measures at the federal, state, and city levels were visible and effective.

We're looking forward to our ride on September 27th and expect about 7,500 riders.

Gary Foster, Organizer.

## A Plea For More Balanced Reporting From An Expatriate Living in Rosarito

As 10-year resident living halfway between Tijuana & Rosarito, defending Baja has become routine. Our expat community was excited and optimistic when the new governing regimes declared a war on drugs. This, of course, did not make the drug cartels happy and retaliation has been swift and sometimes spectacular.

Has my life changed? Not much. I continue to travel back and forth across the border on a regular basis without incident. I continue to shop in Rosarito, Tijuana and to drive down the coast to Ensenada without incident. The biggest challenge my fellow expats and I have is allaying the fears of our family and

friends when they read the headlines and stories (many of which are embellished of just plain untruths) of the dire consequences for anyone venturing down to Baja.

My plea to the media; check your facts, stop recycling the same "news" over and over, keep things in perspective and be fair and balanced in your reporting. As for my fellow Baja friends and I, we will continue to enjoy our life below the border, we live here and we know the truth.

Anne Hines, President of the United Society of Baja California.



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## LOCAL EVENTS

619-220-8497. Wednesday, August 6, 7:30 p.m.; \$16-\$82. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

**"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. 619-236-5807. Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 2, 2008, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Othello** Focus on Shakespeare's classic with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, August 2, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Automobile Heritage Day** 17th annual event begins with vintage car parade starting at Mary J's Cafe, winds through National City. Over 200 antique and classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, new cars, lowriders on display in Kimball Park (10 a.m.-4 p.m.). 619-477-9339. Sunday, August 3, 9 a.m.; Kimball Park, at 12th Street and D Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Bon Odori: Gathering of Joy** Express gratitude for gifts of life and ancestors during annual celebration. Dancing, taiko drumming, food (for sale), entertainment. 619-239-0896. Saturday,

August 2, 5 p.m.; Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

**Book Club Night Returns!** Warwick's booksellers host "reading group recommends" night. Titles to be discussed based on book reviews, customer feedback, bookseller must-reads. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Book-Release Party** Welcome Stephenie Meyer's new book, *Breaking Dawn*, during party with vampire costume contest, "Twilight" Zone Cafe, music, more. 858-454-0347. Friday, August 1, 11 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Chocolate and Vino Wine-Tasting Benefit** San Diego Young Professionals Committee again pleases local palates with fourth annual benefit for Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County. Wine, chocolate tasting from over a dozen of local wineries and chocolatiers, heavy hors d'oeuvres, DJ entertainment. 619-544-9500. Thursday, July 31, 6 p.m.; \$50. Ages 21 and up. Stingaree, 454 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Clairemont Family Day** Day begins with pancake breakfast, includes rides, food, booths, dance, and tai chi demonstrations, live bands. 858-581-9924. Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m.; South Clairemont Recreation Center, 3605 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

**Co-Ed Drumming Circle** Elisa Kisselburg leads co-ed circle blending Japanese, Middle Eastern, African traditions. Drums provided if you don't have your own. Circles offered first Sunday of every month. 619-303-6609. Sunday, August 3, 10 a.m.; \$15. Vision Center for Spiritual Living,

## OUT & ABOUT

### "ANCIENT MARKS: THE SACRED ORIGINS OF TATTOOS AND BODY MARKINGS"

Photographer Chris Rainier, Thursday, July 31, Oceanside Museum of Art; and Friday, August 1, Museum of Photographic Arts.

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**Craft Club** Group gathers with instructor Sandra Erbetta to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop. Reservations: 619-232-2721. Monday, August 4, 10 a.m.; \$5. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

**Etch-A-Sketch!** August exhibit in Geisel Library (lower level, west wing) focuses on this 1960s toy. Stop by UCSD Arts Library to borrow an Etch-A-Sketch; create a sketch on the toy and it will be placed in exhibit case. Visit throughout August to see ever-changing gallery of sketches. 858-822-5758. Thursdays, 8 a.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.; Mondays, 8 a.m.; Tuesdays, 8 a.m.; Wednesdays, 8 a.m.; through Sunday, August 31, 2008, UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Fine Art and Music** Exhibition of paintings by Marne Cruz, Joe Cruz, Pilar Montañó, Julio de la Huerta; musical performances by John Cain, operatic tenor Daniel Hendricks,

"surprise guest musicians." 619-286-3144. Sunday, August 3, 3 p.m.; PianoSD.com, 1233 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Hawaiian Cultural Fair** Hui o Hawaii of San Diego hosts annual fair, boasting performance workshops of hula by Kumu Hula Sissy Kaio and slack-key guitar by Hawaiian musician, songwriter, producer Patrick Landeza. *Lei hulu* (feather) arts and crafts workshops, as well as ti-leaf lei making and *lauhala* (bark) weaving. Food, information, Hawaiian and Polynesian vendors. Performances by several *hula halau* throughout days. Admission is free; fees charged for workshops. 619-466-2948. Saturday, August 2, 9 a.m.; Sunday, August 3, 9 a.m.; San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, 2606 North Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Helping Out the Felines** Bone Appetit hosts fund-raiser for its cat and kitten rescue. Pet food samples and treats on offer; people and pet psychic reader Sindi Somers of Wild and Tame Wellness and

Communications offers readings (\$1 per minute). Pets need not be present to receive reading! 619-226-6250. Saturday, August 2, 9:30 a.m.; Bone Appetit Ocean Beach Pet Supply, 4845 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**House of Argentina** Annual lawn program at International Cottages with professional tango and folklore dancers; music performed on piano, guitar, flute; food sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, August 3, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Latin American Festival and Mata Ortiz Pottery Market** Live art demonstrations, entertainment, Mexican cuisine, traditional art, clothing, jewelry. 619-296-3161. Friday, August 1, 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 3, 10 a.m.; Bazaar del Mundo, 4133 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

**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, July 8, 2009, \$10. Art Academy of San Diego, 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**National Night Out** East and West Main Streets will be closed when Cajon Classic Cruise season continues. Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, August 6, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211 1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference** Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, August 2, noon; Sunday, August 3, noon; Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (POINT LOMA)

**Ramona Country Fair Days** Lots of animals, live entertainment, carnival rides, vendors, food promised. Watermelon eating to water fights, lawn mower racing, junior fair with livestock auctions, animal showmanship. Hal Ketchum in concert (Sunday, August 3, 6 p.m.; \$30 reserved, \$15 general). 760-789-1311. Thursday, July 31, 5 p.m.; Friday, August 1, 5 p.m.; Saturday, August 2, noon; Sunday, August 3, noon; Ramona Rodeo Grounds, 434 Aqua Lane. (RAMONA)

**Rev It Up and Go!** Rod Run 19 promises custom cars, hot rods, arts and crafts, car-related vendors, music, in downtown area. 760-414-9391. Sunday, August 3, 9 a.m.; Downtown Vista, Santa Fe Avenue at Main Street. (VISTA)

**San Diego Dahlia Society** Hosts show in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-232-8232. Saturday, August 2, noon; Sunday, Au-

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**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, August 2, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; Tuesday, August 5, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

**Vine Time** Gabrielle Leonhard, co-founder and owner of the Gabrielle Collection in Napa Valley, hosts wine-tasting seminar “to educate guests on their organically and sustainably handcrafted cabernets.” Tickets include live music, displays of cheese, meats, and breads to complement the cabernets. Reservations: 858-651-1615. Wednesday, August 6, 6 p.m.; \$25. Ages 21 and up. ZLAC Rowing Club Clubhouse, 1111 Pacific Beach Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

SPORTS

**Baseball in the Basement?** Padres host San Francisco Giants, August 1-3. Road trip to New York for games against Mets, August 5-

7. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Friday, August 1, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, August 2, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, August 3, 1:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**Garibaldi, Lobster, Octopuses, Oh My!** Snorkel in La Jolla Cove during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, August 2, 8 a.m.; \$30. Ages 10 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**Ramona — The Shortest Way** Bicycle up some hills to Ramona for lunch with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders. Bring money for food. Expect 68 miles of pedaling. 619-473-8513. Sunday, August 3, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Showpark Racing Festival Horse Show** 858-481-9085. Thursday, July 31, 8 a.m.; Friday, August 1, 8 a.m.; Saturday, August 2, 8 a.m.; Sunday, August 3, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

**Surfmonkey Swim/Run/Paddle** Organizers promise 5km hard-packed beach run, one-mile open-water swim, eight-mile paddleboard race, combo one-mile swim/5km race, three-event stage race combining run, swim, paddleboard race (winners are crowned the King and Queen Monkey). 760-635-1797. Saturday, August 2, 7 a.m.; \$30-\$45. Ocean-side Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

**The Horses Are on the Track!** Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meet continues through September 3.

Western regional chili cook-off and salsa contest is Saturday, August 2. Next “Donut Day” is Saturday, August 23, with free doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, questions answered by track announcer Trevor Denman. Racing slated every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O’Clock Fridays (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)

**Total Combat Mixed Martial Arts** Competition promising eight matches, 16 fighters. 619-392-4660. Saturday, August 2, 7 p.m.; \$25-\$150. Starlight Musical Theatre, South Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

**Training and Training...** Bicycle to San Juan Capistrano with Knickerbikers. The 66-miler starts at 8 a.m. in north parking lot, promises lunch at Sugar Shack, return to S.D. via Amtrak, then ride 6.6 miles back to start. Bring money for train fare (\$18 general, \$15.30 seniors). 619-823-0070. Saturday, August 2, 8 a.m.; \$15-\$18. Mission Bay Visitors’ Center, East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

uing through Saturday, August 2. Exhibition examines history from 1936 to the present, with look at Pacific Coast League, San Diego Padres, Cooperstown Hall of Fame with Tony Gwynn, sculptures by Mark Martensen, Sweetwater Little League, more.

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

**Campo Railroad Museum** Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum** From 1600s until early 20th century it was a common social custom in China for friends to exchange tiny spoonfuls of snuff

tobacco from each other's bottles when meeting; snuff bottles were an essential accoutrement to upper class lifestyle. Bottles were made from various materials including carved stone, jade, ivory, metal, porcelain, cloisonné, glass. "Snuff Bottles: A Hidden Chinese Art" showcases 42 19th and early 20th Century snuff bottles collected by Peg Evans between 1937 and 1939 in China. Some modern pieces will also be on display. Closes Tuesday, September 30.

For centuries, Chinese and Japanese artists have used intricate seals carved with their names in ancient script to authenticate paintings and calligraphy. "The Charm of Woodcut Seals and Chinese Calligraphy by Tseng-Yao (Terry) Sun" — continuing through July — showcases enlarged leisure seals carved into wood, making the traditionally diminutive art more accessible to public.

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

**Chula Vista Heritage Museum** The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, pho-

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tographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otag Watch Company. 360 Third Avenue, 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

**Creation Museum** A museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900. (SANTÉE)

**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)

**Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove** "The Sonka Brothers General Store" is recreation of store said to have "kick-started the post-agricultural economy of Lemon Grove." Exhibit includes post office, array of domestic and farm artifacts, photographs, furnishings.

"Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1915" showcases furnishings, clothing, and artifacts from Lemon Grove ranches and homes, along with photographs of early residents and historic buildings. "The Parson's Study" is a permanent Arts and Crafts installation with rolltop desk, 155 English organ, an Edison Amberola and library of cylindrical recordings. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**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.

Technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a

Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a 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** "What Is Archaeology?" exhibit provides basics of archaeology in San Diego region from 9000 years ago to present day. Artifacts from center's collections provide look at past for young and old alike. Treasure hunt activity "archaeology quest" for kids, artifact matching game, hands-on crafts and research station. Closes Tuesday, July 21, 2009.

"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

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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)

**San Diego Maritime Museum**  
"The Art of the Boat — Photos from the Rosenfeld Collection," opening Friday, August 1 and continuing through July, 2009, is collection of over 40 black and white photographs celebrating marriage of great yachts and sea through lenses of father-and-son team, Morris and Stanley Rosenfeld. Duo is renowned for photographs of yachts, tall ships, speed boats, and photography of every Americas Cup race from 1885-1992.

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, 2009.

"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 woodblock 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 sto-

ries 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)

**Valley Center History Museum**  
The museum features an educa-

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

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

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CLASSICAL

**“Celtic Celebration”** Eileen Ivers — changing “the way you think about the violin” — joins Matthew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert. Guests: Brian Baynes (guitar), Eric Rigler (uilleann pipes). Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 31. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Mancini at the Movies”** Monica Mancini presents salute to her father, Henry Mancini, with conductor Matthew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts. Movie clips promised. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embar-

cadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2. (DOWNTOWN)

**If It's August...It's Summer-Fest Time!** La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest 2008 gets under way with “Fire and Passion,” featuring pieces by Piazzolla, Julian Milone, Osvaldo Golijov, and Brahms on Friday, August 1. “French Connections” on Saturday, August 2, includes selections by Debussy, Ravel, and Fauré. “Brahms I — Friendship among Masters” promises pieces by Brahms and Schumann. Week concludes with “An Evening with Leila Josefowicz,” selections by Stravinsky, Shostakovich, and Prokofiev, Wednesday, August 6. Festival includes coaching workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 1. (LA JOLLA)

**“A Walk in the Clouds”** The Kabayao Family Quartet performs violin and piano concert in USD's Hahn University Center. Enjoy classical music and folk songs from Philippines. 619-477-3392. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 6 p.m., Saturday, August 2. (LINDA VISTA)

**Hornswoggle in Concert** This 20-member French horn ensemble — with members from Coastal Communities Concert Band, San Diego Symphony, La Jolla Symphony, Westwind Brass, and U.S. Navy Band Southwest — performs new arrangements of music from Beethoven, movies, popular songs. 760-438-5996. Museum of Making

Music (5790 Armada Drive), 2 p.m., Saturday, August 2. (CARLSBAD)

**Listen Up!** Civic organist Carol Williams takes stage for organ concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, August 3. (BALBOA PARK)

**Seattle Organist** Carole Terry plans concert for International Summer Organ Festival. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 4. (BALBOA PARK)

**Pipe Organ Concert** Performance by Frederick Swann, former organist for Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove and current national president of the American Guild of Organists. 858-273-1480. St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive), 7 p.m., Wednesday, August 6. (CLAIREMONT)

ART LISTINGS

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GALLERIES

**“Empowered Women”** “Kettner Nights” reception for group show with work by 18 artists on display through Saturday, August 30. Third reception: Saturday, August 9. 619-756-6483. Patrick Moore Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite 103). 7 p.m., Thursday, July 31. (LITTLE ITALY)

**“Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight”** Reception for artists whose original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through Saturday, August 30. Juror Sharon Hinckley selected approximately 100 paintings to include. 619-876-4550. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade (2825 Dewey Road #105). 5 p.m., Friday, August 1. (POINT LOMA)

**“Nouveau Pop”** Closing 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. RSVP: 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite F-109). 6 p.m., Friday, August 1. (LITTLE ITALY)

**“Seventeenth Annual Juried Exhibition”** Reception for exhibition of work by 39 artists in this “who's who of San Diego art.” Jurors: Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego curator Robin Clark and Museum of Photographic Arts executive director Deborah Klochko. Also opening: “Selections from the Erika and Fred Torri Artists' Book Collection: Richard Tuttle, Books.” Both close Saturday, August 30. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 6:30 p.m., Friday, August 1. (LA JOLLA)

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 & 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 recre-

ation.” 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, Downtown** “Memory Is Your Image of Perfection,” opening Sunday, August 3, was curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucía Sanromán and presents photography and video works from museum's collection created by women artists of Southern California and Baja California. Exhibition “investigates the subject of memory through associations, oppositions, and overlaps amongst photographic genres that range from straight documentary photography to manipulated photography.” Artists include Eleanor Antin, Uta Barth, Andrea Bowers, Sharon Lockhart, Ana Machado, and Yvonne Venegas. Through November. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**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, 2009 — 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)

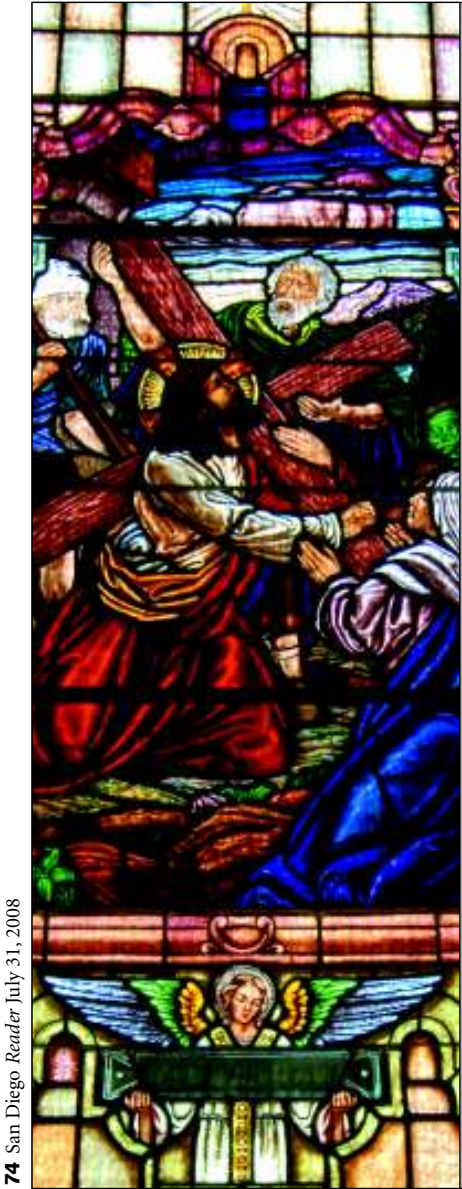
**Oceanside Museum of Art** “Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking” features over 100 black and white photographs by documentary photographer Chris Rainier reflecting “humanity's efforts to forge identity, beauty, storytelling, and sacred beliefs.” Closes Sunday, August 24.

“The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s” — closing on Sunday, October 19 — “illustrates how this West Coast painting icon became known as one of the founding fathers of Hard Edge.” Benjamin, whose oeuvre spans more than half a century, says, “Color is the subject matter of painting.” 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 Sunday, November 9 — 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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### Let It Ride on Greene

Local power trio Off Track recently paid for a recording session with A-list producer Ryan Greene (NOFX,

that it be paid in advance, but he told us that if we needed to arrange the money another way, that would be fine too."

To raise the money, the band spent several months selling firewood and recycling.

"We rented a log splitter, tuned up our chainsaws, and the three of us chopped, split,

investment?

"We were able to get one full month in the studio with Ryan. That included living in the studio, which had



JIMMY THE WOODSMAN

sleeping arrangements for four people, a full bathroom with shower, and a front room with wireless Internet, cable TV, and — most importantly — Guitar Hero III on Xbox 360. We were able to record 11 full songs — fully recorded, produced, and engineered by Ryan. We worked from noon until two or three each morning.... We only took one day off during the entire process."

The resultant album, *Explode*, was released this month.

— Jay Allen Sanford

### Slim Summer at Avalon

Last summer, Marc Shannon opened the Avalon in North Park. His plans for the almost-100-year-old building included hosting bands in an all-age, alcohol-free environment. The building, once the site of a lumber mill (at 3925 Ohio Street), is zoned as "mercantile," which allows for a 50-person capacity.

"We have plans to expand our capacity," says Shannon, whose hope was to present shows for up to 500 patrons; his goal now is to obtain a permit for 150. He believes that the building's age may help.

"The City of San Diego is interested in designating this as a historic landmark," says Shannon. He says getting code exemptions is "very hard to do, but it can be done."

He says 28 volunteers (mostly musicians) donated their time to get the place up and running last July.

"It was our goal that the Avalon would be run by and for musicians. Tim Graves

[Silent Comedy singer-guitarist] was the driving force and reason Avalon made it this far.... I heard that in L.A. there are 300 all-age venues; San Diego only has 2 places with large stages [Soma and Epicentre]. We just lost two very good all-age venues recently; the Arts and Cultural Events Center in North Park and the Hot Monkey Love Cafe near SDSU both just went away."

Shannon says city



A DRIVING FORCE (TIM GRAVES)

government and other forces work against all-age music spots.

"In L.A., the City goes out of its way to help; in San Diego everyone is afraid of doing something wrong. The

first week I opened, I was raided by the police. They said they had an anonymous tip that we were running a porn ring out of here. I told them if they even found so much as a Sears catalog with bra ads here I would be guilty. We were adamant about making this a family-safe place....

"This is one of the worst cities for an independent artist to try and start a career. There is a lack of venues. And reporters here are to blame too."

The Avalon will host three bands as part of the North by North Park festival on August 2. Guitarist Doug McCarron appears every Wednesday night.

— Ken Leighton

### Define Combat Zone

After performing in over 100 countries, San Diego-based Liquid Blue thought they might have a world record. The band

spent months researching the possibility of getting their accomplishment certified. After checking combos known for their stature and longevity, Liquid Blue band members were certain their entry into *The Guinness Book*

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the inside track

Megadeth, Guitar Hero 3).

"We looked briefly at local studios and even thought about recording it ourselves," says bassist Jimmy Zada. "Money and availability were issues, but after a few emails with Ryan, we jumped into the deep end."

Regarding Greene's fee, Zada says, "We'd rather not disclose the exact dollar amount, but it was ten times the amount we would have paid to do a local recording. Ryan was cool...he preferred

advertised, and hauled the wood to homes all over the county. We would sell a full cord of firewood for \$200. A half a cord was \$100, and we sold small bundles for \$5. That helped us raise a large part of the money.

"For recycling, we would save and recycle bottles and cans from any of our shows. We stripped wire, cleaned aluminum, crushed cans; we even took people's recycling that they put out on the street."

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of World Records would be a formality.

The group made contact with Guinness and got as far as filling out "tons of paperwork. They go out of their way to verify what someone is stating," says front man Scott Stephens. Despite proof of their claim, the band was excluded from the *Guinness Book* on a technicality.

"We could not count your [military] concerts," said Guinness researcher Scott Christie in an email to the band. "As with all our concert records, we need to see that these [shows] were open to the general public."

"We thought it was ludicrous," says Stephens. He points out that some countries the band performed in — such as Saudi Arabia and Palestine — allowed their performances only for the benefit of military personnel. "It doesn't make sense — we're there, we play, you would think it'd count."

According to Stephens, USO shows make up 25 percent of the group's touring schedule, with corporate gigs and cruises also a regular part of their road trips. Two other record-keeping organizations with less stringent reporting policies than Guinness (the Registry of Official World Records and Open Record

Book) have accepted the band's record for their listings.

Liquid Blue is signed in China, where they have a large fan base for their original tunes. In January, the band performed in Beijing for the opening Olympic ceremonies — part of their set was in Chinese.

"That's been our secret to getting to so many places," Stephen says. "We adapt."



LIQUID BLUE IN THE PHILIPPINES

The band plans to add North Korea and Iran to their list of concert locations as soon as is feasible.

"We do end up in a lot of places that some might consider dangerous, but really, it's no more so than driving through East Los Angeles."

— Bart Mendoza

### Love It, Hate It, Need It

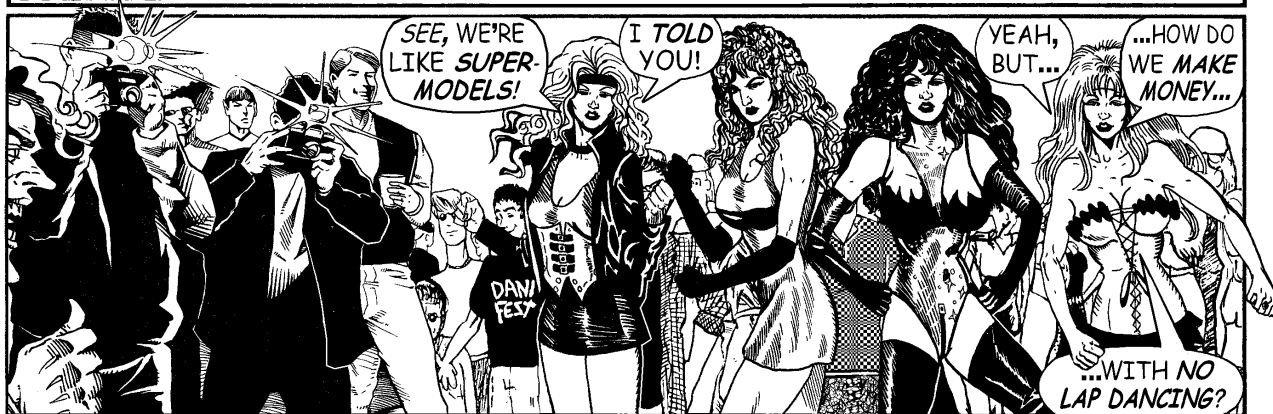
Former Viper Room booker Joe Rinaldi says he will continue to give San Diego bands the same love when he takes over one of the most prominent rock venues: the Sunset Strip House of Blues.

"Somebody bought the Viper Room," says Rinaldi, who spent four and a half years booking the 175-seat West Hollywood venue. "They wanted to do things differently with a different talent guy. We parted amicably."

Prince, Elvis Costello, and the Queens of the Stone Age played the Viper Room

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during Rinaldi's tenure. Rinaldi, who used to play in a local band called the Offenders, made it a point to book San Diego bands. By giving Dirty Sweet, Transfer, the Deere Johns, Reeve

Oliver, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, and Roses on Her Grave regular gigs at the Viper Room, those bands were able to nurture an L.A. fan base.

"Louis XIV made their L.A. debut at the Viper Room; Dirty Sweet ended up having a real strong market presence in L.A."

Rinaldi, 42, earned an economics degree from UCSD. He moved to L.A. to work for the now-defunct Ultimatum label (from 1998 to 2000), which signed local artists Moses Leroy and the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash.

Rinaldi says he got the attention of the Viper Room when he started booking free weekly concerts at the independent record store he opened in 2000.

"When the Viper Room

gig came up, it was easy to make the decision to close the record store. It was definitely going to go under just like all the Towers, most of the Wherehouses, and Rhino [record stores]."



JUMPSTARTED IN L.A. (ROSES ON HER GRAVE)

Rinaldi says the San Diego House of Blues and his club generally operate independently when it comes to booking local, unsigned bands. He says he will continue not to use pay-for-play, but bands that commit to a certain amount of tickets may get a better slot.

— Ken Leighton

**Knocking Bush** Local singer/songwriter Charlie Imes's new album includes the song "Worst Presnaden Ever," featuring the George W. Bush impersonator from *Harold &*

*Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay.*

"James Adomian is also the guy always playing Bush on *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*," says Imes, who describes how the impressionist came to be on his album:

"I produced DemocracyFest at SDSU's Open Air Theatre a while back, which included Cindy Lee Berryhill, Berkley Hart, Laurence Juber, and comedians like Al Franken and Marc Maron entertaining between speeches by politicians like Howard Dean and Maxine Waters.

"A year later, when I was recording 'Worst Presnaden Ever,' I contacted a couple of well-known Bush impersonators only to discover they wouldn't do this type of song knocking Bush. I even bugged my connections at liberal talk-radio stations, to no avail."

DemocracyFest comedian Marc Maron finally put Imes in touch with a willing Bush impersonator.

"So James Adomian was great, but now that I want to shoot a video of the song, he's a lot harder to track down and schedule."

The tune appears on Imes's upcoming album *On an Island* — also the name of a recent high-profile CD and DVD by Pink Floyd guitarist David Gilmour.

"*On an Island* seemed to work better than *The Wall*



KUMAR, THE PRESNADENT, AND HAROLD

around an *Island* or *Dark Side of an Island*," jokes Imes.

A CD-release party takes place August 16 in the Barefoot Bar on Mission Bay.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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**Jay Reatard** rides his Flying V into town behind garage-punk nuggets comp *Singles 06-07*. The Memphis mainstay signed to Matador this year to release a series of six singles. The first, "See Saw," dropped in April, and after some pre-order snafus — vinyl lifers can't get their greedy lil hands on these things fast enough — the second, a split with Deerhunter called "Fluorescent Grey," came out a couple weeks ago. Good luck finding either limited edition 7". For a full frontal of the Reatard experience, check



JAY REATARD AT CASBAH

out the DVD of his *Blood Visions* gig at NYC's Cakeshop; it's included with *Singles 06-07*. With Nashville psych-rock trio **Cheaptime** and home-town hits squad the **Sess**, this one's a no-brainer.... Miss the door at that Casbah gig, roll over to House of Blues where Mr. Mays is staging electro-pop duo P-Thugg and Dave 1, aka **Chromeo**, who are out to tout double-disc collection *Fancy Footwork*. (What kind of world do we live in where P-Thugg gets a bigger room than Jay freaking Reatard?!) Icelandic crunks **Steed Lord** set the downtown stage.... Acoustic cats **Greg Laswell** and the **White Buffalo** roam into Belly Up. This is local guy Laswell's CD-release thing for his latest (and critics say greatest), *Three Flights From Alto Nido*. Customers who bought this item also bought...**Emmylou Harris**'s latest, *All I Intended to Be*. The queen of country cool sails 30 years of touring and recording and 12 Grammys (!) into Humphrey's by the Bay.... Canes is the battlefield for another stage of the "Vans Warped Battle of the Bands." **Monday's Alibi**, **High Tide**, **Livid Virus**, **Higher Minds**, and **Throwing Seven** slug it out tonight.... All-ages Soma sets up Anderson, Indiana's favorite son, pop star **Jon McLaughlin**, who's out in support of his new Island disc, *OK Now*. Songsmiths **Jason Reeves** and **Tyler Beach** open.

## Friday 1

Was going to prop the new **Hold Steady** disc *Stay Positive* and call out their Casbah set as gig to get to, but the disc's sold out all over town and the tickets for this one are gone daddy gone.... So but anyway, local indie hits **Pinback** play a free "Four O'Clock Fridays" gig at the track. It's still *Autumn of the Seraphs* for Rob and Zack, and this fall, they'll tour it nationwide. Here's the thing with these shows, though. The first race is at 4:00. Post time for the Pinback show: around 8:00. And "free" means free with your \$6 track ticket, \$8 parking spot, and untold mental anguish on

the 5.... On your way back to town, UCSD campus collective Ché Café booked punk-pop akts **Grand Ole Party**, **Atoms**, and the **Crocodiles**....

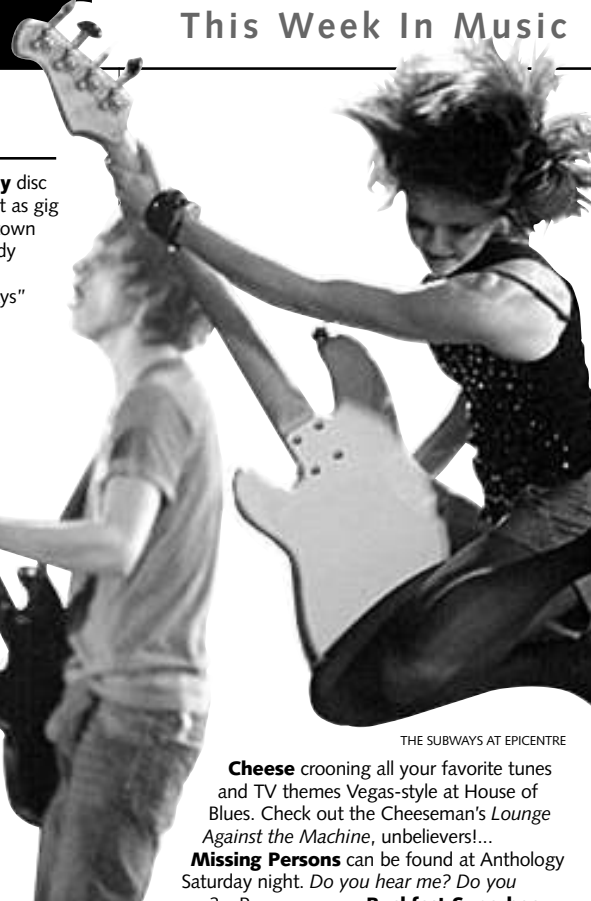
Cover crews the **Cured** and **Cash'd Out** ape their idols at House of Blues.... Shhh, there's a **Secret Apollo** CD-release giggle at Whistle Stop. You like novelty rock, you'll like *Homemade Time Machine* — "short songs for tall people".... A Qualcomm Concert on the Green features **Paramore**, **Jack's Mannequin**, and **Phantom Planet**.... The jazzy **Pocket** funks up Pink Elephant.... And **Frantic Romantic** and **Long Live Logos** pop-rock the Ken.

## Saturday 2

Hillcrest's straight neighbor asserts its Hitchcock-y-ness with the inaugural **North by North Park**, a multi-club music fest that's all over the map. There's a shuttle and a website. Go here for more



info: [sandiegomusicfoundation.org/nxnp](http://sandiegomusicfoundation.org/nxnp). And note the lineup at the Ken.... Not into the whole neighborhood thing, howzabout lounge lizard **Richard**



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**Missing Persons** can be found at Anthology Saturday night. *Do you hear me? Do you care?*.... Power poppers **Buckfast Superbee** meet Pall Jenkins's dub-rock crew **Mr. Tube** and the **Flying Objects** down at Casbah.... All else fails, violin rocker **Mark Wood** (Trans Siberian Orchestra) will throw down on his homemade electric violins at Brick by Brick.

## Sunday 3

**Subways** roll into Mira Mesa's Epicentre Sunday night. The UK trio are rock-roll revivalists of the "gar-raj" variety and are out in support of this summer's Butch Vig-produced collection *All or Nothing*, which rips and roars. Check out their Space takes, and we'll meet you at the iHop.... Positively equine, as **Horse Feathers** and **Calico Horse** join **Thao** and the **Get Down Stay Down** at Casbah.... *Are you ready to rumbuuuuu!!!!?* Blues-rock heavyweights **Buddy Guy** (five Grammys, yo!) and **George Thorogood** (purportedly "bad to the bone") go toe-to-toe at Viejas Casino. *Psst. Old-school drops big mouth in the first.*

## Monday 4

Big '80s new-wave thing, the "Regeneration Tour," lands at Viejas' Concerts in the Park Monday night. For the v. reasonable price of admission, ya get **Belinda Carlisle** (the Go-Gos), **ABC** ("The Look of Love"), **Human League** ("Don't You Want Me?"), **Naked Eyes** (don't remember them), and **Dead or Alive** ("You Spin Me Round"). Buffet not included.... Hot horns and heavy percussion hit Casbah, as Michiganders **Nomo** play the Anti-Monday meet-up. The nine-piece and the kitchen sink are out in support of *Ghost Rock*. Check your head at the door.... SanFran girly band **Excuses for Skipping** are out behind their first self-released full-length *Out of Work Early*. It's Sleater-Kinney-ish. They'll be at Beauty Bar with **LDR** and the **Kates**. Worth a look, listen if you're in the neighborhood.

## Tuesday 5

**Steely Dan** will be "reelin' in the years and stowing away the time" at Pala Tuesday night, as Becker and Fagen's "Think Fast" tour comes to town.... While country bump **Lyle Lovett** and **His Large Band** fill a bill at Humphrey's. Lovett's out behind last year's country-cosmopolitan collection *It's Not Big It's Large*. Uh-huh.

## Wednesday 6

N'awlins quartet the **Iguanas** slither into Belly Up Wednesday night. They call their sound "Chicano rock with a greasy New Orleans second-line/mambo flavor." Whatever.



THE IGUANAS AT BELLY UP

Always a party with the **Swingin' Kings**.... Heaviosity in Middletown as **Earthless** blasts off at Casbah. Check the psych-rock trio's debut *Rhythms from a Cosmic Sky*. Just a taste on the tip of your tongue ought to do it. **Titan**, **Ancestors**, and the **Long and Short of It** on the bill, with **John Biz** in the Atari.... Sides: **Hush Sound** and the **Cab** pull quietly up to Soma.... **La Quiete** (France), **Phoenix Bodies**, **Ghostlimb**, **Cheap Art**, and **Touche Amore** play Ché.... And **May Fire**, **Astra Heights**, and **Montenegro** coif at Beauty Bar.

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# Air It Out

*"I thought I could do a knee slide on my wooden floors, and that didn't work out very well."*

The spotlight lit up Erik Peterson as he stepped onto the stage at Dreamcatcher at Viejas dressed in a plaid kilt accessorized with shaggy fur wristbands and a plastic Viking helmet with fake blond braids. The crowd was silent as he slowly raised his right arm, his index finger pointed upwards to signal the start of the music.

When the first note jumped out of the speaker, Peterson became Tone Loki, leaping all over the stage, playing invisible solos and imaginary licks on his nonexistent guitar.

Peterson had driven from Albuquerque to compete in the San Diego leg of the U.S. Air Guitar National Championships. Contestants paid \$20 for the chance to pretend to play along with a favorite rock or metal tune edited down to 60 seconds. The winner bags \$400 and the chance to go on to compete against 23 other air-guitar champions at the August 8 nationals in San Francisco.

Some might scoff at the idea of pretending to jam to "Welcome to the Jungle" in front of a crowd of 200, but the night's lineup of air guitarists was dead serious about their "airness."

Three judges score the performances and throw out snappy burns and put-downs as critique — something like an R-rated *Gong Show*.

Backstage, the air guitarists were treated better than most touring bands. There were cases

of iced-down beer, bottles of Cuervo tequila, and trays of cheeses and other snacks.

All of the free-flowing beer had George "Madness" Hunter a little concerned. During introductions, Madness raised a giant, muscular arm and began to ask a question. "Last year somebody spilled some beer on the stage and left a big puddle, and it ruined my kicks...."

The organizers assured him his kicks would be okay. "It's a big stage. It's rock 'n' roll."

Madness drove down from San Gabriel to air guitar to Quiet Riot's instrumental "Battle Axe." His costume was classic '80s rocker: a long wig, tight-fitting sleeveless shirt, and crotch-bulging acid-wash jeans. Along with a couple of big kicks, Madness mixed in some pirouettes — which cost him points with the judges.

Along with Madness and Tone Loki, the majority of the night's performers were out-of-towners taking advantage of San Diego's low sign-up numbers. The Crusher cruised down from Costa Mesa, Gobo flew in from San Francisco, and L.A.'s Therocknessf\*\*\*ingmonster, a former national champion, arrived with the promoters aboard their giant tour bus.

Dan "the Man" Adams took the prize for longest travel distance. The Ohio resident hit the road to tour as an air guitarist, driving solo from town to town in his hybrid car.

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Yoko Airo

"I work for a school district, and I got a two-month unpaid leave of absence to do this," says Adams. "In Detroit I placed third, then fifth in Cleveland, seventh in Chicago."

At Viejas he was carried onstage on a hand truck decked out in a glittery Mylar suit, looking like a disco-y Hannibal Lecter. He pointed to the roof, and a 60-second edit of Quiet Riot's "Mental Health" rocked the house. Dan performed the song as if he owned it, but it wasn't enough for the judges.

Three of the four local competitors made it to the finals. The San Diegan failing to advance was Count Cougar Slayer, aka X1FM producer Andrew Wehrung.

Tierrasanta's Yoko Airo had this to say: "Anyone can get up there and pretend to strum, but it's really the moves that make it air guitar. It's known as 'airness' — that whole feeling of your head thrashing and the fretwork. You have kicks and jumps. I didn't have that kind of confidence to perform those things — I was one of those strummers. I started practicing, and people started telling me I was getting pretty good at it. I have some groupies out there."

While most of her competition was hanging out backstage drinking beer, Airo — Karin Roelke, pharmaceutical saleswoman — had her headphones on, one leg bouncing nervously to the sound of her edited-for-performance ver-

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## MUSIC SCENE

sion of AC/DC's "T.N.T."

"I basically consulted with people that grew up during that era," says Roelke. "A lot of people are closet air guitarists, but they don't want to admit it. Everyone who grew up during the Van Halen days,



Gobo

AC/DC, Guns N' Roses — everyone has an air guitar. So I would practice in front of them, and they would give me pointers. It's really a collabo-

ration of closet air guitarists, and I'm the embodiment of them."

Roelke points to her knees. "There's injuries involved. I took all the skin off my knees. I thought I could do a knee slide in my house on my wooden floors, and that didn't work out very well." Many of the competitors had scabs on their knees from home-practice sliding sessions.

Onstage, with Angus Young blasting through the P.A., Roelke tore off her conservative business suit to reveal a denim skirt, fishnet stockings, and studded wristbands. Airo's airness would land her in the finals.

Bonita's Joseph Balan, aka J-Prime, is a junior high math teacher by day and an actor by night. While he mostly listens to hip-hop, he thought air guitar to Trans-Siberian Orchestra's intricate fretting would set him apart from the hard-rock competitors. That and some thrashed-out Russian dancing earned him a spot in the finals.

The air-guitar underdog was Mary Jane, who dances to Slipknot, Hatebreed, and Marilyn Manson at Little Darlings in Lemon Grove. Despite her dancing career, she sat backstage pounding beer, nervous about playing her invisible axe and describing the butterflies as the embarrassed feeling of "being caught on the toilet."

She sauntered out and her dancer instinct took over. She

whipped her blonde mane around to a Mudvayne tune and worked a make-believe stripper pole. When the scores were tallied, the Crusher and Gobo would take on locals J-

before.

"I was totally ripped off," says Todd Nakagawa, aka Gobo. "I missed second round by .3 points because I did not have a costume, and that's



Therocknessf\*\*\*ingmonster

Prime, Yoko Airo, and Mary Jane.

Gobo called in sick to work to compete at this event after failing to advance to the San Francisco city finals two nights

what pisses me off. I take this totally seriously. This is f\*\*\*ing dead serious. It's a f\*\*\*ing art form, but a lot of people have turned it into a freak show who need some costume or gim-

mick. Yeah, you need to get the crowd going, but it's a frickin' art form. Hey, the Finns know that, the Europeans know that, and even in the documentary [*Air Guitar Nation*, 2006] they mocked America because they think we don't take it seriously. But there are a bunch of us that do.

"I've been doing this since I was a kid. One of my best memories is listening to Santana's 'She's Not There.' I was a one-man band. I was playing guitar with my tennis racket, playing drums with — and this sounds really stupid — with a chopstick sticking out of my butt and kicking like this, and my mom is yelling, 'What the hell are you doing?'"

The five finalists would compete against national champion and twice national runner-up Therocknessf\*\*\*ingmonster — L.A.'s Fatima Hoang.

Hoang, a star in the air-guitar community, was here to crush the locals so he could capture a spot in the nationals after losing in L.A. the night before. Hoang says he's hanging up his air guitar and retiring after this tour.

Tonight's winner would be decided by the ability to air to Skid Row's hair-metal anthem "Youth Gone Wild." Edited down from more than three minutes, the 60-second version had everything for an air guitarist — guitar breaks, drum fills, and a deafening chorus.

The five novices were no contest for Therocknessf\*\*\*ingmonster's experience and air versatility. A surprised Mary Jane took second and cele-



J-Prime

brated backstage by handing out free passes to Little Darlings. Gobo was proud to place third after his disappointing showing in San Francisco. Yoko Airo grabbed fourth and J-Prime came in fifth, with both locals pleased with their performances.

There wasn't much time for congratulations — Skynyrd's "Free Bird" began pouring out of the speakers, calling the evening's air guitarists to the stage for an all-star jam. ■

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*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Misty & the Mobys. Covers/standards/rock.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*Thursday* — The B Foundation and Ballyhoo. With the Daniel Wesley Band. Reggae/rock.  
*Friday* — Mower, 12 Cent, Critical Me. Metal/punk/rock.  
*Saturday* — OPM, Irieside, Straight Trippin. With Science of Sydney. Reggae/rock/ska.  
*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Moontucky Risin. Bluegrass/psychedelic/classic rock. \$5.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:**  
4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave. Cowboy singer-songwriters. \$15-\$45.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Arturo Sandoval. Jazz. \$43.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Johnny Polanco. CD-release show. Salsa/jazz. \$18.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Missing Persons. With Dale Bozzio. New wave/pop/rock. \$32-\$36.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Carrie Rodriguez. Alternative/folk/country. \$23.  
*Sunday* — KaiserCartel. Indie/alternative/acoustic.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Jesse Palter. Jazz/pop. \$12.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Daby Toure. World. \$15.

**Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:** 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Farrell Family Jazz. Pianist Kevin Hays and Israeli saxophonist Eli Degibri perform for series hosted by Athenaeum. \$19-\$24.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Kevin Hays & Eli Degibri. New York-based duo performs for Farrell Family Jazz series hosted by Athenaeum. \$19-\$24.

**Bahia Resort Hotel:** 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-488-0551.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Jim Lair and Warren Bryant. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**Beach Grass Café:** 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632.  
*Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Sambajazz. Brazilian and American jazz.

**Beach Grass Café North:** 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-942-2750.  
*Thursdays*, 6 p.m. — Sambajazz. Brazilian and American jazz.

**Beauty Bar:** 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.  
*Thursday* — Fever Sleeves and AntiQuark. Indie rock/pop/electro. \$5.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Greg Laswell. With the White Buffalo. Acoustic/soul/rock. \$12-\$14.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Rub-A-Dub Friday. Live reggae music. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The English Beat. With the Amalgamated. Soul/reggae/pop punk. \$20.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano. \$10.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The Iguanas and the Swingin' Kings. Zydeco/rock/Latin. \$12-\$14.

**Birch North Park Theatre:**  
2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio. With Rebecca Albers (viola) and Mike Block (cello). \$41-\$51.

**Bird Park:** 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park.  
*Saturday*, 5:30 p.m. — Gato Papacitos. Gypsy, nuevo-flamenco, and alt-country on offer for summer concert series. 619-923-2979.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Mundo Girls and Los Pocos. With Un Dia o Dos and Muralla. *Rock en español*/ska. \$5.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Discord, Black Ambulance, Despite the Wolves.

With Silence Betrayed. Metal/hardcore. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Mark Wood. The electric violinist performs with Hectic Watermelon, Maldonado, and Agent 22. Alternative/rock/funk.

**Cafe Lamaze:** 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222.  
*Fridays and Saturdays*, 7 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues.  
*Sundays*, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

**The Calypso Café:** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**Calypso Fish House:** 190 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-230-1828.  
*Sunday*, 6:30 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Dead Man's Party. An Oingo Boingo tribute. \$13.  
*Sunday*, 2 p.m. — Split Finger. Reggae/rock.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Ooklah the Moc. Reggae/dub/roots. \$15-\$18.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Freedom Sessions. With Circa Now and Circus Junkies. Blues/rock/acoustic. \$10-\$12.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
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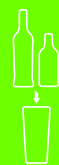
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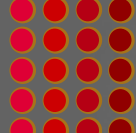
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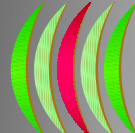
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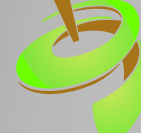
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*Sunday*, 8:30 p.m. — Thao & the Get Down Stay Down. With Horse Feathers and Calico Horse. Indie/folk/pop. \$10.  
*Monday*, 8:30 p.m. — Nomo. Afrobeat/rock. \$8.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Titan, Earthless, John Biz. With Ancestors and the Long & Short of It. Alternative/psychedelic/indie. \$8.

**Chateau Orleans:** 926 Turquoise Street (near Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz guitarist.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Grand Ole Party, the Atoms, Crocodiles. Alternative rock/funk. \$7.  
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**Claire de Lune:** 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Scott Wilson. Acoustic set on the Basement Stage. \$12.

**Del Mar Thoroughbred Club:** 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1141.  
*Friday* — Pinback. Indie rock.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
*Friday, Saturday* — Phat Daddy. Classic and modern rock.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Toni Price. Blues/roots. \$15.

**Dream Street Live:** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.  
*Thursday* — Project Analogue and Four Seconds Forever. With Jack's Last Bullet. Alternative/rock/punk.

**Ellen Browning Scripps Park:** 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla.  
*Sunday*, 2 p.m. — The Corvettes. Doo-wop and Motown tunes for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea. 858-454-1600.

**Embarcadero Marina Park South:** 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — "A Celtic Celebration." Eileen Ivers — changing "the way you think about the violin" — joins Matthew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert. Guests: Brian Baynes (guitar), Eric Rigler (uilleann pipes). Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.  
*Friday and Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — "Mancini at the Movies." Monica Mancini presents salute to her father, Henry Mancini, with conductor Matthew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts. Movie clips promised. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.

**Encinitas Library:** 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas.  
*Sunday*, 2 p.m. — San Diego Taiko. Combines elements of dance, music, and theater. There is an additional audience-participation segment at the end of the show. 760-753-7376.



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**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.  
*Thursdays* — Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk.

**George's on Fifth:** 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444.  
*Fridays and Saturdays*, 6:30 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

**The Handlery Hotel and Resort:** 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — John Katchur. Acoustic rock.  
*Sunday*, 12:30 p.m. — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock.  
*Wednesday*, 5 p.m. — Christopher Dale. Acoustic/pop/rock.

**Harry Griffen Regional Park:** 9550 Mildren Street, La Mesa, 919-667-1307.  
*Sunday*, 4 p.m. — Charlie Imes. With his Hodad Surf Club Band. Acoustic/jazz/pop.

**Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp:** 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994.  
*Friday*, 10 p.m. — Bluefish. Covers/standards/rock.  
*Sundays*, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve Duo. Jazz.  
*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Brooklyn & Bradley. Covers/acoustic/rock.

**Hennessey's Tavern - PB:** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. A blend of jazz, Celtic, and Latin music.

**Hornblower Cruises:** 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — Cool Fever. Blues/soul. \$66.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Chromeo. Electro/funk.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — The Cured. A tribute to the Cure. Cash'd Out also performs a tribute to Johnny Cash. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Richard Cheese. "America's loudest lounge singer." \$27-\$37.  
*Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Cavallera Conspiracy. With Dillinger Escape Plane, Throwdown, Bury Your Dead, and Incite. Metal/hardcore. \$25.

**Humphrey's Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*Thursday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Cash Kings. A tribute to Johnny Cash. \$5.

*Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — Crush. Covers/standards/dance. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — Viva Santana. A tribute to Carlos Santana. \$12.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Patrick Yandall. Smooth-jazz guitarist. \$12.  
*Monday*, 9:30 p.m. — Chet Cannon. Blues.  
*Tuesday*, 9:30 p.m. — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock. \$5.  
*Wednesday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Soul Persuaders. Sweet soul music. \$5.

**Humphrey's by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Emmylou Harris. Folk/alternative/country. \$55.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Dolly Parton. Country/pop. \$125.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo. Classic rock/pop. \$60.  
*Monday*, 7:30 p.m. — Huey Lewis & the News. Pop rock/soul. \$85.



*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Boz Scaggs. Rock/soul/blues. \$65.

**Jack's La Jolla:** 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. Piano Bar. Every day of the week in the Ocean Room.

**Jimmy Love's:** 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. *Wednesdays*, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

**The Jumping Turtle:** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778. *Thursday* — Origin, Abysmal Dawn, Arkaik. With Misery Index, Under the Stone, and Dead Serial Killers. Metal/hardcore. *Friday* — Flashburn. CD-release show with Lead Burns Red, American Horsepower, Canobliss, Individual, and Eken Is Dead. Metal/hardcore/punk. *Saturday* — Wednesday 13 and Sanu. With Deadman Court, Black Chapel, and Squirrely Arts. Punk/experimental/metal. *Mondays* — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform. *Wednesday* — Random Order and With Bare Hands. Rock/metal.

**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. *Friday* — The Frantic Romantic and Long Live Logos. With Children of Nova. Alternative/rock/pop. *Saturday* — Vision of a Dying World and the Sess. With the Crocodiles and Fantastic Magic. Indie/folk rock/punk.

**Koehler Kraft Boat Yard:** 2302 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-222-9051. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band. Contemporary jazz.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Farmers. Alternative/rock. *Sundays*, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock.

**The Lake Wohlford Cafe:** 25484 Lake Wohlford Road, Escondido, 760-749-6585. *Saturday*, 11 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues.

**Lakeside Library:** 9839 Vine Street, Lakeside, 619-443-1811. *Wednesday*, 6 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Jim Lair and Warren Bryant. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center:** 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. *Monday*, 7:30 p.m. — Joshua Nelson. The "king of kosher gospel music" returns to the ninth annual San Diego Jewish Music Festival. *Monday*, 7:30 p.m. — "The Prince of Kosher Gospel Music." Gospel-singing Jewish African-American Joshua Nelson "combines African-American spiritual styles with Jewish liturgical music." 858-362-1348. \$10-\$35.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *Thursday* — Tim Bianco, Lelia Broussard, the Predicates. Indie/pop/soul. *Friday* — Cotton Fever. Roots/country/rock. *Saturday* — Billy Midnight, Gregory Page, Steve Harris. With guests. Country/rock/blues. *Sunday*, 9 p.m. — The Applebrown Jazz Ensemble. With Gabriel Sundy, Peter August, Andy Geib, Nazo Zakkak, Harley Magsino, and Dave Pschaida. Jazz. \$7.

**The Lumberyard Shopping Center:** 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 619-987-1277. *Saturday*, 6 p.m. — Keith Jacobson.

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**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646. *Fridays*, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.

*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — The Stilettoes. Rockabilly/jazz/roots.

**Memorial Park Bowl:** 373 Park Way, Chula Vista. *Sunday*, 5 p.m. — Fattburger. Smooth jazz for "Music in the Park" series. 619-585-5682.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Metal Showcase.

**Moonlight Beach:** 200 B Street, Encinitas.

*Sunday*, 3 p.m. — Lee Coulter. Acoustic rock for Summer Sunday Concerts by the Sea. Dogs, alcohol, glass, smoking prohibited on beach. 760-633-2740.

**Nancy's Pub:** 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834. *Sundays*, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of traditional blues, swing, and rock. Ages 21 and up.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Pollo Del Mar, the Madeira, the Secret Samurai. With Zombie Surf Camp. Surf/rock/punk. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Dan Padilla and Bitchin Summer. With Parasites Go! Punk/rock. *Sunday*, 9 p.m. — Laserwolf & Thunderbolt. Southern rock/punk. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Bill Cardinal

and Lands on Fire. With Dresden's Burning. Country/alternative/punk.

**Old Town State Historic Park:** 4002 Wallace Street, Old Town. *Saturday*, 4:30 p.m. — Paradise. A tribute to Carlos Santana in the Plaza Del Pasado.

**Osetra:** 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. *Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes

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*Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
*Thursday* — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/soul.  
*Friday* — The Blues Brokers and the Road Dogs. Blues/soul.  
*Saturday* — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.  
*Sunday* — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk.  
*Monday* — Nathan James & Ben Hernandez. Roots/acoustic/blues duo.  
*Tuesday* — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz/soul.  
*Wednesday* — Missy Andersen. Blues/soul/funk.

**Poinsettia Park :** 6600 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Roddie Romero and the Hub City All Stars. Cajun and zydeco music for TGIF Jazz in the Parks series. 760-434-2904.

**Portugalia:** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-

7678.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters. Middle Eastern lounge and Indian fusion. \$10.

**Prescott Promenade:** 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — The Hayriders. Rockabilly for Concerts on the Green. 619-401-8858.

**Quail Botanical Gardens:** 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, 760-436-3036.  
*Sunday*, 5 p.m. — The Gilbert Castellanos Latin Jazz Quintet. Group is joined by Irving Flores for summer jazz concert series. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. (\$45 includes food); concert at 5:45 p.m. (\$22 without dinner). Reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. \$22-\$45.

**Qualcomm Stadium:** 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Paramore and Jack's Mannequin. With Phantom Planet. Alternative rock/pop. \$30.

**Ramona Rodeo Grounds:** 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona.  
*Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Hal Ketchum. Country, folk rock, and bluegrass for the Ramona County Fair. \$15-\$30.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn:** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500.  
*Fridays*, 5:30 p.m., *Saturdays*, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Jazz/variety.

**Riley's:** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635.  
*Saturdays* — Live bands every Saturday night.  
*Wednesdays*, 9 p.m. — Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

**Robbie's Roadhouse:** 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2365.

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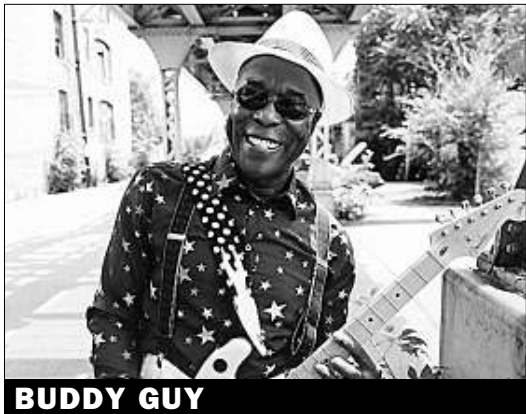
BY DAVE GOOD

Halfway into the evening, **Buddy Guy** — wearing an electric-blue jumpsuit, his black Stratocaster covered with those trademark white polka dots — is playing a solo, a real ripper. Without interruption he walks off the stage and vanishes into the wings. He is gone for what seems a long while, band still playing and him still soloing from wherever it is he has disappeared to. "He's probably taking a leak," says my friend. It is at this moment that Guy, still honking out the same mean, long, loud guitar solo, walks back out into the stage lights and approaches the microphone. "I was *not* in the bathroom," he says, "contrary to what y'all may be thinking. I was trying to come out there in the audience

and be with y'all, but security wouldn't let me pass." He grins.

Then, with a flick of the neck of his guitar, he stops the band. "Done with that," he says. "Here's how Muddy would have played that same thing." He starts up again and takes it to a whole new place. That, I realize, is why you go to a Buddy Guy concert — not because he's a living blues legend or any of that. You go to see Buddy Guy because he is entertaining.

Buddy Guy is by now old enough to have performed at four decades of Montreux jazz festivals. Ignored by American listeners during the '50s and '60s, Guy's career took off when British rock stars copied his style and brought it back to these shores in the form of pop hits. Thereafter, Guy's stage mojo would continue to worm its way into the very essence of the following generation of guitar heroes — heavies like Eric Clapton and Jimi



**BUDDY GUY**

Hendrix. Forget about his stage jokes — if it's about an electric guitar, Buddy Guy is the man.

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**BUDDY GUY, Viejas Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 3, 7 p.m. 619-445-5400. \$56.**

*Saturday*, 6:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**Rock Bottom:** 401 G Street, Downtown, 619-231-7000.  
*Thursday* — Pro2Call. Jazz/funk.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.  
*Tuesdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Bdub's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards every Tuesday, with Bryan Whelan, Doug Walker, Laurel Grinnell, and friends.

**The Round Table Cocktail Lounge:** 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000.

*Tuesdays*, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue. Blues.

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church:** 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Mike Lopez. Singer, songwriter, guitarist in concert for San Diego Folk Heritage. 858-566-4040. \$15-\$18.

**Seaport Village:** 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.  
*Sunday*, 1 p.m. — Blue Rockit. Blues/rock.

**Second Wind (Magnolia):** 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350.  
*Thursday* — Damnation.

**Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.  
*Thursday* — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano.  
*Sunday* — Angel Lebron y Su Sabor Latino. Classic salsa.  
*Mondays*, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.  
*Tuesday* — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney. Salsa/Latin/tropical.  
*Wednesday* — Charlie Chavez y Su Afro Truco. Salsa.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Jon McLaughlin and Jason Reeves. Pop rock. \$10.

*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Plane Without a Pilot. CD-release show with Just Like Jenna, New Age Heroes, the Motives, and more. Pop/punk. \$8.  
*Wednesday*, 6:30 p.m. — The Hush Sound and the Cab. With Steel Train and the Morning Light. Rock/soul/pop. \$12.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.  
*Thursdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.  
*Fridays*, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz.  
*Saturdays*, 8:30 p.m. — Open blues jam. With Will Jackson.  
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**Sun Aug 3rd**  
9pm- Jesse Nova  
Kenny Eng  
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**Mon Aug 4th**  
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**Thurs Aug 7th**  
9pm- Crash Engine  
Holding Air Hostage

**Mon Aug 11th**  
9pm- Killer Karaoke

**Thurs Aug 14th**  
9pm- Yesterdays Papers  
Lessons from Zeke

**Mon Aug 18th**  
9pm- Killer Karaoke

**Tue Aug 19th**  
10pm- Radiostar

**Wed Aug 20th**  
10pm- Maddox Revolution

**Thurs Aug 21st**  
8pm- Eric James Polyn  
The Flowerthief  
Katie Leigh  
Cheeky  
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**Mon Aug 25th**  
9pm- Killer Karaoke

**Thurs Aug 28th**  
9pm- New Colossus  
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*Tuesday*, 6:15 p.m. — San Diego Concert Band. Classic Broadway for Twilight in the Park summer concert series. 619-239-0512.  
*Wednesday*, 6:15 p.m. — Working Cowboy. Country for Twilight in the Park summer concert series. 619-239-0512.

**Stage Saloon:** 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862.  
*Fridays* — Trainwreck.  
*Saturday* — The Disco Pimps.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Blackie and Ga-Boi. Hip-hop.

**Standley Park and Recreation Center:** 3585 Governor Drive, University City.  
*Sunday*, 5 p.m. — The Will Faerber Band. With Greg Pardue. Blues/jazz/rock.

**Terra:** 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088.  
*Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz guitarist.

**Thrusters Lounge:** 4633 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-6334.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.

**Tio Leo's Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
*Friday* — Shake Out. Rockabilly.  
*Saturday* — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire. A tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughan.

**Trolley Barn Park:** 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida Street, University Heights.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Nitro Express. Classic country, rhythm and blues for Summer in the Park concert series. 619-297-3166.

**Turf Supper Club:** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363.  
*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — J.D. Boucharde. Acoustic/jazz/rock.

**Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — The Jones Revival. Classic rock at the Main Stage bar.  
*Friday*, 4 p.m. — The Fabulous Pelicans. Covers/standards at the Main Stage bar.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards at the Main Stage bar.  
*Saturday*, 4 p.m. — Hot Rod Lincoln. Acoustic, roots, and rockabilly at the Main Stage bar.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Old School. At the main stage bar.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — The Temptations and the Four Tops. Concerts at Valley View Casino. \$60.

**Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park:** 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.  
*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — George Thorogood and Buddy Guy. \$46-\$56.  
*Monday*, 7:30 p.m. — The Regeneration Tour. With Belinda Carlisle, the Human League, ABC, Dead or Alive, and Naked Eyes. \$40-\$46.

**Waterfront Bar & Grill:** 2044 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy.  
*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks. Blues/soul.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
*Friday* — Cubensis. Grateful Dead tribute.  
*Saturday* — Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra. Funk/jazz/rock.  
*Mondays*, 9 p.m. — The Electric Waste Band. Grateful Dead tribute. \$7.

**UPCOMING SHOWS**

**1st Street Bar:** 656 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0233.  
*September 13* — Misty & the Mobys.

**4th & B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*August 9* — DJ Quik.

*August 16* — Mack 10.  
*September 2* — Ice Cube.  
*September 6* — Xavier Rudd.  
*September 16* — Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds.  
*October 1* — Gogol Bordello.  
**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*August 9* — Jim Kveskin.  
*September 6* — *Trippin' the Sixties*.  
*September 21* — Willy Porter.  
*October 4* — Eric Andersen.  
*October 5* — David LaFlamme and

It's a Beautiful Day.  
*October 25* — Eliza Gilkyson.  
*November 9* — Ellis Paul.  
*November 28* — Tom Russell.

**Adams Recreation Center:** 3491 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-235-1149.  
*August 24* — Wee Rock Music Festival.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*August 8* — Larry Carlton.  
*August 9* — The Midnight

Ramblers.  
*August 10* — Toni Redd.  
*August 12, August 13* — The Fabulous Thunderbirds.  
*August 15* — Dwele.  
*August 16* — Michael Ward.  
*August 17* — Seth Walker.  
*August 19* — Bridget Brigitte, Cynthia Hammond, Steven Ybarra.  
*August 20, August 21, August 22, August 23* — Steve Tyrell.  
*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.  
*September 3* — Sadao Watanabe.  
*September 5, September 6* — Strunz & Farah.  
*September 9* — Rockola.  
*September 10* — Tim Finn.  
*September 12, September 13* — Larry Coryell.  
*September 19* — Hiroshima.  
*September 23* — Solas.  
*September 24, September 25* — The Average White Band.



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**Lindsey Buckingham**  
Tuesday, September 16 • 8:00



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**David Byrne**  
"Songs of David Byrne and Brian Eno"  
Thursday, October 2 • 7:30



**Emmylou Harris**  
with special guests Jimmy Gaudreau & Moondi Klein  
Thursday, July 31 • 7:30



**Dolly Parton**  
Friday, Aug. 1 • 8:00



**Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo**  
Sunday, Aug. 3 • 7:30



**Huey Lewis & The News**  
Monday, Aug. 4 • 7:30



**Lyle Lovett & his Large Band**  
Tuesday, Aug. 5 • 7:30



**Boz Scaggs**  
with special guest Peter Jacobs-Strain  
Wednesday, Aug. 6 • 7:30

**AUGUST**

8/8 '60s Invasion featuring Peter & Gordon/Gerry & The Pacemakers/Gary Lewis & The Playboys  
8/9 Jordin Sparks/Jesse McCartney  
8/10 UB40 featuring guest vocalist Maxi Priest  
8/11 David Sanborn Group/Lee Ritenour  
8/13 Michael McDonald with special guest LeRoy Bell  
8/14 Joe Cocker

9/12 Alan Parsons Live Project  
9/13 Air Supply with special solo performance by Graham Russell/Christopher Cross  
9/16 Lindsey Buckingham  
9/21 Musiq Soulchild  
9/25 Kenny G  
9/28 Etta James & The Roots Band

8/15 Tower of Power  
8/18 Gipsy Kings  
8/19 Steve Winwood  
8/24 Bill Maher  
8/25 Hootie & The Blowfish (date change)  
8/26 Lucinda Williams with special guest Buick 6

**OCTOBER**

10/2 David Byrne: Songs of David Byrne & Brian Eno  
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September 26 — The Eve Selis Band.  
September 27 — Livingston Taylor.

**Bar Leucadian:** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.

August 15 — Hear No Evil.

**The Bar Pink Elephant:** 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.

August 8 — Muck & the Mires.

**Barefoot Bar and Grill:** 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Beach, 858-581-5960.

August 16 — Charlie Imes.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

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 Tornadoes.

August 15 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.  
August 16 — The B-Side Players.  
August 20 — Franklin Lounge and Sky Held Sun.

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 26 — Los Amigos Invisibles.

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 9 — The Toadies.

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 — Bootsy Collins.

September 27 — Common Sense and LA 5.

September 28 — Greg Brown.

September 30 — Johnny Winter.

October 1 — The Dandy Warhols.

October 2 — The Black Lips and Grand Ole Party.

October 3 — Dr. John & the Lower 911.

October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.

October 5 — John Brown's Body.

October 6 — Nick Lowe.

October 8 — Lotus.

October 9 — Joan Osborne and Matt Morris.

October 12 — Jolie Holland.

October 13 — Galactic.

October 22 — Taj Mahal.

October 23 — The Presidents of the United States of America.

October 24 — Stereolab and Monade.

October 27 — Sonya Kitchell & the Slip.

October 28 — The Mountain Goats and Kaki King.

October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.

November 6 — Keller Williams, Moseley, Droll, & Sipe.

**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,

## NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Hush Sound** came together in late 2004 when pianist-singer **Greta Salpeter** and guitarist-singer **Bob Morris**, who met as kids, started writing songs in Chicago. The duo became a quartet with the addition of bassist **Chris Faller** and drummer **Darren Wilson**, both of whom also sing. By early 2005 they were recording their first album without having ever played a show together. Fittingly, the album was titled *So Sudden*, but things were about to start moving even more quickly. One of the guys in Panic at the Disco heard the band online and emailed the ubiquitous Pete Wentz of Fall Out Boy, who quickly signed them to his

Decaydance record label, an imprint of phenomenally successful Fueled By Ramen Records.

The Hush Sound quickly acquired a following with their irresistible, tuneful songs, most of which are set to a bouncy, piano-driven rhythm. It's a fun sound, kind of old-timey in spite of the big, distorted guitars and the state-of-the-art, radio-friendly production.

Even if you're a bit put off by the Hush Sound's story — which, frankly, sounds like something made up by an aging record executive eager to hook young users of this "MySpace" thing he keeps hearing about — the songs stand on their own. And the songs are smarter than you might think. On "Honey," from the band's third album *Goodbye Blues*, Salpeter sings, "Honey, honey, honey" so sweetly that you almost don't notice that she's singing about an abu-



THE HUSH SOUND

sive lover.

If all those bouncy piano rhythms are still too cute for you, well, to paraphrase another Fueled By Ramen artist, cute is what they aim for.

**THE HUSH SOUND, Soma, Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m. 619-226-7662. \$12.**

619-239-8836.

October 18 — Gaelic Storm.

**Bird Park:** 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park.

August 16 — The Hayriders.

**Bistro D'Vine:** 3709 Avocado Road, Rancho San Diego, 619-660-2222.

August 7 — David Burnett.

**The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.  
August 7 — Crash Encore and Holding Air Hostage.  
August 14 — Yesterday's Papers and Lessons from Zeke.  
August 21 — Cathryn Beeks Showcase.

August 28 — New Colossus and Dreamtigger.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.

August 8 — Canibus and Dylan Dillinjah.

August 10 — Acoustic Alliance.  
August 13 — Garrison Starr and Derren Raser.

August 14 — Rhythm & the Method and Roxy Blue.

**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 Sustainable Energy:** 8690 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont.  
October 18 — Linda Purl & Lee Lessack.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:** 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.  
September 26 — Rickie Lee Jones.  
October 22 — Amy Grant.  
October 28 — Vince Gill.

**Campus Lot - Ace Parking:** Imperial Avenue & Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-233-6624.  
August 23 — SoCo Music Experience.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

August 7 — Agent Orange and Critical Me.

August 8 — The Concrete Project.

August 10 — Roots Vision.

August 13 — Deaf Zero, Scarry Garry, Inberst.

August 14 — Thumtack, JayWat, Anti Citizen.

August 14 — The Vokab Kompany and Mental Groove.

August 15 — Lights, Jumping Jack Flash, Springsteen.

August 16 — Michael Palmer and Lambs Blood.

August 17 — Project: Out of Bounds.

August 21 — Moontucky Risin and Rhythm & the Method.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

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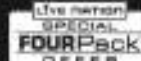
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August 28 — The Melvins and Big Business.  
August 29 — Stranger, High Tide, Psydecar.  
August 30 — Little Brother and Wylde Bunch.  
August 31 — Atomic Punks.  
September 4 — The Theory of Funkativity.  
September 5 — Guttermouth and Chaser.  
September 6 — Cash’d Out.  
September 11 — Ekolu.  
September 13 — The B-Side Players and Agua Dulce.  
September 17 — Thriving Ivory and Glacier Hiking.  
September 20 — Tainted Love.  
October 11 — Andre Nickatina.  
October 18 — Stranger.  
October 24 — Lights.

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August 7 — Matt Curreri & the Exfriends and Paul Curreri.  
August 8 — Joshua James and Cory Chisel.  
August 8 — Transfer and A.M. Vibe.  
August 9 — Manic Hispanic.  
August 10 — The Silent Comedy and Or, the Whale.  
August 13 — Octopus Project and Meho Plaza.  
August 14 — Calico Horse, Colorstore, Swim Party.  
August 15 — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich.  
August 16 — Ilya and Student Film.  
August 18 — War Stories.  
August 19 — Wendy Darling.

August 21 — Jeremy Enigk.  
August 22 — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram.  
August 23 — Beachwood Sparks.  
August 24 — El Vez.  
August 25 — Buddy Akai and Head Like a Kite.  
August 26 — Circa Now and Whiskey Circus.  
August 27 — HiFi Colossi and the Littlest Viking.  
August 28 — Kill Me Tomorrow and Max Fields.  
August 29 — Neil Halstead and Miranda Lee Richards.  
August 29 — Get Back Loretta.  
August 30 — Polvo and Trans Am.  
August 31 — Manual Scan and Self-Made Men.  
September 1 — Southern Culture on the Skids.  
September 3 — The Wombats and Pop Noir.  
September 5 — Transfer, Calico Horse, Swim Party.  
September 6 — Witch and Earthless.  
September 9 — Bodies of Water and Throw Me the Statue.  
September 10 — Tom Baxter and Charlie Winston.  
September 17 — Dr. Dog, Delta Spirit, Hacienda.  
September 18 — The Wedding Present.  
September 19 — Liam Finn and the Veils.  
September 20 — Cash’d Out.  
September 21 — Miles Hunt, Wayne Hussey, Lisa Dewey.  
September 23 — Silver Jews.  
September 25 — Federico Aubele.  
September 28 — Ra Ra Riot and Walter Meego.  
October 9 — Quintron & Ms. Pussycat.  
October 10 — Bang Camaro.  
October 14 — The Rumble Strips.  
October 17 — Born Ruffians.  
October 20 — Brightblack Morning Light.  
November 2 — Chuck Ragan, Tom



## >hometown CDs

BY OLLIE

**Album:** *Cowley Road* (2008)  
**Artist:** Gayle Skidmore  
**Label:** self-released  
**Where available/price:** At live shows for \$10; online at iTunes for 99 cents per downloaded song.  
**Songs:** 1) Cheap Imitation 2) Just for Now 3) Still 4) So Beautiful 5) Crazy 6) Cowley Road (live)  
**Band:** Gayle Skidmore (vocals, guitar, piano, banjo, melodica, glockenspiel, bells, toy piano), Aaron Bowen (lap steel, percussion, vocals), Darren Plies (bass), Holly Nigh (violin), Christopher Chelpka (cello), Jake Najor (drums), Nicole Fox (vocals)  
**Website:** [gayleskidmore.com/blog](http://gayleskidmore.com/blog)

Gayle Skidmore sings the blues, although you wouldn’t recognize it as such. Her songs draw nar-ratives about confronta-tions, using oblique

vignettes to tell the stories. In her first song, she sings the melancholy, biting, jilted lines, “I knew better or so I said/ Wrote you a letter I’m glad you never read/ because I was just

Gabel, Ben Nichols, Tim Barry.  
November 15 — Mudhoney.  
November 28 — Deerhunter.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.  
August 9 — Vitamin Piss, Spring Break!, Cheap Art.  
August 14 — Mister Valentine.  
August 15 — Weatherbox, Lanterns, BoomSnake.  
August 22 — Get Back Loretta and Man Without Wax.  
August 23 — Monsters from Mars, James Rabbit, Da Bears.  
August 29 — Matt & Kim and Best

Fwends.  
September 5 — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts.

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

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

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a cheap imitation of the girl you loved.”

She continues the feel-ing-down theme in the sec-ond song: “We had better leave it broken/ We should just let it be broken.” Para-phrasing countless bluesmen, “She’s a good woman feel-ing bad.”

The music accompany-ing these agonized ballads isn’t your traditional Delta or Chicago lineup of guitar, har-monica, and piano; Skidmore pairs quirky (toy piano and banjo) and classical (cello and violin) with satisfying results.

“So Beautiful” and “Crazy” take a lighter turn, and our heroine seems to land a good someone to love. The tunes include the same plucky melodies as the sad songs.

“Cowley Road” is my favorite of the album. She



Gayle Skidmore

shrugs off the sometimes-stuffy orchestral string section and oddball plucking banjo for the power of her bare voice and one acoustic guitar. When she sings of “unbearable pain,” her ferocious voice quavers with emotion.

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August 24 — The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet.

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August 14 — Vans Warped Tour.  
August 22 — The Dave Matthews Band.  
August 27 — Radiohead.  
August 30 — Jack Johnson.  
September 12 — Old School End of Summer Jam.  
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.  
August 8 — The Bravery.  
August 9 — Ziggy Marley.  
August 22 — Black Francis.  
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August 30 — Devo.  
September 3 — The English Beat.

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*August 8* — Anthony Smith.  
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*August 15* — Peter Sprague and Kevyn Lattau.  
*August 20* — The Mattson 2.

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*August 23* — John January & the Mags.

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

**Ellen Browning Scripps Park:** 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla.  
*August 10* — The Westwind Brass.  
*August 17* — Benny Hollman's Big-Band Explosion.  
*August 24* — Yavaz.  
*August 31* — The Heroes.

**Embarcadero Marina Park South:** 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.  
*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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*August 8* — Useless Idols and Unknown Motive.  
*August 15* — The Variety Show and Silent Armada.  
*August 21* — I Am Ghost, Eyes Set to Kill, the Urgency.  
*August 22* — The Haven, Somato Sensory, Goodnight Caulfield.  
*August 28* — Orangello.  
*August 29* — A Shattered Hope and Bullets over Hollywood.  
*September 6* — Bamboo.  
*September 12* — Sherm the Band, Bucket of Fish, Unknown Motive.

**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 Flying Bridge:** 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151.  
*August 15* — Sounds Perfect.

**The Handlery Hotel and Resort:** 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.  
*August 8* — Citizen Band.  
*August 10* — Lady Dottie & the

Diamonds.  
*August 13, August 15* — Christopher Dale.  
*August 17* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
*August 20* — Christopher Dale.  
*August 22* — Barbara Nesbitt.  
*August 24* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

*Huey Lewis & the News, August 4, Humphrey's by the Bay*

*August 27* — J.D. Boucharde.  
*August 29* — Alyssa Jacey.  
*August 31* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

**Hennessey's Tavern - PB:** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847.  
*September 19* — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

**Hornblower Cruises:** 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.

*September 5* — West of 5.  
*October 3* — Z-Bop!  
*November 7* — The Bayou Brothers.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*August 8* — Me First & the Gimme Gimmes.  
*August 9* — Robin Thicke.  
*August 10* — Nas and Talib Kweli.  
*August 12* — Passenger.  
*August 13* — Bow Wow.  
*August 14* — Charlie Zaa.  
*August 15* — Zebrahead and Buck-O-Nine.  
*August 16* — The Circle Jerks.  
*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* — Broken Social Scene.  
*August 22* — Sondre Lerche.  
*August 23* — Eddy Grant.  
*August 27* — Toad the Wet Sprocket.  
*August 30* — La Grange.  
*September 3* — Motörhead.  
*September 6* — Shinedown.  
*September 11* — DJ Flex.  
*September 12* — Ratatat.  
*September 13* — Rebelution.  
*September 22* — Lila Downs.  
*October 1* — Lagwagon and MxPx.  
*October 3* — James.  
*October 4* — Mindless Self Indulgence.  
*October 17* — Led Zepagain.  
*October 19* — Streetlight Manifesto.

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**ERIN McCARLEY  
HANA PESTLE**  
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10/27 **Sonya Kitchell and the Slip** – On Sale Friday, Aug. 1, at noon  
10/28 **The Mountain Goats and Kaki King Present: The Last Happy Night of Your Life** • 11/17 **Elisa** – On Sale Friday, Aug. 1, at noon

8/26 **Los Amigos Invisibles w/The Bankhead Press**  
8/27 **The Desert Rose Band feat. Chris Hillman  
w/The Slidewinders Acoustic Trio**  
8/28 **Patty Griffin w/Langhorne Slim**  
8/29 **Rub-A-Dub Friday – Get Your Dub On & DJs!**  
8/30 **Boogie Nights – Metalsnake**  
8/31 **The Solana Beach World Series of Beer Pong  
Satellite Tournament 1-5 pm**  
8/31 **The Dirty Dozen Brass Band w/The Bonedaddys**  
9/4 **Amos Lee w/Lucy Wainwright Roche**  
9/8 **Lee "Scratch" Perry**  
9/9 **Toadies**

9/10 **Alejandro Escovedo**  
9/11 **JJ Grey & Mofro – Orange Blossoms Tour w/Hill Country  
Revue feat. Members of North Mississippi Allstars**  
9/12 **Pine Mountain Logs**  
9/17 **Aesop Rock feat. Rob Sonic & DJ Big Wiz  
w/The Mighty Underdogs feat. Lateef & Gift of Gab  
from Blackalicious**  
9/23 **Railroad Earth**  
9/24 **Otkervil River w/Sea Wolf & Zykos**  
9/25 **Bootsy Collins pres. Tribute to James Brown**  
9/27 **Common Sense with LA 5**  
9/28 **Greg Brown**  
9/30 **Johnny Winter**  
10/1 **The Dandy Warhols w/A Place to Bury  
Strangers & The Upsideown**  
10/3 **Dr. John & the Lower 911**

10/4 **The Legendary Rhythm & Blues Revue  
feat. The Tommy Castro Band, Magic  
Dick, Kenny Neal & Deanna Bogart**  
10/5 **John Brown's Body**  
10/6 **Nick Lowe**  
10/9 **Joan Osborne w/Matt Morris**  
10/12 **Jolie Holland w/Guest**  
10/15 **Lotus w/BLVD – Hammerstrike Tour 2008**  
10/23 **Presidents of the United States of  
America – Rescheduled Date!**  
10/24 **Stereolab w/Monade**  
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October 20 — Tech N9ne.  
October 21 — VNV Nation.  
October 25 — Bayside.  
November 1 — The Damned.  
November 12 — Joe Satriani.  
January 25 — Ramon Ayala.  
February 7 — Badfish.

**Humphrey's Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
August 7 — Criminal Funk.  
August 8 — Rockola.  
August 9 — Plato Soul.  
August 16 — Viva Santana.  
August 20 — The Robin Henkel Band.

**Humphrey's by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
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 21 — Musiq Soulchild.  
September 25 — Kenny G.  
September 28 — Etta James & the Roots Band.  
October 2 — David Byrne.  
October 3 — America.  
October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono.  
October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.

**Janie's Cocktails:** 656 E Street, Chula Vista.  
August 9 — Hear No Evil.

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

**Koehler Kraft Boat Yard:** 2302 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-222-9051.  
August 13, August 20 — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
August 9 — Plato Soul.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
August 7 — Eric Brendo.  
August 8 — Five Times August.  
August 17 — The Robin Henkel Band.  
August 27 — Nathan James and Robin Henkel.

**Mandeville Auditorium at** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.  
August 24 — Indian Ocean.

**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.  
August 23, October 11 — Fleetwood Max.

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

**Mission Bay Deli:** 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5056.  
August 10 — The Robin Henkel Band.

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

**North Coast United Methodist Church:** 1501 Kelly Street, Oceanside.

August 10 — The Tom Morrow Band.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.  
August 8 — Feeling of Hate and Manic Diffusion.  
August 9 — Dave the Butcher and Someday Assassin.  
August 12 — Trouble in the Wind.  
August 13 — My Laughing Face.

**Old Town State Historic Park:** 4002 Wallace Street, Old Town.  
August 9 — NovaMenco.  
August 16 — Dirty Sweet.

**Open Air Theatre at** 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
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.  
August 11 — UB40.  
August 27 — John Fogerty.  
August 28 — Poison.  
September 21 — Ana Gabriel.  
September 27 — Anita Baker.  
October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
August 7 — Blue Four.  
August 8 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.  
August 9 — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire.  
August 10 — Chet Cannon & the Committee.  
August 11, August 12 — Taryn Donath & Mo-Jo Rising.  
August 13 — Delta Heat.  
August 14 — The Bill Magee Blues Band.

August 15 — The Nik Simon Band.  
August 16 — Shari Puerto and the Rhythm Addicts.  
August 17 — Ronnie Lane & the Twisters.  
August 18 — Nathan James & Ben Hernandez.  
August 19 — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.  
August 20 — Blue Four.  
August 21 — The Road Dogs.  
August 22 — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz.  
August 23 — Family Style.  
August 24, August 25 — The Bayou Brothers.  
August 26 — Blue Largo.  
August 27 — Shelle Blue.  
August 28 — The Bill Magee Blues Band.  
August 29 — Missy Andersen.  
August 30 — Soul Diego.  
August 31 — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.

**Petco Park:** 100 Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-795-5000.  
November 4 — Madonna.

**Pounders:** 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-739-1288.  
September 13 — Hear No Evil.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.  
September 15 — Judy Collins and Leo Kottke.

**Prescott Promenade:** 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon.  
August 8 — The Corvettes.  
August 15 — Bill Magee.  
August 22 — The Coolrays.  
August 29 — The Variations.  
September 5 — The Mar Dels.

**Quail Botanical Gardens:** 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, 760-436-3036.  
August 17 — Raggle Taggle.

**Qualcomm Stadium:** 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.

September 6 — Bob Dylan & His Band.  
October 24 — Great White.

**Rancho Del Oro Park:** Mesa Drive and College Boulevard, Oceanside, 760-435-5041.  
August 14 — The Bayou Brothers.

**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.  
September 20 — Janet Jackson.  
September 26 — Playhouse Disney Live!  
October 7 — Neil Diamond.  
November 8 — Carrie Underwood.  
December 1 — Celtic Thunder.

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church:** 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.  
August 30 — Caji and Salomé.  
September 6 — Peggy Watson.  
September 20 — Peter Sprague and Fred Benedetti.  
September 27 — “Tribute to Woody Guthrie.”

**Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library:** 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.  
August 17 — Los Pinguos.

**Scottish Rite Center:** 1895 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0397.  
September 6 — The Music of Sri Chinmoy.

**Seaport Village:** 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.  
August 10 — Barbara Jamerson & Two Deep.  
August 17 — The Cat-illacs.  
August 24 — The Bayou Brothers.  
August 31 — Nova.  
September 7 — The Bayou Brothers.  
September 14 — Barbara Jamerson & Two Deep.  
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<b>SATURDAY 8-2</b> <b>WEDNESDAY 13</b> <b>SANU</b> <b>DEAD MAN COURT</b> <b>BLACK CHAPEL</b> <b>SQUIRRELLY ARTS</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8-3</b> Pickwicket Entertainment presents the Sponsorship Showcase! <b>APHOTIC MURDER</b> <b>WITHOUT WARNING</b> <b>PROCESS FOR ENIGMA</b> <b>MOTUS • FLIGHT TO ATHENA</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 8-6</b> <b>RANDOM ORDER</b> <b>WITH BARE HANDS</b>

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# Crasher

## HATS OFF TO MIMI

by Josh Board

**I** received a couple of phone calls that piqued my interest. One was from a cage-fighter named Chuck. He told me he wasn't calling about a party; he wanted me to know that he liked my column. He told me about his website and said that if I ever needed a bodyguard, he'd be glad to accompany me to parties.

The other call was from a woman who belonged to the Cinema Society of San Diego. They were having a party at the Sheraton in La Jolla — plenty of good food and actors talking about their new film.

Food in La Jolla and mingling with film stars sounded pretty good. When I found out it was for a documentary called *Hats Off*, chronicling the life of 93-year-old actress Mimi Weddell, I figured Chuck's services wouldn't be needed.

I sat at a table with Sherry and her accountant friend, who wouldn't be staying for the movie. She had to work.

Most of the crowd was older. One member told me he'd been in the cinema club (which



is in its 25th year) for 15 years.

I introduced myself to Andy, the president and founder of the cinema club. I had heard him tell a story about Charlton Heston. I asked him about that. He talked about doing a movie premiere with Heston that was outdoors in Colorado. It was so



Top left: Mimi Weddell and Jyll Johnstone;  
Bottom right: Couple that works with young filmmakers

headlines in papers worldwide. The movie didn't screen, but the studio was thrilled with the press.

**She played a character who fell asleep during a wedding scene.**

windy, the screen was torn before the movie was shown. Andy thought the studio'd fire him, but Heston said that he wished he had the rod that parted the Red Sea. That made

Andy also told me about a time he watched Heston sign autographs as he walked to a limo. Heston told him to get in the car. As Heston got in, still signing autographs, the car

pulled away from the crowd. Heston explained how he handled autograph hounds, but Andy was more worried with getting the movie star to his next location in one piece.

There was a large spread of food set out. I grabbed some pineapple and headed back to my table. I saw a few people talking to Mimi Weddell, who wore white gloves and a hat. One guy had a few pictures he was asking her to autograph.

I remembered seeing her in

the Will Smith movie *Hitch*. She played the lady at the end who pretends to choke in order to help her granddaughter meet a young doctor. I decided not to ask her anything about Smith.

We all headed over to the AMC Theatres next door to watch *Hats Off*.

It was a better documentary than the well-known *Young@Heart*, which followed around a senior citizens' choir that specialized in punk songs.

In the film, Mimi went on auditions and 14-hour cattle calls. She has filmed some Nike commercials in which she did gymnastics. She did perfume and clothing ads and a few Woody Allen films. I remembered seeing her in a Nicholson movie when they showed the clip. She played a character who fell asleep during a wedding scene.

I felt horrible watching her travel the streets of New York, going from audition to audition. One would think the studio would know if they wanted her or not and that she wouldn't need to read for parts.

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I also felt bad that she seemed to be disappointed in her daughter (who was at

this event). The daughter didn't like to dress up and get her hair done the way Mimi thought a woman should.

Mimi's husband, who at one time worked for a big record label, lost his job and passed away. She ended up moving in with her daughter and grandkids.

After the screening, the director and Mimi answered questions. They had been filming this project for over 11 years and had 200 hours of film to

edit down to make the movie.

One person asked if she ever dated another man after her husband died. She said there was never another after Dick.

Someone asked about her constant smoking. She said she usually smokes a quarter of a cigarette. She said, "A nice young man drove me from the airport. I asked him if I could smoke on the curb earlier. I smoked half the cigarette."

I asked if she ever

goes to her movies when they play at the theaters. She said no. I also talked about a scene she did in which she looked through a peephole at a young couple kissing outside. I said, "It's obvious where the joke is on a scene like that. Do you ever have a script you're reading and you don't understand what the joke is?" She smiled and said, "Oh, yes, all the time. I hardly ever understand them." The crowd laughed.

The Cinema Society isn't your regular crowd of filmgoers. They know a lot about movies. They asked about *Hats Off* being screened at film festivals and how it will be distributed. Director Jyll Johnstone seemed to have her hands full answering such questions. We found out

that Johnstone was a friend of Mimi's daughter. She thought her friend's mom was interesting. After Mimi did a Dracula cult film, Johnstone thought it would be interesting to follow her around and do the documentary.

I walked out to the lobby and talked with a few women about a friend of mine named Alice, whom I hadn't seen in years. Alice belongs to the cinema club. They told me they thought she had a death in the family.

I saw a couple that I wanted to talk to earlier. They seemed happy together. The woman was a tall blonde; the guy was short with dark hair. They told me about the student films they are screening and a contest they organize

for young filmmakers. They described a few of them, and it sounded interesting.

After talking with the crowd about movies, my girlfriend suggested that we join the cinema club. We looked at one of their flyers. They had cruises, film screenings with actors and directors, and several other interesting events.

We then saw the price for an annual membership and decided it was out of our range. ■

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When I ate at Molly's during June "Restaurant Week," the place should have been at least as packed as Ruth's Chris was the previous night. The food was vastly better, the wine list more interesting and sophisticated, with smarter choices for less money. Yet barely half the tables were occupied, all (judging from overheard conversations) by hard-core foodies and winies (not "winos," nor a "nation of whiners" plunging into mental recession; from what I heard, everyone sounded pretty bright). So, just like the last time I reviewed Molly's, it's time to sound the trumpets in another wake-up call: Molly's may be a restaurant in a hotel, but it's a chef's restaurant first. Don't let the conventioners keep it for themselves. Yes, it's a bit pricey, but no more so than is the norm in the Gaslamp, and you get a much better payoff in food quality, craftsmanship, and professional service — not to mention free parking.

Unlike most chains, the Marriott's local restaurants (another is Arterra in Del Mar, and another Roy's is about to open here on Harbor Drive) put the chefs and not the suits in charge of the food. (You can thank a food-forward manager named Steve Pagano, who ran the Del Mar location and was promoted to a higher slot in this one.) In fact, the Marriott is hip enough that instead of advancing some corporate drone, they appointed Molly's distinguished sommelier, Lisa Redwine, as the restaurant's general manager. (Only Amy Winehouse could beat that for an apt sommelier name, but Lisa was a more appropriate person for the job.) Lisa left a few weeks ago for the Shores — you can still read her legacy in the smart wine list — and now chef Timothy Au is in charge. This mode of operation is incredibly rare at American hotel chains. You may find it at a boutique chain like the Kimpton's or at a Euro-style luxury chain like the Ritz Carlton, but — wow — at a middle-class Marriott, where even I have occasionally stayed? Obviously, somebody at the top understands the distinction between the important pleasures versus the class-based snobberies.

Chef Brian Sinnott put Molly's on the map. After he moved on to 1500 Ocean nine months ago, the equally experienced chef Timothy Au took the helm. But the restaurant seemed to lose some of its local cachet, as if foodies didn't quite trust another chef to please them as much. If there were any initial problems with the transition, however, they're



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no longer evident. Everything we ate was totally "au-some."

Molly's menu is seasonal and local, changing constantly. (The menu posted on the website is more an overall sample than a precise depiction of what's coming from the kitchen in a particular week.) The generous Restaurant Week menu covered many of the dishes on that week's seasonal à la carte menu (although not the most expensive choices). But tempted beyond endurance, my posse and I strayed to the regular menu, to start with a round of oysters on the half shell. That told us plenty about the new chef. The species were *kumamoto* and *hama hama*, which are as good as oysters get. They arrived with an array of garnishes: lemon wedges, semi-hot Hungarian paprika, and an unconventional mignonette consisting of chopped shallots and herbs with only the barest touch of vinegar. As someone who learned to love oysters in New Orleans (land of do-it-yourself oyster sauces), I was overjoyed to avoid the vinegar OD of standard mignonettes. Sam and Mary Jo drank the grit-free juices from the shells as eagerly as I did.

There were three choices for every course, and coincidentally we were a threesome. (Sometimes life gives you a little break.) A terrine of house-cured, cold-smoked salmon and house-made Boursin cheese featured the rich, profound flavors

of thin slices of cold-smoked lox layered with creamy cheese. Perfectly complementing the terrine was a salad of spring greens dotted with cubes of smoky bacon and can-

pers with a preserved-lemon vinaigrette that tasted faintly like anchovy (not from the fish, it turned out, but from the spicing of the lemon).

Citrus and herb-cured ahi offered another intense raw fish, an *essence* of ahi, accompanied by *lolla rosso* (a hearty Italian red lettuce) with pancetta and sweet red onion slices in a cardamom-spiked lime-juice dressing. The flavors produced the whole-body satisfaction of a hot bath on a cool night or a Caribbean swim on a hot day.

Caramelized local peach made the most of the season: Instead of boring old melon with prosciutto, here was fresh, local stone-fruit with pancetta, pine nuts, aged balsamic, and a single, pristine glazed leaf of Genovese basil for deep-dark green-

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ness flashed with sweetness. This, too, combined physical impact with an intellectual one: What a smart new combination of tastes!

We'd gone happily for the "wine pairings" offered with the menu, and for the first courses Ms. Redwine chose an interesting dry Riesling from Kim Crawford (Marlborough, NZ). I'm not normally a great Riesling fan, but this one was just right.

Our main courses covered sea, air, and land. Diver scallops, ultra tender in a warm coriander vinaigrette, benefited from accompaniments of shaved artichoke, braised fennel, with its subtle licorice flavor, and potato purée discreetly touched with orange and more fennel.

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Roasted prime-grade tri-tip beef offered thin, rare slices bathed in a subtle sauce (egg-yolk Gribiche vinaigrette mellowed with a red wine-veal demiglace) with huge, grilled slices of heirloom tomatoes and pancetta-wrapped romaine, also grilled (but not quite enough — Piatti in La Jolla grills the lettuce longer and hotter, and it comes out better). After the prime filets at Ruth's Chris and Cowboy Star, how did this beef stack up? It was tougher — tri-tip is not a melt-in-your-mouth "gourmet" cut, it's the stuff (eaten with pinto beans) of the famed Santa Maria annual community barbecue. But after its careful treatment, it gave an illusion of tenderness. The flavor was truly beefy, and the sauce civilized it and made it more interesting than mere meat.

Marinated, grilled natural chicken breast with oregano and olive *jus* came with a mound of roasted corn, red peppers, and Israeli couscous. It was really good for chicken breast — not dry — but it was still breast. Perhaps someday scientists will find a way to turn this meat into organic transplant material for the glamour gals of Del Mar. Most weeks, duck is on the menu instead. Given the choice, go with the quacker. "Who's better than a Chinaman at roasting duck?"

says chef Tim Au.

The tasting wines for the scallops and chicken came as a pair: a Kim Crawford Chardonnay and a Pinot Noir from the same maker and region. They were fine, but both were blown away by the red that accompanied the beef, a Matt Block blend (Stellenbosch, South Africa) combining Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet, and Petit Verdot. The overall flavor was that of a care-free, food-friendly Rhone with an undertone of darker Bordeaux flavors. The older I get, the less I cotton to the egotistical posturings of California Cabs (give me Bordeaux or give me plonk!) and the more I enjoy the friendly charm of grapes from the Rhône, wherever they're grown — especially this area of South Africa, where they seem to have settled in comfortably.

The hits just kept on coming, although by dessert I found it harder to concentrate on yet more food, more wine. (Those penetrating appetizer flavors with their somatic impacts had taken a toll on my palate. How much pleasure can a body and mind absorb at one meal?) The hotel pastry chef, Rudy Wieder, devises desserts, following the general guidelines of Tim Au — who likes light desserts as much as I do.

Carlsbad strawberry shortcake with minted chantilly cream was airy, accompanied by an Inniskillin Cabernet Franc ice wine from Canada. Bananas Foster, prepared and flamed tableside by our waiter the

old-timey way, was luscious with vanilla ice cream to lighten it up, and on the side, Inniskillin Vidal Icewine (like its kinfolk, from the Niagara area). The decaf espresso was perfect.

The underlying question about Molly's is: Now that chef Brian Sinott has moved on, is it still worth eating there, in the territory of tourists and conventioners? Well — unlike the fleshpots of the nearby Gaslamp, you get hassle-free, money-free parking. And a very pretty, quiet, civilized place to eat in. And truly fine food and a wine list that won't bankrupt you for plonk but gives you interesting choices for whatever you can pay. All this, and what we ate was from a Restaurant Week menu — not the prime stuff, but the least-costly dishes for the kitchen to produce. And we were still thrilled. Tim Au is not a carbon copy of Sinnott, but he's fully as good on his own, and miles ahead of the empty glitz that lies just to the north. Whoever this Molly is, she deserves a big kiss.

### ABOUT THE CHEF

Timothy Au (preferably pronounced "Ow," although he says "Aw" is okay) has been a chef for 25 years. His interest in food started early: At age six, he tried to teach the babysitter how to make steamed rice. He attended cooking school in Milwaukee and simultaneously suffered a rigorous French-style apprenticeship at a leading restaurant there. Then he

worked in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and Hawaii under some of the country's most celebrated chefs, including Susan Feniger, Mary Sue Milliken, Jeremiah Tower, and Bradley Ogden, including four years as chef de cuisine under Jeff Jackson at the esteemed A.R. Valentien at the Lodge at Torrey Pines, before moving on to Connecticut as executive chef at a luxury resort. Superstar chef Bradley Ogden brought him back here, recruiting him for the job at Molly's. If you'd like to read his full résumé in detail, you'll find it on Molly's website.

"My mom cooked a lot of canned and frozen and convenience food. With both parents working and having four boys, both my parents cooked. My father cooked in the Chinese style, and my mother cooked in the convenient Midwestern '50s style. I preferred — don't tell my mom — my father's cooking. His father was a Chinese missionary who traveled all around China with his wife, my grandmother, so the food they cooked wasn't regional, it was basically the whole of China. It was like an American style of Chinese, homogenized, but they started with the Mandarin region — light, not spicy.

"Back when I started cooking in the '80s, being a chef wasn't a glamorous profession. I grew up kind of a bad kid. I wasn't thought to be the brightest child on the block. And growing up in Wisconsin back

then, it was very...Caucasian. The south side of Milwaukee was very Germanic and Polish, and I was kind of beaten down by teachers and classmates alike.... So the reason I started cooking was that I'd always have a job, I'd never go hungry, and I thought I was not intelligent enough to do anything else.

"In high school I went to two different schools, the School of the Arts and the Broadcast Journalism School, because I wanted to be a disc jockey. But I'm not a person who can live a solitary lifestyle as a disc jockey, so I decided to do something I enjoyed, which was cooking.

"I didn't realize at first what upscale European food was about — I thought it was really cool, really interesting. As I was growing up, we'd go to some Polish- and German- and Serbian-style restaurants. There wasn't anything much more in Milwaukee, and we didn't have a lot of money to eat out. But later on in life I realized that the food I was eating [during my apprenticeship] was part of each country's history and the way of life there. You could tell the weather by the way they cook. All the different foods have a reason why they're the way they are. No, I haven't traveled. I've pretty much filled my life with work.... I waited a long time before I became a sous-chef because I wanted to be the best in the kitchen."

I asked if he was tempted to

do "fusion" style. "When I was in Hawaii I did do some fusion food," he says. "My philosophy of food is basically Asian, as far as the roundness of my food — sweet and sour, hot and bitter, all those components together. I still use a lot of Asian ingredients, mixed with the Mediterranean ingredients."

I asked why he'd accepted a job at a Marriott after such a hotshot career. "Several factors," he said. "One of them is the ability and the autonomy to do whatever I want with the food. The other is, being in such a large facility, the food-cost parameter is not that big of an issue. I purchase separately from the rest of the hotel, so I get the best ingredients that I can. I can serve a certified Japanese Wagyu beef carpaccio appetizer with a truffled cheese for \$15 — where else can you do that? I can do that because of the umbrella I have above me. The other factor is that this company is hungry for culinarians, especially here in San Diego. And hotels are starting to be recognized for the quality of their food, like they were 20, 30 years ago."

Most of the produce he uses comes from local farms and farmers' markets, and as a resident of Leucadia, Tim finds it easy to shop at Chino Farms regularly. During a long stint in Hawaii he learned how to surf, and that's another important factor in his choice of location — it's what he does to unwind in his rare downtime. ■



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# Yum! Leftovers!

*“A couple of us used to gather here to chat with our friend Shorty, and he had a guitar.”*

**Y**ou ask, what do I like about Tijuana? This is what: I’m jes wandering down Fourth, heading toward Constitución, when I come across an impromptu clump of guys sitting around a shoeshine booth, “Bolería El Shorty.”

Huh. They’re singing. One guy has a guitar, another maracas, a third rattles a tambourine. Some song about “*Calle Cuatro y Constitución, de mi querida Tijuana...*” (“Fourth Street and Constitution, of my beloved Tijuana”). It stops me in my tracks: that’s exactly where we are. Sophisticated voices, beautiful guitar work, right here with people passing all around them. Then they all swap instruments and start in on something about *el caballo viejo* (“the old horse”). “From Paraguay!” one shouts over to me when he sees me staring.

’Course I have to ask what’s going on. “We’re just friends,” says Gabriel, who’s still shucking the maracas after “Old Horse” has ended. “A couple of us used to gather here to chat with our friend Shorty, and he had a guitar and we just started up a couple of songs one day. Guys from the neighborhood would stop by, find a crate to sit on, and join in. Juan there,” he’s pointing to the guitarist, “Juan Richo. He’s a composer. He made up lots of our songs. They’re about our lives, about Tijuana.”

He hauls out a crate for me to sit on and introduces Juan, Javier, Fernando (a dapper gent in a tweedy sports jacket and cravat), and “El Shorty” himself, Chaba Salvador. Fernando keeps bustin’ out with Argentinean tangos, Cuban rumbas, and even American songs like “Cotton Fields.” The last line, “in them old cotton fields back home,” becomes *Busca amor, nada más que amor* (“Look for love, nothing more than love”). Couple of older gents passing by stop and sing along. It’s beautiful.

“Would you care to have some lunch with us?” Javier asks.

Gosh. Actually, I was looking for a late breakfast. Missed again this morning. But with all that walk from the border, I’m hungry, and I appreciate the offer. Chaba has some fried chicken and a bunch of tortillas sitting in his booth. Gabriel

opens a large plastic lemonade bottle and passes around plastic cups. I grab flesh off a chicken leg, wrap it in a tortilla, splash on some hot sauce, and chomp in as Juan launches into “Caliente, Caliente.” It’s another of his compositions. And then Fernando sings, “*Fue en un café...*” and damn, I know I recognize the tune. Fernando hits the chorus in English: “Under the boardwalk, down by the sea...”

That chicken. It’s one of the most delicious eats I’ve ever had. Yes, I know why. It’s the company that makes it so.

Now it’s an hour later. I’m heading back to *el norte*. Cross the footbridge over the Rio Tijuana, and before I have to join the line at *la linea*, can’t resist stopping in at a gazebo-looking place. One more snack. Except, man. What a difference a bridge makes — musically, anyway. Led Zeppelin’s blasting out on this place’s sound system with “Whole Lotta Love.” Other places in the square blast rap. This is Plaza Viva Tijuana, a big expanse of buildings meant for shops and restaurants that mostly never happened. But ye olde gut is still whining. And I see this bunch of tables and chairs set under a big blue “Chargers” canopy. Looks new. Don’t see a name, but it has colored pennants waving in front of a gazebo-type place. And its waiters all seem to have shaved heads.

Inside the eight-sided gazebo, furniture’s green. Most of the walls are windows, so there’s not much art. But someone’s put up a pencil drawing of Al Pacino as Scarface. In the back, it’s all a big, broad, clanky, traditional Mexican kitchen. On the sound system, the music continues Anglo-angry. But

some’s okay: Judas Priest’s “Breaking the Law,” Steppenwolf’s “Born to Be Wild,” Jimi Hendrix’s “All Along the Watchtower.”

Bouncy blonde kid — hey, her name’s Carla, just like my truly beloved — is standing at the counter talking to Ana the cook. She comes up to see if I want a margarita.

“No,” I say, “but how about a coffee. And I need breakfast.”

Dunno. Always hooked on breakfast. Meal of hope.

“Anytime,” Carla says. Whew. ’Course, the menu she brings has all the standard non-breakfast meals: *mariscos*, shrimp dishes and fish soups, around \$9 each; steak ranchero, \$6; and fajitas, \$6–\$10. Tacos go from \$1 (for chicken or carne asada) to \$1.50 (fish) to \$2 (shrimp).

Pretty much everything in the breakfast section runs around \$5, like cheese or ham-and-cheese omelets, or huevos rancheros. But what catches my eye is something I can honestly say I’ve never had before, ’specially for breakfast: *chilaquiles*. They’re \$6, and that includes a thin steak. Carla says it sits on top of *chilaquiles* — tortilla chips doused in cheese. You also get frijoles and rice, chips and salsa, and coffee, and, hey, Carla says I can have a house salad too, all included in the price. Wow. This is turning into a deal.

I know that traditionally in Mexico, *chilaquiles* have always been a kind of “leftovers” dish where you use up all your stale tortilla chips (soak them in red or green salsa) along with eggs and cheese. When mine comes (in red salsa), all I can make out is a helluva mess of good-tasting grub, mix-



Carla and Ana

ing the savory thin meat with the soft tortilla chips somewhere inside all that good cheesy gunk. And though I never thought I’d be caught eating salad for breakfast, the fresh shredded lettuce with avocado slices and tomatoes do help as a kinda mouth-freshener between attacks. The cawfee’s instant and the sweetener’s sugar, but hey, it’s just fine.

“What’s this place called?” I ask Miguel, the serious young buck who turns out to be running the place.

“‘Happy Face,’” he says.

I’ll come back for *chilaquiles*. They were good. And such great value. Plus, the thing about this place is it’s a quick Mexican fix without having to walk all the way to downtown Tijuana.

’Course, nothing will beat chicken with the happy-go-lucky Fourth Street band at El Shorty’s. ■

**The Place:** Happy Face Restaurant, in Plaza Viva Tijuana, near Yellow Cab parking area, Tijuana

**Type of Food:** Mexican

**Prices:** breakfast chilaquiles (with a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips and salsa, house salad, coffee) \$6; ham-and-cheese omelet, \$5; huevos rancheros, \$5; chicken or carne asada tacos, \$1; fish tacos, \$1.50; shrimp tacos, \$2; shrimp cocktail, \$8; fish soup, \$6; chicken, cheese enchiladas, \$6; steak ranchero; chicken fajita, \$7

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# Enter the Village

*"The Internet is where everything's going to be. I'm hoping we'll have a content-rich vehicle."*

For Rob Barnett, the long and winding road to VinVillage is finally coming to an end. The technical snags for his wine-based social-networking site — devoted to "creating locally based social wine groups and connecting them with wine lovers in their home cities and around the country, together with an enhanced local- and online-wine-lifestyle experience, offering wines, events, products, and services" — have mostly been cleared up. The licensing for the VinVillage store is in place: the site has crawled under the Vintage Wines umbrella. And along the way, Barnett has had one or two happy adventures.

VinVillage San Diego, headed up by chef-caterer Chuck Samuelson, is up and running strong. The events are the key, the thing that keeps it from being just another wine-chat board, and a recent effort brought 200 people to Anthology on a Tuesday night during happy hour. "We've done events in Modus, Fleetwood, Dussini," recounts Barnett. "It brings in business for them during the week and gains us market awareness and membership." (And for a social-networking site, gaining membership is the point. The more members, the more attractive you become to professional partners/sponsors, and the more likely you are to get a significant number of customers purchasing VinVillage goods and services.) "Our goal is to keep coming back each year at the same time,"

continues Barnett, "keeping the theme and the educational component. At Anthology, we worked with their sommelier and we brought in Rudi Wiest," the great (and local) importer of German wines, to help San Diegans discover the glory that is German Riesling.

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Things are starting to fall into place out of town as well. Phoenix is online. There have been events in Orange County and Sacramento. "Our goal is to have, by the end of the year, somewhere between eight and ten villages fully functioning and somewhere between four and six thousand members."

To aid in the effort, Barnett has expanded his vision a bit. "VinVillage was originally about the social-media business. At the local level, what happens remains the same. It's all about getting together; that's why we have the three images right up front on the site, with the captions, 'Join us,' 'Get together,' and 'Experience.' But with the arrival of *VinVillage Radio*, we now have a communication platform."

*VinVillage Radio* came about when Barnett was interviewed on the *Art Rocks!* show, which airs on the (locally based) *WSradio.com* online radio network. "I was sitting and waiting for my interview, and I looked through their list of shows. They had over a hundred shows and nothing devoted to wine and food." He sent an email to the CEO, had a few meetings, and *boom*, he had found

a home in new media. For weekly content and hosting, he turned to Lynn Krielow Chamberlain, a broadcast journalist who had been running her show locally in North Carolina for a decade. "She's phenomenal," gushes Barnett — and now she can be heard anywhere there's an Internet connection.

Providing this sort of media content gives Barnett a new way to attract members. The lists of those visiting *VinVillage* and those downloading *Wine&Dine Radio* podcasts are different enough to tell him he's reaching potential new members. It's got him excited enough that he's considering the addition of video, maybe even print — though he believes that "the Internet is where everything's going to be. I'm hoping that we'll have a content-rich vehicle to deliver great video" — either through partners, user-generated content, or in-house production.

Barnett's vision is wildly synergistic: users will come for the content and the community of wine lovers; hopefully, sponsors and partner wineries will come for the same reason. The users come to taste, the wineries come to be tasted, and *VinVillage* is the place to meet. About the radio effort, he says, "We want to have sponsors, and there will be some content driven by who the sponsor is. We interviewed Michael Brill from the 'remote wine-making' company CrushPad last week — they'll get one segment a week because they're a sponsor. We can have a segment that's devoted to a particular winery partner, and then we can pull that content over and plug it into the 'Vin du Jour' blog on the *VinVillage* site. Blogs develop followers, and so if you have multiple segments with multiple themes, then you can have different blogs



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That's the great economic virtue of *VinVillage* — the real-world grounding in the physical product that is wine. It's that kind of grounding that has the company talking to a recycling company like Terracycle, swelling an effort to recycle corks. Or to a company like Inertia Beverage Group up in Napa. "Every state has shipping-compliance regulations," explains Barnett, "taxes, how many bottles per customer, and in some cases, depending on how many gallons of wine or how big the winery is. Inertia has built a platform around the shipping compliances and made it easy for a small winery to get to market." A way for the boutique producer to avoid getting lost in the

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## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

*The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of almost 900 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a midrange entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$29; very expensive: more than \$30. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

### BEACHES

**Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar** 3770 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-692-1410. The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodizios* (e.g., Rei Do Gado). Here you can eat like a real *carioca*, sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can happily make a grazing meal of stuffed things — appetizers such as *coxinhas*, *pasteles*, *croquetas*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*) — and don't miss the luxuriant fried-bananas Milanese. Ask for the house's Brazilian hot sauce, hotter and livelier than the Mexican bottled sauces on the tables. The main-course masterpiece is *moqueca de peixe*, fish in a curry-like coconut milk stew. Other good choices include *prato feito* (beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans) or filet mignon with *catupiry*, a stroganoff-like concoction made with a rich Brazilian cheese of the same name. Weekends, there's *feijoada*, the Brazilian national dish, but it's a rather thin and soupy version. Good desserts, including passion-fruit mousse. Beer, wine, sake-based cocktails. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations accepted but not needed. Moderate. — N.W.

**Bull and Bear Bar and Grill** 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077. "Bull" and "Bear," as in stock market moods. It's not surprising lots of soigné financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian prices. Of course the names kowtow to mighty Wall Street: the Broker Breakfast Burrito (eggs, bacon), Venture Capital Veggie Burrito, Bull Burger, Dow Jones Dog, Franchisee Dog. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Bottom line: it's a chew with a view. Open 11 a.m. to 10

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**Café Japengo** 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi-bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the *char su* duck salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; duck wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D.*

**Clay's La Jolla** 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-551-3620. In this oddly cozy penthouse with wide windows facing west, the curtains rise at sunset to reveal a panorama stretching to the sea. It's comfortable, attractive, not too formal — casual-chic. Here, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a creative, sophisticated, seasonal California-fusion menu with in-

ternational flavors seamlessly integrated, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. With his discerning palate, his fare is unusually delicious. And it's healthful, low-carb enjoyment with interesting veggies, little starch, minimal cream. Wine list includes some high-end French bargains; good choices by the glass. Full bar. Free parking. Elevator-accessible restrooms same floor. Dietary restrictions accommodated. No kiddie menu, but child-size plates half-price from regular menu. Reservations recommended. Live local jazz in lounge most nights after 7 or 8 p.m.; big band Sunday nights. Can be noisy. Three meals daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Cliff Hanger Café** 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**The French Gourmet** 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at the French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries,

meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M.*

**Kono's** 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Roppongi** 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — *N.W.*

**Roy's** 8670 Genesee Avenue, La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when or-

dered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* Kahana, or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Sadaf — La Jolla** 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, fry skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Non-specials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**The Shores** 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. At this family-friendly resort on the oceanfront at La Jolla Shores, the hotel restaurant serves simple steak and seafood entrées, classic steakhouse appetizers, and sides. Friday evenings there's a seafood buffet. Although the legendary Bernard (the Marine Room) Guillas is officially in charge as executive chef, the food bears no sign of his involvement: It is thoroughly ordinary. Wines are mainly familiar top-shelf supermarket bottling, with few by the glass (reasonable corkage). Full bar. Validated parking (three hours) in underground garage. Resort-casual dress. Reasonably quiet. Three meals daily. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive "early bird" three-course dinners for \$20, two courses for \$15. — *N.W.*

## BAJA

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**La Petite Cafe** Avenida Constitución #720-Q,, Baja, 664-688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Vegetarian upon request. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**El Rincon del Oso** Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Baja. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Vegetarian upon request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Salón Azteca** Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Baja, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Vegetarian upon request. Casual dress. Secure parking in

hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W.*

**Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo** Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadron 201 Street), Baja, 664-686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente Valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Vegetarian upon request. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

## CENTRAL

**Andrés Restaurant** 1235 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Anthony's Fishette** 1360 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old-fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great



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**Antique Row Café** 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land’s favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you’re into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include The Works omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Asia Café** 4710 Market Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego’s best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu’s Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Laotian. Laotian dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Berta’s Latin American Restaurant** 3928 Twigg’s Street, Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta’s lengthy menu reads like a culinary “pick hits” list of each country’s best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta’s homeland; spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru; earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew); aromatic beef curry from Trinidad; and a sensuous *vatapa*

(seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil’s African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat- and fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Buster’s Beach House and Longboard Bar** 807 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there’s a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu’s actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay’s waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy Short Board pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy paella (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours’ validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.*

**Café Delight** 4646 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-5248. He used to run one of Baghdad’s most famous restaurants, the Ishtar, when Saddam was vice president. When the government asked him to spy on his customers, Sami and his wife Claudia left the country. You can tell from the cooking: this couple know what they’re doing. They took over this little place (and little it is) from a Vietnamese-American couple, so the menu has echoes of Vietnam and the Middle East, as well as Italian dishes. Prices are very reasonable. Try the Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup with veggies, with a sandwich, or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Don’t miss the classy Greek coffee. Open daily from 10 a.m. to late; closes at 5 p.m. on Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine** 750 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb),

stews, well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don’t miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**City Pizzeria** 1125 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531-0955. There’s a cultural war going on here. “City” has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family’s secret for 75 years. Try the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish Left Coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don’t tempt you, there are 11 other specialty pies every day. Open daily till 11 p.m., 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Confidential** 901 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose “small plates” many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Café, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as “sceney” crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W.*

**Crest Café** 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. “Hearty Homemade Comfort Food” is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis

Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. “Matisse in Morocco,” Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy vegetable steam basket. And don’t turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the fresh salmon burger, the OuiOui burger (aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted Jack cheese) or the wicked, spicy, butter burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Dussini Mediterranean Bistro** 275 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It’s still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Gathering Bar and Grill** 902 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. “Beloved” is not a word you throw around lightly, but that’s just what Gathering has become to Mission Hills regulars. When it reopened after a fire, they flocked back with flowers and hugs. The food is good quality, familiar comfort fare. From plates like the Southwest burger, with avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa, to the Monte Cristo (grilled egg, dipped Texas toast with Swiss, ham, and turkey, powdered

sugar, and a side of jam). Last we checked, the owner, Dan, was as deft as ever with his magic cards, for any customer who needs to be bamboozled. Open daily, 8 a.m. till late. Magic sessions around 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant** 1157 Columbia Street, Downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can’t help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown’s ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food’s honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl’s beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his Hump Day meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B.*

**Kazumi Sushi** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there’s no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, The Ultimate Boat (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Living Room Coffeehouse** 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on

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the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try The Works omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, National City, and Otay Mesa. — *E.B.*

**Lucky Buck’s Patio Bar and Grill** 1459 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. If you’ve got a craving for the wickedest-lookin’ burger since Hodad’s, this might be it. The only question: which burger? The Buck ‘n’ Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck’s On Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck’s Lucky Mushroom? Or the Texas Longhorn Buck (Cheddar, hickory bacon, BBQ sauce, and fried onion rings tumbling out of the burger like a Rolling Stones’ tongue). All come with garlicky waffle fries. This’ll take care of your cholesterol fix for a month. Next time try their healthier veggie burritos and Chicken Buck ‘n’ Caesar salad. Daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul-food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Takeouts accepted. Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Mission — Downtown** 1250 J Street, Downtown, 619-232-7662. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast-beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The roast-beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, postindustrial, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro** 141 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good

starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for week-ends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W.*

**Osteria Panevino** 722 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnoc-chi, which can come with a four-cheese sauce on request. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *N.W.*

**Pappalecco** 1602 State Street, Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Pappalecco ("Lollypop") is a different kind of Italian eatery. It doesn't play the nostalgia card — it's an exact copy of an actual modern café in Pisa that three brothers created there and now here. The idea is for a quick, sophisticated coffee-gelato-eatery where if you ask for coffee you get espresso, customers often have at least one gelato a day "for health," and meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. Sometimes — and the brothers claim this is their idea — they actually combine gelato with their dishes. Expect a multilingual United Nations atmosphere. One delicious combo: the Rustico, different Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine** 947 E Street, Downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sauteed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.*

**Red Pearl Kitchen** 440 J Street, Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes cre-

atively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W.*

**Salad Style** 807 F Street, Downtown, 619-255-6731. Is this the tipping point? Whereas traditional meals have always been meat and taters with a side of salad, here, it's salad with a side of meat and taters. Salad's the main item, and it's delicious, even if salad's not your thing, because each concoction is so original. For example, Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak is an arty pile of organic greens, tomatoes, smoky, earthy mushrooms, hearts of palm, crumbled bleu cheese, plus red slabs of meat over it. Each dish does something, from the Moroccan cous-cous salad to the tuna-and-tomato salad. The Totally Vegan, with its golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**SoleLuna Cafe** 702 Ash Street, Downtown, 619-232-0436. Put your climbing boots on. This place sits on the shoulder of the El Cortez hill, a sleek cave peeping out from under the historic hotel with an umbrella-strewn front terrace that's great for people watching. Its Italian roots show from the excellent coffee and the menu. Many items come straight from the streets of Milano, such as the breakfast croissant with prosciutto ham, smoked Mozzarella cheese, and fruit or salad; or the Rustico Panino (with prosciutto, goat cheese, olive pâté); or *bresaola* (cured sliced beef); or the Sicilian salad (spinach, tuna, boiled eggs, capers, mozzarella). Other dishes include their homemade eggplant parmigiano and lasagna. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Spice House Cafe** 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is its Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it.

Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms; and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Urban Solace** 3823 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-6464. Your solace at this bustling neighborhood eatery is pleasing American comfort food with a faint Southern accent. Among the choices are housemade biscuits, moist and tasty sweet potato fries, or a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and that can be rare — reasonably safe with this well-raised beef). Sunday brunches, with a live bluegrass band, offer a flawless portobello Benedict, fine butter-pecan French toast, and creamy, smooth grits. But some servers are neither from Mars or Venus but Uranus, apparently, and at busy times (always) they need a strict traffic cop to remind them to record your order and bring your food and beverages to Earth. No reservations, call aheads accepted. Wine and a fine beer list (no hard liquor, despite brunch menu's mention of mojitos). Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Vagabond** 2310 30th Street, South Park, 619-255-1035. Seasonal world food filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *secado de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually standing room only, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano** 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fish-monger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

## NORTH INLAND

**Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café** 9821 Carroll Canyon Road, Suite E, in Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. This Scripps Ranch social gathering place, in a discreet center of gray timber shops and offices, was started by a couple — originally technocrats from San Diego city schools — who took early retirement. They do sandwiches, but what sandwiches! Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon, or their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich with garlic and rosemary — all original. They also do roasted eggplant on a roll, and a Special Salad stacked with interesting berries, fruit, chicken, and nuts. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Gateway to India** 9520 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. This huge eating space fills half of Ker's outlet warehouse. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families — the best guarantee that good vegetarian food is served here — and reasonably priced. Only problem with an all-you-can-eat buffet is deciding what to eat. It's mainly northern, Punjabi and Gujarati, according to the Sikh cooks. Just have at the aloo curry, basmati rice, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), and *bengan bartha* (eggplant). See what you like. Some dishes are smoky and roasted, others yogurty, others nutty. Try to leave room for dessert, specially the mango concoctions — Asian mangos are sensational. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Hernandez' Hide-Away** 19320 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina

decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan — Vista** 248 Main Street, Vista, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Nijiya Market** 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

**Pampas Argentine Grill** 8690 Aero Drive, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos' great parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertain-



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*We're a long way short of manifestations of extraterrestrial life.*

It may be an advantage not to be an X-File-o-phile. If, like me, you have seen no more than a handful of episodes from the nine-season TV series, and you have only the vaguest recollection of the mid-run movie from ten years back, then the present resumption, *The X-Files: I Want to Believe*, will be somewhat protected from the whammy of ridiculous repetition. (Any long-running series can scarcely avoid running into self-parody.) No less will it be protected from the second whammy of excessive expectations. The six-note whistly musical motif at the top will induce no Pavlovian salivation, let alone a Sven-galian trance, and the movie can be judged on its merits. Whether or not it still holds the Zeitgeist in captivity is beside the point.

Six years after the show's cancellation, we find that Mulder the Believer and Scully the Skeptic have cut all ties to the FBI, the latter now a practicing physician at Our Lady of Sorrows, the former in retirement as a bearded hermit. (I have no idea where the show left off, and frankly the birth of Scully's and Mulder's child, to say nothing of its death, was news to me.) The case

that draws them back into the fold — only Scully knows how to get in touch with the paranormal apologist — is not all that far out of this world, not all that far out of the workaday police procedural. It begins, in intercut but not concurrent sequences, with an abducted female FBI agent and a pedophile defrocked priest who might or might not be psychic. He, chummily known as Father Joe, claims that the missing agent is still alive, and he has led a search party to a severed male forearm buried in the West Virginia snow, an arm that matches DNA found at the presumed scene of the abduction. But does that positively mean he's psychic or merely guided by guilty knowledge? Then again, if he's not the real McCoy, how does he come by his tears of blood?

The scope of the crime grows exponentially when another woman goes missing and the psychic uncovers a major cache of body parts preserved in ice, and the trail will ultimately lead to some macabre mad-scientist experiments well worthy of allusion to Dr. Frankenstein. Yet we're still a long way short of manifestations of extraterrestrial life or supernatural entities.

## REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



*The X-Files: I Want to Believe*

And that's a relief. This modest summer entertainment, under the authoritative direction of series creator Chris Carter, freed from some of the murky mannerisms of the original formula, has plenty of speed and stamina; it has palpable suspense; it has honest shocks; and it has a unifying and a resonating theme of perseverance: Mulder in his lifelong pursuit of the

Truth that, in a watchword of the series, Is Out There (way, way out there), Scully in her quotidian treatment of a terminally ill child, Father Joe in his quest for redemption, and even the villains in the lengths to which they're prepared to go in their self-serving villainy. (New watchword: Don't Give Up.) And lastly, a special blessing in this particular summer, it has no superheroes to put

up against those villains, only vulnerable mortals who inspire less and less confidence as they forge ahead.

Though you might almost wish that the movie had wiped the slate clean and started over with baggage-free characters (assuming it could have raised the financing for such an enterprise), the passing years have added an attractive weariness, a romantic



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Weltschmerz, to the two lead actors, especially to Gillian Anderson (“I’m done chasing monsters in the dark” — done, too, covering up the beauty spot below her left nostril), who was always the more attractive to begin with. But even the supercool David Duchovny — an odd temperature for an ardent believer — appears to have gained a deeper layer of awareness, or else dropped an outer layer of vanity. Their mutual mission now looks like more a curse than a crusade. Where once their lodestar might have been Prometheus, today it’s Sisyphus.

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*The Last Mistress*, at the Ken Cinema for the following week, would be better translated *An Old Mistress*. (*Une Vieille Maitresse*, in the original.) Not that the mistress is in any sense elderly, but simply that she has been mistress to the hero for quite a long while, ten years on and off, starting when the young man was a fledgling libertine of twenty, and fully expecting to continue in her capacity beyond his pending wedding. The time is the first half of the 19th Century, identified as the century of Choderlos de Laclos, and although that author’s signature work, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, dates from well back in the foregoing century, the ruthless strategizing of courtship is strongly reminiscent: “This marriage will be my masterpiece,” grimly vows the bride-to-be’s grandmother, who looks back on Laclos’s era as the Good Old Days. The novel, however, on which the movie is actually based comes from later in the 19th Century and from Barbey d’Aureville, not a name you often run into anymore (I had a turn with him in my exploratory youth), one of the bellwethers in the corruption of the Romantic Movement, the depletion of the heroic individualist and the ascendance of the *femme fatale*, the man-eater, the succubus, the vampire. The titular mistress, a native of Spain, land of Carmen (her literary contemporary), will be seen literally licking the blood from a bullet hole in the hero’s chest.

This is a juicy role, perhaps the juiciest to date, for the snaggle-toothed, baggy-eyed, crow-voiced Asia Argento, the role of a woman whose charms are not outwardly obvious. She not only fits that criterion (charms, yes; obvious, not so much), she fits additionally the classic pattern of the dark temptress set in opposition to the blondness and blandness of the paragon of virtue. If her evident breast implants and her glimpsed tailbone tattoo argue against her usefulness in a period piece, she nonetheless brings to the role what it wants most, a threat of danger. The cigarillo, the spit curl, the gypsy garb can do only so much on their own; the actress convincingly ties them together into a pathology.

Of course the director, Catherine Breillat, brings a threat of danger herself. But even as the *de rigueur* sex scenes are moderately explicit, they’re a marked retreat from the envelope-pushing extremes of the filmmaker’s *Romance* and *The Fat Girl* (not to mention what was apparently felt to be too sticky for public consumption in the provinces, *Anatomy of Hell*, available on DVD), and they’re also in short supply. Breillat, a bit bogged down in talky exposition as well as in a disproportionate and ill-placed flashback, is plainly in no hurry to assault any barriers or to generate facile sensation. She demonstrates herself to be completely committed to the period, the costumes, the settings, the sentiments, in

short the total sense of reality, recorded in crystalline photography and unadorned with meddlesome background music. Her societal portrait has almost a documentary instructiveness. Certainly there is nothing radical, only something coldly historical, in the exposure of the Biblical sexism of the wedding ceremony. The extremes in the movie — a Romantic work with a capital “R,” however tarnished that letter might be — are those of the human heart, not the human flesh. Argento’s nakedness is the matter of least concern when she’s sitting astride her lover, cowgirl-style, and howling with grief rather than ecstasy, at the funeral pyre of their infant daughter in the Algerian desert. That, and for that matter the movie as a whole, is something to see. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

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**Baghead** — Indie comedy-thriller by the brothers Jay and Mark Duplass, with a cast of unknowns. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/1)

**The Band’s Visit** — To be specific, the Alexandria Police Ceremonial Orchestra, an octet costumed in robin’s-egg blue, visiting Israel for the inauguration of an Arab Culture Center, but taking a wrong turn to a sound-alike destination in the middle of nowhere, spending a night, getting to know the locals and vice versa, bridging a cultural gulf. The blend of comedy and pathos, under the direction of Eran Kolerin, might call to mind the cinematic heyday of Italian humanism, albeit with more of an absurdist deadpan. Only three of the eight band members receive sufficient screen time to become individualized in the least — the priggish leader, his stifled assistant, an unruly rookie — and Sasson Gabai as the first of the three could stand alongside an Alberto Sordi or an Ugo Tognazzi (to place him in the company of comic-pathetic Italians), albeit with more reserve and decorum. Ronit Elkabetz, as his easygoing hostess, makes a lissomely sensuous foil. Imad Jabarin, Saleh Bakri, Khalifa Natour. 2007. ★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8/4, 6:30 P.M.)

**Brideshead Revisited** — The Evelyn Waugh novel revisited, at roughly a fourth the length of the early-Eighties TV mini-series. Matthew Goode, as the self-professed atheist artist Charles Ryder, murmurs his way through the pages of a radical rewrite (particularly the gay abandon): first year at Oxford, the tormented Catholics of Brideshead manor, Venice, Marrakesh, and so on. A white-haired Emma Thompson as the tyrannical Catholic matriarch supplies brief relief from the tedium. With Ben Wishaw, Hayley Atwell, and Michael Gambon; directed by Julian Jarrold. 2008. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/1)

**Bustin’ Down the Door** — Historical documentary on surfing in the Seventies, narrated by Edward Norton, directed by Jeremy Gosch. (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA, FROM 8/1; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 8/1)

**Chris and Don: A Love Story** — The Angeleno portrait artist Don Bachardy reminisces in frugal video on his three and a half decades of intimacy with British author Christopher Isherwood, thirty years his senior. (The one clip of Isherwood with sound demonstrates dramatically how closely the American protégé patterned his speech after his mentor.) In essence, a copiously illustrated literary talk, augmented by other knowledgeable voices, that should meet the needs of anyone interested.



Brideshead Revisited

Michael York, Isherwood’s stand-in in the screen version of *Cabaret*, reads the excerpts from the writer’s diaries. Directed by Guido Santi and Tina Mascara. 2008. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 7/31)

**CSNY/Déjà Vu** — Reunion tour of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young (average age, sixty-two and a half), hoping to conjure the spirit of their Vietnam protests and transfer it to the Iraq War. The new music isn’t top-flight, nor is the filmmaking (concert footage, archive footage, interview footage, plus “objective” reporting from an “embedded” mainstream journalist, Mike Cerre), yet the general effect is affecting: simultaneously nostalgic and engagé. Directed by Neil Young under the pseudonym of Bernard Shakey. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; THROUGH 7/31)

**The Dark Knight** — Fashionably “dark” comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for “the bat man,” as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan’s restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment, although we must acknowledge that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker — banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan’s lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can’t trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-

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**Dog Day Afternoon** — Sidney Lumet’s three-ring-circus staging of a bungled bank stickup, Brooklyn, 1972, that turned into a hot summer day standoff between the robbers and their hostages, inside the bank, and the N.Y.P.D. and F.B.I. outside. An exemplary New York street movie, rich in incident of the Oh-God-what-next variety. Also an exemplary actors’ movie, with Al Pacino’s and Charles Durning’s across-the-street negotiations especially giving the thing a kind of dog-fight snarl and yap. It is

an audience movie as well, however. And the decision to model it as a star vehicle for Pacino, with the predicament seen exclusively from his inside-a-trap vantage point, forces the audience to regard the principal bank robber as simply a headache-sufferer rather than a headache-causer. With John Cazale, Chris Sarandon, and James Broderick. 1975. ★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/31 AND 8/1, 8:30 P.M.)

**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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson** — The truth-bending journalist, dooper, 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

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## MOVIES

trip down Memory Lane, not without its points of interest, flooded the whole way with apropos pop songs. Directed by Alex Gibney. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/1; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 7/31)

**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, wavery, 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Hellboy II: The Golden Army** — A black mark on the record of director Guillermo del Toro, whose record, which started out so clean with *Cronos* in his native Mexico and *Mimic* in the Hollywood system, looks now a bit ink-stained: *Blade II*, the first and second *Hellboy*, and nothing else that comes close to those first two. If the panegyricized *Pan’s Labyrinth* (immediately preceding) was itself overly clogged in its visuals, his present 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



*The Last Mistress*

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. With Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Luke Goss, and Anna Walton. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; 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 unflinchingly 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.

★ (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.

● (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, Glenn Headly, Joan Cusack, Stanley Tucci, Jane Krakowski, and Wallace Shawn; directed by Patricia Rozema. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15)

**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 unturned. 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**The Last Mistress** — Reviewed this issue. With Asia Argento, Fu’ad Ait Aattou, Roxane Mesquida, Claude Sarraute, and Michael Lonsdale; directed by Catherine Breillat.

★★★ (KEN, 8/1 THROUGH 7)

**Mamma Mia!** — The Catherine Johnson stage musical brought to the screen under its stage director, Phyllida Lloyd: a romantic-comic bauble about a scheduled wedding on a Greek island, to which the bride-to-be, unknown to her mother, has invited the three men who are sole candidates to be her biological father. (All three prove to be remarkably uncurious and acquiescent guys.) But that’s a mere pretext for the players at short intervals to warble tunes from the ABBA songbook. Among the things that might be said about the movie are (a) that ABBA, infectious though they can be, are not exactly the Beatles, as witness the latter’s similar use in *Across the Universe*; (b) that another and better wedding movie, *Muriel’s Wedding*, had already successfully plundered the ABBA songbook, without asking its cast to do the singing; (c) that this cast for the most part are not singers (Pierce Brosnan in full throat looks as if his head’s about to explode), although no apologies need be made for Meryl Streep, who, besides her lusty belting, supplements her usual emotion-plumbing with some peppy physicality; (d) that the natural settings, clearly, brightly, sunnily photographed, somewhat temper the inherent campiness; and (e) that this tempering, in a work of such fragile artifice, is not necessarily a good thing. To get down to a couple of specifics, the “Super Trouper” number on the eve of the wedding is a definite high point, and despite the shortage of competition for high points, the closing credits are well worth hanging on for, providing two higher points in the form of encores — twin peaks, if you please — with Streep and her bosom buddies (the blissfully confident Christine Baranski and the indomitably plucky Julie Walters) stepping off the Greek island and onto a secluded concert stage, in disco-era Vegas costumes. With Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard, and Dominic Cooper. 2008.

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The Stone Angel

**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.  
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** — Supernatural sequel with Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello, Jet Li, and Michelle Yeoh, directed by Rob Cohen. (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; FROM 8/1)

**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 followed 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. Tempestuous 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.  
● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Step Brothers** — Mainstream comedy, at the broadest point in the stream, about a pair of developmentally arrested forty-year-olds (Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly), still living at home with their respective single mom

and single dad, then living together after the parents meet and marry, living first at loggerheads and later in boisterous accord. Everything is pushed to extremes with the intent of making it extra, extra funny, and with the result of making it not at all funny. It is to co-producer Judd Apatow rather than director Adam McKay that we are prone to ascribe the prosthetic testicles; and it's between the scriptwriting team of Ferrell and McKay that we are obliged to split credit for lines like "I want to roll you into a little ball and shove you up my vagina" and "I feel like a lightning bolt hit the tip of my penis." With Mary Steenburgen, Richard Jenkins, Adam Scott, Kathryn Hahn. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Stone Angel** — Ellen Burstyn, as the headstrong protagonist of the Margaret Laurence novel, reviewing her life at its end, hits many authentic notes but finds no one and nothing to harmonize with. And the dominating flashbacks of the first half, substituting Christine Horne as her younger self (well matched physically), shut her out altogether. With Dylan Baker, Sheila McCarthy, Cole Hauser, Kevin Zegers, and Ellen Page; written and directed by Kari Skogland. 2008.  
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/1)

**Swing Vote** — Political comedy with Kevin Costner, Madeline Carroll, Kelsey Grammer, Stanley Tucci, Dennis Hopper, and Nathan Lane, directed by Joshua Michael Stern. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; FROM 8/1)

**Tell No One** — If this doesn't give us what we expect and want from a French thriller, part of the reason must lie in its source, an American mystery novel by Harlan Coben. Convoluted and contorted be-

yond 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, compresses the absurdities into an intolerably small space. 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 rodney 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 wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) as an uptown lesbian; 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); and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, with supreme poise and not a hint of a knee-buckle, shoulders the brunt of the absurdity. 2007.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Touch of Evil** — Orson Welles at his most rotund as director, but not quite most rotund as actor. Rotund enough, though. ("You're a mess, honey," he is told by a wise Mexican whore. "You ought to lay off those candy bars." And later, after he has sent an underling to fetch coffee, he mutters with sincere disappointment, "Didn't you bring me any donuts or sweet rolls?") As for rotund: the effect is made by wide-angle photography, sharply receding perspectives, and a tendency to keep the actors on the run, herding them directly toward or away from the camera. Because of all that, the movie appears to be taking place in some sort of wind tunnel, with the dialogue having to fight upwind to reach the audience and only doing so on a sev-

eral-second delay. The grotesque characters are a lot of fun, most of all Dennis Weaver's skittish, woodpeckerish motel manager, but the dime-novel truths about police corruption, Mexican bordertowns, the drug trade, etc., are trivialized (if possible) by the comic-book sensibility. With Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Marlene Dietrich, Akim Tamiroff, and Mercedes McCambridge. 1958.

★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/2 AND 3, 8:30 P.M.)

**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 psychiatrist. The action is set back in 1994, but that's no excuse for the colors fading almost 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; written 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 Garlin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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**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.  
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**The X-Files: I Want to Believe** — Reviewed this issue. With David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, Billy Connolly, Amanda Peet, and Alvin "Xzibit" Joiner; directed by Chris Carter.  
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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**You Don't Mess with the Zohan** — Adam Sandler's Israeli accent (plus his stammering multiple negatives: "No-no-no-no-no") seems like a sufficient base for a spy comedy revolving around a hirsute agent of Mossad, a sort of anti-*Munich* if you please. But the jokes stray a long way off the base and in diverse directions: the

hero's superhuman powers (snagging a bullet in his nostril, doing no-hands pushups, etc.); his pursuit, in America, of his secret desire to cut hair ("I just want to make people silky smooth"); his time-warp sense of fashion, gleaned from a disco-era Paul Mitchell catalogue; his sexual predilection for grateful old biddies; his, or rather (one

and the same) the writer-producer's, Pollyannish appeal for peaceful coexistence; and the hypocritical stigmatization, since *somebody* has to be the bad guy, of the corporate money-grubber — *anybody*, to be more particular, besides those altruists at Happy Madison Productions and Sony Pictures. Just as Sandler's accent could seem a

sufficient comic base, John Turturro might seem an adequate comic adversary as a Palestinian terrorist and fast-food entrepreneur, but this would be hard to verify on the laugh-meter. There are good-sized parts, too, for an all but unrecognizable grease-painted Rob Schneider, Lainie Kazan, Nick Swardson, and Emmanuelle

Chiqui as a Palestinian cutie-pie, and bite-sized parts for Shelley Berman, Chris Rock, Kevin Nealon, Mariah Carey, and John McEnroe — and not enough laughs to go around even were they sliced into thin smiles. Directed by Dennis Dugan. 2008. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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## CENTRAL

### CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **Swing Vote** (PG-13); **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson** (R); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Sex and the City** (R); **Space Chimps** (G); **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 3:10, 3:40) 4:10, 4:40, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:15) 7:35, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:35, 10:25; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:10, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:55, 7:10, 9:25; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:20) Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:20; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20) 6:45, 7:15, 9:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 1:30, 3:30) 4:20, 6:45, 7:15, 9:20, 10:10; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (12:00, 1:40, 2:30, 4:20, 5:00) 6:40, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:40, 2:30) 4:20, 5:00, 6:40, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:00, 9:45; **Wanted** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:15) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:25, 10:00; **You Don't Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:55, 10:30

### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 12:30, 3:15, 4:00, 6:45, 7:30, 10:15, 11:00 Sun. (11:45) 12:30, 3:15, 4:00, 6:45, 7:30, 10:10; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15, 10:55 Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:40, 4:35, 7:40, 10:35 Sun. 1:40, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:00) 1:05, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05; **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:35, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40 Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15

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**Brideshead Revisited** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Mongol** (R) Fri. 2:20, 5:15, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 2:20, 5:15, 8:15; **The Stone Angel** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Tell No One** (NR) Fri. 2:30, 5:30, 8:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30

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**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (Pg-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30; **The Dark Knight** (Pg-13) ((10:30 12:30 2:00 3:45) 5:15 7:00 8:30 10:15; **Mamma Mia** (Pg-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Step Brothers** (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:45; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG 13) ((10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30

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#### All's Well That Ends Well

Most of Shakespeare's romantic comedies begin with an arranged marriage: the female's father chooses for her. But what if the golden slipper were on the other foot? What if the woman — Helena in *All's Well* — were free to name her mate with the King's blessing? And what if 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 *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.

#### Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

#### Altar Boyz

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the musical comedy spoof about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last night of their national

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#### Boomers

Lamb's Players Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows. In this salute to the Baby Boom generation, when a guy sings a snippet from "Big Girls Don't Cry" a woman counters with "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To," as if Leslie Gore wrote the song in response to the Four Seasons. Now in its fourth — fifth? — version, *Boomers* has grown a great deal since it premiered in 1993. It's added social dimensions (the original was mostly about middle-class whites), more period details, and a much better understanding of one's later years (gained from experience: authors Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington are now 15 years older). Ostensibly the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to 1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of "name that tune" in fast-forward. Boomers in the audience gulp "oh's" of recognition when a musical-fragment triggers memories. One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie's

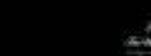
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Aretha-strong voice do all of “Respect”; or Keith Jefferson all of “I Heard It Through the Grapevine”). One could also wish that the characters weren’t so one-note (Bill Doyle’s hippie must express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads’s direction and the four-piece backup band. You won’t learn why the pump don’t work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you’re of a certain era, *Boomers* will time-machine you back in a lively manner.

***Worth a try.***

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 619-234-9583. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

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***Worth a try.***

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 3 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 24.

**Helen**

The face that launched 1000 ships didn’t? Homer got it wrong? Holy *Iliad*, Batman! In 412 BCE, Euripides punctured Greece’s greatest mythological balloon: Helen never

went to Troy, he contends. Her husband Menelaus hid her in a cave to wait out the war (for which she was merely a scapegoat, not the cause). When the play begins, tragedy looms: Helen, the most hated person on earth, is in Egypt at the tomb of Proteus. She’s been a “virtuous wife” but now fears that her husband’s dead, and King Theoclymenus wants to marry her, or else. Somehow — and only an iconoclast like Euripides could swing it — the play turns from tragedy to a reasonably happy ending (for a fascinating history of the Helen myth, see Bettany Hughes’s *Helen of Troy: Goddess, Princess, Whore*). The Theatre, Inc., is staging the play in a crisp new translation by Marianne McDonald and J. Michael Walton. The production isn’t always equal to the text’s serio-comic mood swings, however. It flits and starts in non sequiturs. Plus, sound’s a problem throughout, from recorded speeches that blur the words to Brian Abraham’s mumbling as Theoclymenus and especially as Teucer. Douglas Lay’s Menelaus, in modern garb (and a Greek sailor’s cap), adds energy, and the lively chorus (Bianca Chapman, Vanessa Milton, and Melissa Hamilton) performs choreographed moves (uncredited) that add richness and urgency. Robin Christ has an affinity for Greek drama’s most tragic women. She proves it once again as Helen, tormented, cursed (“a name can be many places at once, but not a body”), and, in this play at least, finally set free.

***Worth a try.***

SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 3.

**Madagascar**

“A secret has an answer,” says a character in J.T. Rogers’s drama, adding that a mystery remains a mystery. The analogy’s false, since mysteries have solutions, but it works for *Madagascar*, which moves forward and backward, unraveling and unraveling at the same time. A man has vanished. For much of Act One you don’t know who, only that a good percentage of people who choose to disappear are successful. In Act Two the mystery becomes: Why did he leave? Like a poison, the solution(s) to the mystery infect those left be-



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hind. The play’s set in a stripped-down hotel room in Rome, above the Piazza di Spagna. It takes place today, as Nathan confesses; and three days ago, as young June dares to remember; and five years ago, as June’s mother Lillian builds a wall of denial and stands perplexed behind it. Like *Chinatown*, the play’s title becomes a geographical locale and the site of metaphorical jazz-

cise. The North Coast Rep’s offering a capably done staging, for the most part. Marty Burnett’s creamy, yellow-gold hotel room walls peel like a sunburn, and M. Scott Grabau’s lighting expertly frames faces. Though they could put more variety in their deliveries, the cast performs admirably: Rosina Reynolds (in a curly blond wig), stately and fracturing as Lillian;

Frank Corrado, humble, quizzical Nathan; Christy Yael’s June, an ocean of subtexts. In some ways, how the playwright weaves clues and red herrings (and admonishes his audience to heed every one: “You’re not paying attention!”) becomes as, if not more, interesting than the characters’ upended expectations, since he forces you to listen to every word rather than re-

spond emotionally to the situations. This has a rational, distancing effect. For people who require “structures” and “grids” (the playwright’s words) of order, *Madagascar* may frustrate. But the play has some terrific writing, and the conundrum is such that, were an easy solution given, it would frustrate even more.

***Worth a try.***

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 3.

**The Merry Wives of Windsor**

Shakespeare on short notice: legend has it that Queen Elizabeth wanted a play featuring Falstaff in love. The Bard had, the legend says, two weeks to write the five-act comedy. The script takes longer than his others to get going. And once it does, it’s mostly setups and punch lines. Shakespeare used a fascinating shortcut, however: he didn’t have time to develop characters, so he gave them distinct voices and turned the stage into a Babel of warped idioms. For the Old Globe, director Paul Mullins reset the play in the Old West. Ralph Funicello’s versatile, stained-wood set becomes a dusty street, a dance-hall saloon, and a moonlit forest (okay, the relocation doesn’t work 100 percent). Denitsa Bliznakova’s multilayered costumes make the transition from buckram to buckskin with ease. If the production has a concept, it would be “*Merry Wives* is goofy. We’re honoring that. Enjoy.”

Mullins’s large cast communicates the fun of doing one farcical lick after another. As Falstaff, Eric Hoffman’s opening night was, at best, okay. Hoffman pushed for emotional breadth almost to the point of straining his voice (plus, Falstaff relishes language as much as he does capons; Hoffman gave his words more utilitarian deliveries). Some individuals shine. Katie MacNichol and Celeste Ciulla, as the merry mistresses Ford and Page, bookend the show with schemes and class (a favorite bit: at one point they adopt a 19th-Century melodramatic style and frolic with histrionics). White hair down to his shoulders, Jonathan McMurtry looks like Wild Bill Hickock, until he draws his six-shooters and terrorizes the town. Wynn

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### Worth a try.

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### **The Music Man**

American Rose Theatre stages Meredith Willson's popular musical about trouble a-brewing in River City. Jeremy Lapp directed. Amy Paige choreographed. KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 2.

### **National Comedy Theatre**

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRIDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

### **No Sex Please, We're British**

PowPac, Poway's community theater, presents the British farce about newlyweds inundated with Scandinavian pornography. Raylene J. Wall directed. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY. 858-679-8085. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 10.

### **Paradise**

For five performances only, as part of its festival of plays "that explore and confront the human spirit," Compass Theatre stages Glen O'Malley's drama about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as seen through the eyes of children. Alice Cash directed. COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 3.

### **The Phantom of the Opera**

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical combines echoes of Puccini and Meyerbeer with, on occasion, thumping, discolike drums, which could be one reason why the critical vanguard, in 1986, took such offense. The huge, spectacle-rich musical was trying, and in their eyes failing, to be opera. *Phantom* found its niche and audience, however, as a populist opera, still running after all these years, and still adored (hope, if you see it, that the people next to you — impervious to heated "shushes" and "would you please!"-es — don't crow the entire score from memory). Although the famous falling chandelier makes, at best, a blithe glissando down to the stage, the current touring show hasn't skimped on production values. Massive sets fly and wheel in, and the 36-person cast always sports opulent finery. Richard Todd Adams, as the half-masked Phantom, and Greg Mills, as romantic lead Raoul, boast booming voices (Adams has the vulnerability and nuances that made Michael Crawford's original so popular). And Marni Raab, who plays Christine, sings with crystal clarity and force (there are times, as during "Wishing You Were Here Again," when you're certain she's giving 100 percent, then she doubles it). At the Civic, the production resembles opera in one respect: if you're



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seated from the middle on back, the tinny sound system blurs words, the louder the blurrier — and it's like watching an opera in a foreign language.

### Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 858-570-1100. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1 AND 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 10.

### **The Pleasure of His Company**

If you don't look too closely, this drawing room comedy's a bauble and, though talky, somewhat entertaining. After abandoning his wife and daughter in 1943, Biddleford "Pogo" Poole has come back to San Francisco for his daughter's wedding — to talk her out of it and take her on the road to adventure. The play's so undemanding you'd be surprised that the authors (Samuel Taylor and Cornelia Otis Skinner) wrote the script for Hitchcock's *Vertigo*. Nonetheless, it's hard to overlook emotional gaps (why would a daughter who's only received three letters from him in 15 years romanticize her absent father?); a slanted opposition between leaden, stay-at-home

Phillistines and hit-the-road cultured elites; and a male lead running not toward adventure but away from adulthood. In 1958, when the play premiered, Pogo would have scored points for daring. Today he's exhibit A for the "Peter Pan Syndrome," a spoiled brat who wants not his daughter but another Wendy. The Old Globe's production has more reasons for skipping than seeing it. Two of the latter: elegant Patrick Page almost succeeds in sweeping Pogo's foibles under the rug (at opening-night curtain, those who stood applauded his performance), and Alexander Dodge's set, the majestic living room of a Victorian mansion. Nine-foot windows overlook the Golden Gate Bridge. Intricate polished molding makes the entire room look sculpted. Best of show: in Act One, York Kennedy's lighting crafts an incrementally roseate sunset.

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Cygnnet Theatre opens its sixth season with the West Coast premiere of Adam Bock's dark comedy about Beverly. She's kept her office domain shipshape. Then handsome Mr. Dart arrives. Sean Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

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### **Romeo and Juliet**

For the Old Globe, director Richard Seer wisely sets Shakespeare's tragedy in its time. Romeo and Juliet lived when a land-based economy was still the norm. Vows, like marriages and one's social station, were permanent, and their love was absolute. Anna R. Oliver's costumes include the slashed fronts and sleeves of the period. Iron gates and stained-glass windows dominate Ralph Funicello's stained-wood set. And York Kennedy's splendid lighting finds that mystical source, somewhere above and to the side, that illumines the works of Tintoretto and Caravaggio: amid darkness the lovers glow. Stage pictures resemble paintings. Some echo each other, as when Juliet's hand reaches down for Romeo, from the balcony and from the tomb. But Seer breaks the picture frame, so to speak, when Romeo and Juliet address speeches to the audience. If the choice was meant to endear them to us, they don't need it (I can't think of anyone audiences could care more about). And including us in their private thoughts breaks their tragic isolation. The night I caught the show, Graham Hamilton — and the production overall — settled in about a third of the way through. At first Hamilton dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later he hit his accents and began to mean what Romeo meant. Heather Wood not only expresses Juliet's youth and intelligence, she has a naturally melodic voice that only rings false when she tries to add melody to it. The production offers strong visuals, and the story, as so often in Shakespeare, works on elemental levels. But the second half's a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy's opera-like impulses. *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.

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### **Sailor's Song**

New Village Arts is restaging its popular production, which earned director Kristianne Kurner the San Diego Critics Circle's Craig Noel Award for best direction in 2007. Rich never found a "breakthrough cause" that would put him "on the other side, with the people who know they're alive." Rarely in theater has someone so confused been so eloquent. And that goes for all of

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John Patrick Shanley's characters in his 90-minute "watercolor." Everyone makes summary statements about life and the need to make fundamental choices (take the bird in the hand; forget the two in the bush). The play thinks its ideas for you. Rich goes back, in memory, to a time when he should have chosen between two women ("choose one, even the mad one," his uncle urged, "and let the other go"). But Rich preferred to suspend the moment just prior. The New Village Arts's excellent production makes mystical what the play renders explicit. Before a wall of stars, actors waltz to Strauss's "Blue Danube", a rowboat actually rows across the set, a Dance of Death unfolds to Otis Redding's immortal "Try a Little Tenderness." Director Kristianne Kurner and choreographers Robin Christ and Kathy Meyer create the fluid dreamscapes everyone tells Rich to avoid. Amanda Sitton

and Amanda Morrow charm as the sisters Lucy and Joan, the former "normal," she says, the latter a spirit medium. Morrow gets the best line. When Lucy pleads her case for Rich's love, she says that just because Joan "can see around a corner once in a while doesn't make her sane." (Note: the new version has two cast changes — Joshua Everett Johnson now plays Rich and Manny Fernandes plays gruff, sagacious Uncle John.)

***Worth a try.***

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**A Streetcar Named Desire**

The best parts of Ion Theatre's staging are external. Tim Boyce's sound design includes a titanic streetcar booming behind the audience and clanging to beat the band. Music from New Orleans' Latin Quarter — circa late 1940s — spices scenes and interludes. The flavor of the post-WWII Big Easy hovers over the Kowalski residence at 632 Elysian Fields. What happened inside the house, on opening night, was half-realized. Part of the problem: the set's so severely cramped there's little room for even single-file movement and none for Stanley's epic tirades (the cast behaved as if working with the set — and the props — for the first time), and the three-hour-fifteen-minute evening felt even longer. The style also varied. Director Claudio Raygoza uses expressionistic effects, including a choral flashing of lightbulbs and an impressive opening, where music brings the dead back to life. But these choices are inconsistent with the scenes themselves, which receive a traditional, realistic treatment. Of the large cast, only Brian Mackey had his character (Mitch, the mama's boy) down. The rest had scratched the surface but hadn't found the depths. Monique Gaffney's Blanche DuBois has enough inner strength for ten Blanches; she needs more "moth"-like (Tennessee Williams's word) fragility, and a much looser grasp of reality: flighty, like a whirling balloon, running out of air. Matt Scott stresses Stanley's manic side, and does it well, but misses his vulnerability almost completely. Scott is either strident, or more strident. Sara Beth Morgan's Stella goes the other way: she's passive, just Stanley's enabler, and could hit Stella's active notes harder. Ion Theatre has gained a reputation for mounting tough-to-stage classics effectively. Their *Streetcar* misses that mark. ION THEATRE COMPANY, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. 619-374-6894. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 10.

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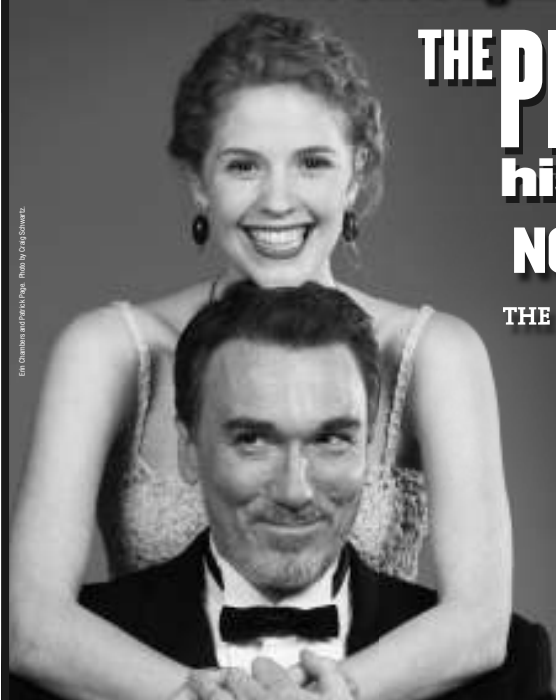
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apy") to his financially successful roommate with three Gucci belts, Michael (Vest also scores as Larson's soft-spoken father). It feels strange, at first, to sit 15 feet away from performers wearing head mikes (especially a talented trio that obviously doesn't need them), but the garage-band concept works. Stone Soup's designers combine a work-in-progress look with surprisingly professional polish. 619-287-3065.

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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 solider 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



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ground that lulls result). But the tight, flashy, and moving Diversionary 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. Accom-

panied 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.*** DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 17.



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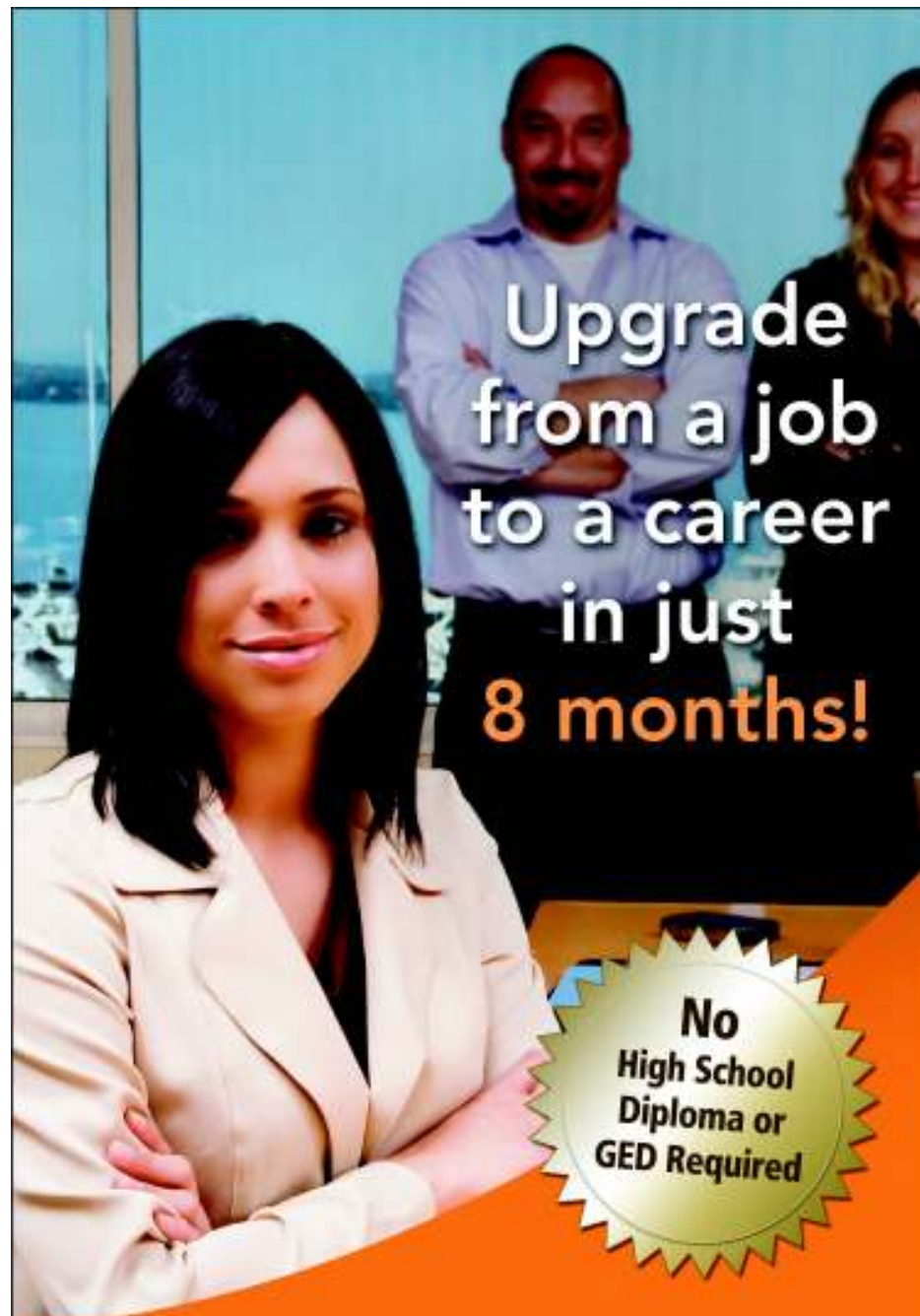
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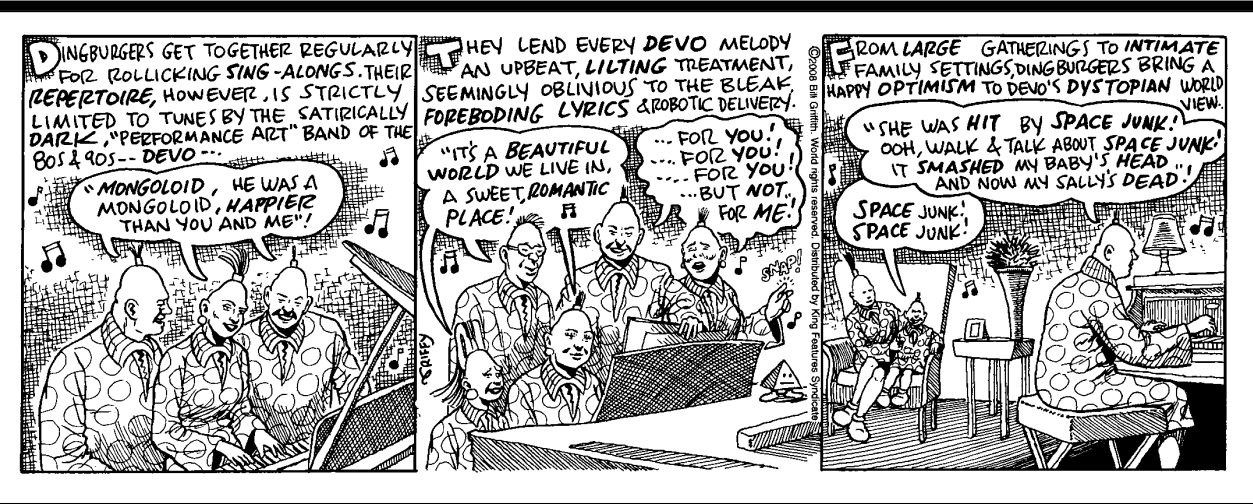
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Chris Trevisin  
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It was when I was stoned. I don't do that anymore, but one time... I ate a whole bag of Pecan Sandies, these Keebler cookies; two bags of Cool Ranch and Nacho Cheese Doritos. Those were full-size bags. I had three-fourths of a pizza, the works. And I had a California burrito.



Caryn Padowitz  
Student  
La Jolla

I was dating a guy that was over six feet, and real heavy. But I could always eat more than him. I played lacrosse and went to the gym back in high school and ate a lot. One time we were watching TV and I was really hungry. I got an entire rotisserie chicken and ate it. I was even picking the bones for extra meat. Oh, recently, someone made us this homemade Mexican food from scratch. It wasn't very good, but there was a lot of it. By the time they got to desserts, we were stuffed. And they had every dessert imaginable...cake, cookies, ice cream. Everything.



Ben Schneider  
Lawyer  
Chicago

I don't know if I could think of the biggest meal. Maybe some Thanksgiving. But the most painful would be each week. It's like a contest to see if I can top the previous Saturday. I'm very religious, and on Saturday I don't eat all morning. And we end up going right to someone's house and have this stew. It has meat, beans, and potatoes in it. I eat so much, I get full and fall asleep.



Veronica Flood  
IT Development  
Foothill Ranch

It was at my aunt's restaurant in New Jersey. We had a seven-course meal to die for. I can't believe on the trip I was still able to lose five pounds. I'd finish one plate, and there was another. Filet mignon and potatoes.... I felt like rolling the three blocks home. The funniest thing is that my aunt was giving me crap about my weight on that trip, then she stuffed me at her restaurant.



Dan Ewing  
Manager  
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I have a brother that was a fine-dining chef at Baleen's in Miami. It opened up here in Mission Beach. When it was there and I was visiting, I had this bad-ass six-course meal. We basically got to taste everything on the menu. He would bust out everything. He's a chef at the Omni here now, so maybe I'll pay him a visit.



Scott Kaplan  
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Pacific Beach

It was two years ago on Thanksgiving. My two roommates were trying to outdo each other. Both are great cooks. They were doing lots of prep in the afternoon, and it was eating all day long. By 8:00 p.m. I was so full and ended up asleep on the couch.

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**ADOPTION EVENT** Saturday, August 2, from 10am-3pm at Petco in Poway. 13375 Poway Road. For more information, call Baja Animal Sanctuary, 619-231-6960 or email [sandradsimpson@cox.net](mailto:sandradsimpson@cox.net).

**ADOPTION EVENT** Saturday, 8/16, from 10am-3pm at Petco in Carmel Mountain Ranch, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive. Contact Baja Animal Sanctuary for more information. 619-231-6960 or [sandradsimpson@cox.net](mailto:sandradsimpson@cox.net).

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## THE READER PUZZLE:

### RULES OF THE GAME

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.  
5) Wow! Now we're giving away 10 Reader T-shirts each week to contenders chosen randomly!  
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.  
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.  
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Across

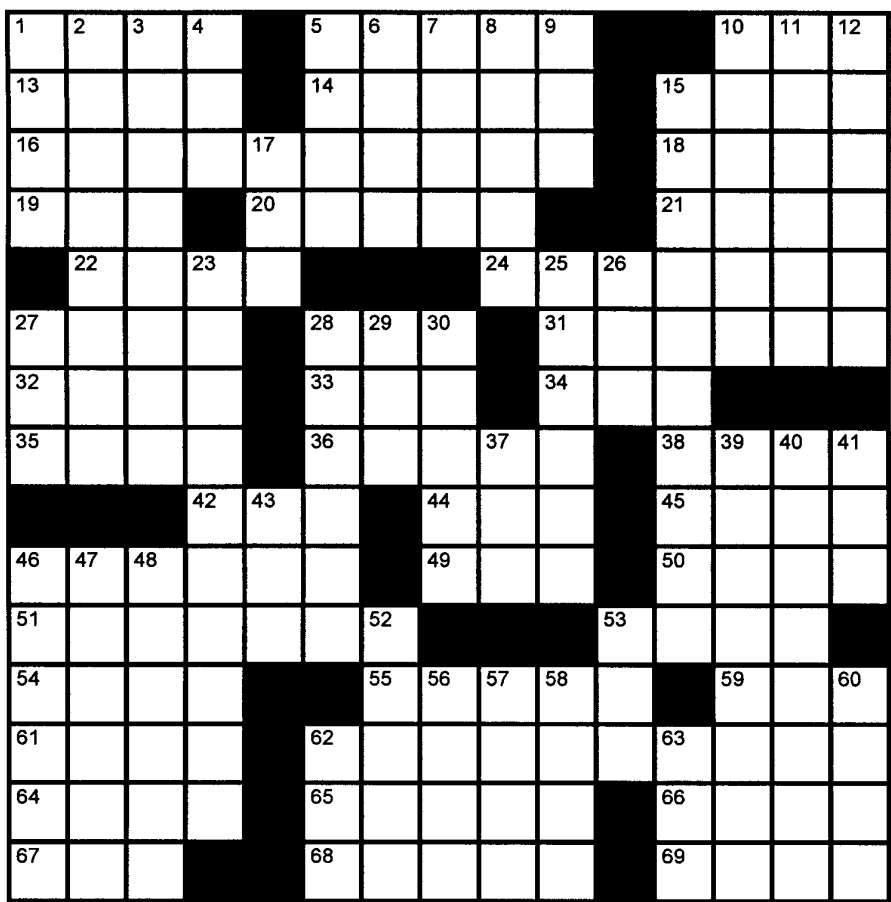
- Narrow cut
- "The Silence of the \_\_\_\_"
- Richie's dad, to Fonzie
- Years and years and years
- Stoudemire of the NBA
- "Great!"
- Ski lodge warmer
- Ancient theaters
- \_\_\_\_ Friday's
- "American Idol" runner-up Clay
- A gallon's 16
- Four-sided fig.
- Some Louisianans
- Folded treat
- Soldier's bed

- Cantankerous
- "Currently serving" military status
- "Either he goes \_\_\_\_ go!"
- French wine classification
- "You never had \_\_\_\_ good!"
- Its "emissions" are present in 16- and 62-Across and 15-, 23-, 25- and 28-Down
- Much of a waitress' income
- AFL-\_\_\_\_
- DMV ID
- Lennon's in-laws
- Club music genre
- Conceit
- Lives no more
- Emphatic turnaround
- Romanian ruler known as "The Impaler"
- Fork-tailed bird
- TV monitor?
- Not pos.
- Arbor Day planting
- Plot together
- Same: Fr.
- Organs in tadpoles but not frogs
- "Do you have two fives for \_\_\_\_?"
- Cath. or Luth.
- Nitwit
- Jekyll's bad side

### Down

- Yearning for Zion, e.g.
- Emmy-winning Ed Asner role
- Broken
- General on a Chinese menu

- Peterson in the news in 2003
- In a frenzy
- Medieval weapon
- Unbroken horse
- Swell place?
- Lunar lander
- Movie critic Richard
- Chic
- Ingredient in some soaps
- Excess
- Haute couture icon
- Ornate style
- Mess up
- You: Fr.
- 1985 movie with the tagline "It is everything you've dreamed of. It is nothing you expect."
- Spanish gold
- Heading
- Flip (out)
- It may be pleaded
- Thought
- Retired Atl. crosser
- Overnight stop
- Nervous giggle
- Come to light
- Total, e.g.
- Egg-shaped
- Second bananas: Abbr.
- 251, to Caesar
- Prefix with graph or gram
- Part of MIT: Abbr.
- Kind of therapy
- Special effects inits.
- Half of a tuba sound



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We cannot accept your entry without the following:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood/City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Message: \_\_\_\_\_

### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

**John Rosenbach, Escondido, 7.**  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 7.** "Fire up Padres"  
**Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 7.** "Odell, sorry your name was misspelled. Hoppers lives."  
☛ **Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 6.** "You are what you is."  
**Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 6.** "Kevin, Pepe, Eddie, Josh, Lexi, You guys rock! Peace!"  
**Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 6.** "I'm still a winner."  
**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 6.** "Round up the usual suspects"  
**Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 6.**  
**Karen Davies, San Carlos, 6.** "Have a nice day!"  
**Dennis Roth, Santee, 6.**  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 6.** "Ride your bike every-day."  
**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 6.** "Our kids Monica, Loretta, Iggie, Kenneth, and Stephanie."  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 6.** "173 days and counting"  
**George Jackson, Oceanside, 6.**

**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 6.** "I want a recount"  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 6.** "I'm speechless, so I have nothing to say!"  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 6.** "Watch me make this pencil disappear."  
**Ron Meyer, Santee, 6.** "Two weeks and counting."  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 6.**  
**Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 6.** "Hello to all my friends named Jeff."  
**Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 6.** "JG, you make me want to be a better man!"  
**Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 6.** "Hi Derry and Shadow!"  
**Marc Rutter, University Heights, 6.** "Happy 50th to me! Happy life to y'all!"  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 6.** "Solved with help from wine and 2 twenty-somethings."  
**Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 6.** "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."  
**Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 6.** "They'd better be ateat and naan."

☛ **Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6.** "Six weeks and no T-shirt."  
**Dan Baggett, North Park, 5.** "Howdy Will!"  
**H J Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 5.** "Waving sharp pointy sticks for Ruth!"  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 5.**  
**Phil Cashman, University City, 5.**  
**Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5.** "I to the O to E, Joey!"  
**Anna Cornett, Mission Hills, 5.** "YMCA rules!"  
**Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 5.** "Come on, Mom, you can do it!"  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 5.** "They're here, Carol!"  
**Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 5.** "I want my lost T-shirt."  
**Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 5.** "Chloe is the best dog ever!"  
**Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 5.**  
**Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 5.**  
**Mercer Kepler, Clairemont, 5.** "I don't get the connection to atom."  
**C J Muellner, Spring Valley, 5.** "Ta-da!"  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 5.** "You just think happy thoughts. They lift you into the air."

**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 5.** "One world"  
**Jessica Romero, Chula Vista, 5.** "What happened to my shirt?"  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 5.**  
**Geoff Shimotsu, Ocean Beach, 5.** "Solonet, how is work? We love Belize!"  
**Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 5.**  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 4.** "E is for entertaining elephants."  
**Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 4.** "Size 2XL please. 4 for 4"  
**Shirley E Bolden, College Area, 4.** "Hi erica and Jovani: Gigi loves you two!"  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 6.** "Ron and John sounds great, Lillian!"  
**A. T. Certik, Bonita, 4.**  
**Leslie Chase, Campo, 4.** "Hi Bill!"  
**Carlos Cruz, Mira Mesa, 4.** "How many more?"  
**William Cushing, RB, 4.** "Papa loves Grammy!"  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 4.** "C'mon Ken, I'm finished."  
**Harry Engel, La Jolla, 4.**  
**Paul Fowler, La Mesa, 4.** "Carpe diem!"  
**Janet Goff, Cardiff, 4.** "Love and peace, dear Aaron"  
**Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 4.** "Give it a name."

**Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 4.** "This should be 4 in a row!"  
**Martha Klages, Encanto, 4.** "Happy Birthday Larry"  
**Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 4.** "Spoon!"  
**Marc Lanotte, San Marcos, 4.** "Jesus is coming, look busy."  
**Ed Lester, La Jolla, 4.** "4 out of 5 ain't bad"  
**Anna McCutcheon, Downton, 4.** "Paint your home or business like new."  
**Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 4.** "www.geocaching.com"  
**Bill Stevens, Bay Park, 4.** "Purgamentum init, exit purgamentum."  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 4.** "Fun, fun, fun."  
**Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 3.**  
**Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 4.** "TYVM 4 the T-shirt!"  
**Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 4.** "I won again."  
**Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 4.** "I love you, BCB."  
**Marie Turock, North Park, 4.**  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 4.** "Life is short. Skip the bad chocolates."  
**Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 3.** "Next week I'm timing myself."

**Jerry S Anders, Scripps Ranch, 3.** "The Reader rocks, but it's Scripps guy!"  
**Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 3.** "Woody or wouldn't he?"  
**Kim Boyd, Vista, 3.** "Rosey, we love you"  
**Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 3.**  
**Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 3.** "Happy holiday, Sarah!"  
**Maria Coda, Oceanside, 3.** "Hi All!"  
**Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 3.** "Happy! Happy!"  
**Mike Crowley, Ramona, 3.** "Hi Em, Connor, and Aiden"  
**Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 3.** "Happy fifth birthday, Katrina! Oodles of hugs and kisses!"  
**Marc Gearhart, Imperial Beach, 3.** "www.myspace.com/unxut"  
**Todd Gileed, Del Mar, 3.** "He's got the lead, but can he hold it?"  
**Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 3.** "Two words diverged in a yellow crossword and I chose"  
**Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 3.**  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 3.**  
**Linda Huynh, Bay Park, 3.** "Welcome Maxwell Alan Silverman. I can't wait to meet you."



THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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**Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 3.** *"Thursday is puzzle day."*  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 3.** *"In vino veritas, redux!"*  
**Jim Koziol, UTC, 3.** *"Hi Lukie!"*  
**Steve Levitt, Cardiff, 3.** *"Still shirtless!"*  
**Ronald Long, San Diego, 3.** *"Frans forever"*  
**Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 3.** *"Hi Shawn! Hi Sars!"*  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 3.**  
**Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 3.** *"More fun!"*  
**Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 3.** *"Bacon!!!"*  
**Barry Newman, Escondido, 3.**  
**Tessa Patton, Pacific Beach, 3.** *"Laidback at lunchtime; go-getter at crunch time!"*  
**Jennifer Rabner, Escondido, 3.** *"Be responsible pet owners: spray/neuter"*  
**Dave Small, San Carlos, 3.** *"Reader puzzle rocks!"*  
**Tom Stam, Lakeside, 3.** *"This gimmick really works!"*  
**Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 3.** *"P-town 4 life!"*  
**Jeff Van De Moere, Banker's Hill, 3.** *"Now that's just donkey!"*  
**Dave Washington, La Jolla, 3.** *"Congrats to Bill for his Eagle."*  
**Dot Waterman, Santee, 3.** *"Keep on dancing."*  
**David A Weim, Chula Vista, 3.** *"I am back!"*  
**Bob Werner, Bay Park, 3.**  
**Kelley Wilson, Santee, 3.** *"Hi Bud and Nick! Erica needs a T-shirt!"*  
**Steve and Dawn, North Park, 2.** *"Pray for mom!"*  
**Kim and Nate, La Mesa, 2.** *"President and first lady of the LML."*  
**Jenn Avila, Clairemont, 2.**  
**Brian W Beadle, Clairemont, 2.** *"Dissolve the federal reserve and eliminate the international bankers."*  
**Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 2.** *"Watch Red Eye or be worse than Hitler."*

**E T Cage, Carmel Mtn., 2.**  
**Ben Cooper, Downtown, 2.**  
**Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 2.** *"Three weeks off!"*  
**Robin Cory, Mira Mesa, 2.** *"Hi Mom! How about some pickled pen?"*  
**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 2.** *"Audrey and Eli have a great grand-mother!"*  
**Andre Diehl, MA, 2.** *"I'm talking about the Reader and me being in it."*  
**Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 2.** *"Hey John Lester, I'm still doing them."*  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 2.** *"It is what it is!"*  
**Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 2.** *"Bill says, Real men do it in pen!"*  
**Vicki Flora, Bonita, 2.**  
**Ron Hootman, Santee, 2.** *"Still at 101 and holding!"*  
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**Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 2.** *"Venj, Vidi, Vici. 2-1 or 2-2 sel?"*  
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**Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 2.**  
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**Don Albee, Santee, 1.**  
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**Patricia Bettinger, South Park, 1.** *"XOXOXO to my RVD."*  
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**Ben Brainard, Santee, 1.**  
**B. Breckenridge, Santee, 1.**  
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**Dan Collins, Santee, 1.**  
**Ron Comer, La Mesa, 1.** *"I sure could use a new shirt."*  
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**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 1.** *"Robin, the marshals are catching up. Ditch the stuff!"*

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**I C Garcia, Golden Hill, 1.** *"Your parents were the first people to lie to you."*  
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**Chicago Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 1.** *"Cubs suck. White Sox rule!"*  
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**Dawn Guendert, Carlsbad, 1.** *"Phil H. You're the best!"*  
**Hugh Hagues, Santee, 1.**  
**Shannon Hammell, Santee, 1.** *"All your crossword answers..."*  
**Andy Harrison, Santee, 1.**  
**L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 1.**  
**Ricky Hartpence, Santee, 1.**  
**Mark Hill, Santee, 1.**  
**Chris Hills, Mission Valley, 1.** *"No comment!"*  
**Eileen Holmes, , 1.** *"WWII veteran and proud of it."*  
☛ **Tan Tan Huang, Mission Valley, 1.** *"Steve, you're on the B-team now."*

**EM Hutchings, Santee, 1.**  
**Sharon Jones, El Cajon, 1.** *"Thanks to my men for getting the Reader."*  
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**Gary Kuske, Santee, 1.**  
☛ **Ryan Leighty, Scripps Ranch, 1.** *"Hi AP, HAL and LMSI!"*  
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**Bill Love, Santee, 1.**  
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**Richard Markson, Indio, 1.** *"I can't believe I did the whole thing!"*  
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**Donovan McGlynn, Golden Hill, 1.** *"This isn't really my first time!"*  
**Sean McLaughlin, Clairemont, 1.** *"Forever dead. Thank you, boys!"*  
**Gloria Meisen, Carlsbad, 1.** *"Go-Go Glo!"*  
**Melissa Menard, Escondido, 1.** *"This one's for my mom and my grandpa Agahan."*  
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**Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 1.** *"Let English grow; bring back the letter thorn."*  
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**Claire Reeder, Hillcrest, 1.** *"Take that, Martin!"*  
**Larry Roberts, La Mesa, 1.** *"Just another day in paradise!"*  
**Garth Wise, Carlsbad, 1.** *"Down with gas prices!"*

**Christopher Robinson, Rancho Bernardo, 1.** *"Lovely Linda of the Reader staff for pres. BTW, I can't spell."*  
**Diana Roderick, Oceanside, 1.** *"Love the challenge. Shop Titan Promotins!"*  
**Lupe Saldivar, Escondido, 1.** *"Crazy like a beaver! Yeah!"*  
**William Sarangay, San Diego, 1.** *"Sarah, I'm getting better at them!"*  
**D Schick, Oceanside, 1.** *"Sem-per hic always this"*  
**Diane Sengir, Downtown, 1.** *"Happy Birthday Nu Age painting."*  
**Carol Simpson, Pacific Beach, 1.** *"Happy 30th anniversary, Baby!"*  
**Rich Six, San Diego, 1.** *"At last!"*  
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☛ **Shawna Strickland, Santee, 1.** *"Nick, Hailey, Maddie, a very merry unbrithday to you!"*  
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My slang word is “**cinemuck**,” which is the stuff on the ground of the movie theaters. All the popcorn and sodas and gross candy and stuff that sticks to your feet. Cinemuck is the word “cinema” and “muck” com-

bined. You don't know it's there until you've stepped in it or put your arm in it. Maybe people that work in movie theaters should clean a little better because it's so nasty to get someone else's garbage on you. I've even

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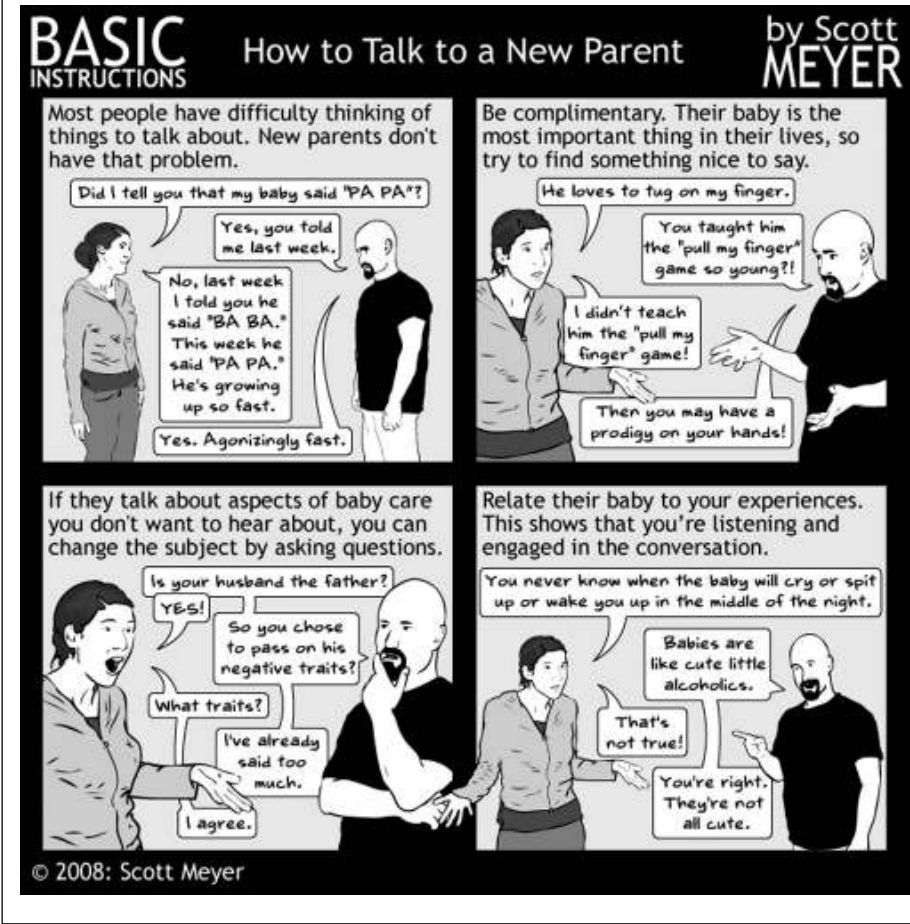
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LEAD STORY

— While Iran’s leaders quote the Koran, the country’s multitudes of young adults are embracing New Age self-help, as exemplified by the best-selling books and sold-out seminars of motivational guru Alireza Azmandian, according to a June *Wall Street Journal* dispatch from Tehran. Though young adults in Turkey and Egypt have stepped up their religious fervor, that is not so in Iran. Said a 25-year-old aerospace engineer: “Religion doesn’t offer me answers anymore,” but “[Azmandian’s] seminar changed my life.” The Oprah Winfrey–touted book *The Secret* is in its tenth printing in Farsi; yoga and meditation are big; and advertising abounds on the virtues of feng shui and financial management.

The Continuing Crisis

— Randall Popkes, 41, and his son Joshua Williams, 22, were arrested in West Des Moines, Iowa, in May and charged with an attempted safecracking at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club. A security officer had noted their license plate as they sped away after a frustrating session

in which they had cut into the safe but could not open it. In fact, they had left behind a note for management, according to the *Des Moines Register*: “[Expletive] you and your safe.” — At press time, a court in Athens, Greece, was considering a challenge brought by three residents of the island of Lesbos in the Aegean Sea to prevent a Greek gay-and-lesbian organization from referring to homosexual women as lesbians, arguing that such usage insults their heritage, since Lesbos residents have traditionally been called “Lesbians.” On the other hand, Lesbos was also the birthplace of the poet Sappho, a heroic woman among gays and lesbians for her early references to her love of other women.

Yikes!

— The Panda Chinese Restaurant in York, Pa., was already in trouble in an early-June city sanitation inspection, with demerits piling up because of accumulated grease, insects in the seating area, and rotting lettuce, according to a *York Daily Record* report. Then, in the middle of an inspector’s visit, he came upon a live snapping turtle

in the restaurant’s main sink. Said the inspector, “I had to sit down and gather myself before I could speak.” The manager said he had seen the turtle outside and had brought it in for safety: “It was wrong that we put it in the sink.” — Oops! (1) A June accident with nitric acid at the Albion Chemicals plant in Belfast, Northern Ireland, caused the release of a chemical cloud, but authorities said it was predominantly nitrous oxide, otherwise known as “laughing gas.” An Associated Press dispatch reported no unusual “giggling” in the area. (2) A scheduling accident at the Eagle Trace Golf Course in Broomfield, Colo., in June caused insufficient time between the end of an early-morning junior-golf-association event (kids aged 7 to 12) and a noontime charity tournament sponsored by Shotgun Willie’s strip club, with scantily clad dancers cavorting around the course. One mother told WUSA-TV that her little golfer asked, “Mom, why is she only wearing underwear?”

Family Values

— Spare the Gun, Spoil the Child: (1) Darrell Walker, 30, was arrested in Bartlesville, Okla.,

in May after his eight-year-old son told police that his dad routinely shoots him (and his younger sister) in the leg with a BB gun if they misbehave. (2) Robert Cisero, 46, was arrested in Medford, Ore., in June after (according to police) he hit his teenage daughter in the ankle with a hammer to feign a “skating” injury, for which she could get a prescription for pain medication, which he then commandeered. — The *New York Daily News* reported in June that members of gangs such as the Bloods and the Latin Kings who become parents are routinely having their babies “blessed” into their gangs in religious ceremonies in which the swaddling clothes are the gang’s colors. (The Bloods call such babies “Blood drops” or “Blood stains.”) The *Daily News* described the parents “teaching chubby little fingers to [make] gang signs” even before the toddlers learn to talk. One Episcopal priest said he has “blessed in” about 300 such kids to two gangs.

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## Hidden Fruit

tinued to be awfully nice, although after a few days I couldn’t help but notice that most of the time they were also awfully naked — and often engaged in sexual relations in communal areas that I would have thought were off limits, such as the kitchen table and the living room couch.

I often wore a bandanna over

my nose and mouth — looking as if I were about to hold up a stage-coach — in an effort to try to breathe through all the second-hand smoke. I endeavored to be polite and offhand upon awakening to various naked and unfamiliar people sleeping in the living room. The situation eventually started to rankle.

The main bathroom (boasting the only shower) was located between Ian’s and Matt’s bedrooms, with no access but through one of their rooms. This was a bit of a challenge for several reasons.

One, having seen things happen in our shared public spaces that I did not wish to see, I was loath to discover what my lascivious roommate Ian might be doing behind closed doors. Two, Matt’s room resembled the aftermath of a massive piñata party, with some risk of personal injury in any

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attempt to cross. Regardless of which room I chose, I also had to be fearful of both occupants, either of whom could possibly lurch out of the darkness like a giant spider and engulf me in a druggy amorous embrace from which I would find it difficult to extricate myself.

Despite the incessant burning joints, frequent and elaborate tea ceremonies, and continual birthday suits, all was not peaceful in this hippie haven. There were frequently tearful, naked women about, each one distraught at having discovered another naked woman emerging from a bedroom or bath.

At one point, unbeknownst to me, my roommates applied a home-remedy salve to a minor rash that one of my cats had — keeping it nice and moist until sepsis finally set in. He required a sizable quantity of antibiotics to recover.

One morning, emerging from my room, I ran into Matt, who, as was his custom, was clad in a very short blue robe — so short that one had to hope that he wouldn't reach for anything while wearing it. He came forward to greet me in his usual ethereal, enthusiastic manner, stopping barely a foot from me, smiling placidly, large brown eyes all pupil.

"There were some evil spirits on your cat this morning, but I chased them off." He said this with the self-effacing smile of a person

who has done a good deed and expects to be thanked for it.

"Thanks," I said weakly. "That's great." I quickly escaped to the bathroom through his bedroom minefield.

The final nail in our living-situation coffin was the Coconut Incident. One day Matt, audibly upset, called me at home to ask if I had "moved [his] coconut." I ran through the contents of the fridge and scanned the countertops and told him that I didn't see it, nor did I recall ever having seen it.

"No," Matt replied, in a perfectly rational voice. "It was behind the back door, near the clothes dryer." Matt explained that he had placed the coconut there to "absorb the destructive spirits" in the apartment and that moving it had caused "damage to the dimension to which it was connected."

He seemed to indicate that the necessity for this protection had something to do with absorbing Ian's bad energy (or something — I didn't really understand what he was saying). Of course, it didn't help matters when it was revealed

that it was Ian himself who had discovered the rotting coconut behind the door and tossed it in the garbage.

Matt tried to explain the gravity of the situation to me, but as he frequently began his sentences with "I realize that this deals with a dimension you don't understand," I found it difficult to appreciate the situation as much as he would have liked. I tried a gentle tack, suggesting that if he felt the need to hide fruit in the common spaces of the apartment, he should to let us know — otherwise, a logical person might conclude that the coconut had rolled out of someone's grocery bag.

No dice. "This is *war*!" declared the usually peaceful space cadet, and I found myself spending the better part of the evening mediating the disagreement between Matt and Ian. ("Now, Matt, tell Ian how it made you feel when he touched your coconut.")

In the end, Matt was placated only after we placed a coconut in every room. This was somewhat inconvenient, as it was August, and the coconuts turned syrupy and

soft within hours and attracted fruit flies that appeared out of nowhere. No one had the audacity to throw the decomposing "destructive-spirit absorbers" out.

"It's me or the coconuts!" was an ultimatum I couldn't bring myself to deliver. I was worried I'd be on the losing end, having — as far as I knew — no powerful dimension connections to offer.

As a courtesy reprieve to my replacement, albeit a probably temporary one, I tossed my room's coconut out as I vacated the premises. I do not know if the next person suffered the attentions of extra-dimensional evil spirits.

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— **"A BUMP ON THE HEAD COULD KILL CHRIS O'ROURKE,"** Joe Applegate, August 3, 1978

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

The San Diego Port District is proposing a tremendous density along the north/south corridor of Pacific Highway and Harbor Drive, all the way from Navy Field to the airport. And when it's finally all done, we'll have all these gleaming, mirrored-glass skyscrapers that will fry each other and the people living around them because they're solar mirrors.

— **"THE REBUILDING AND UNDOING OF DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO,"** Paul Krueger, August 4, 1983

### Twenty Years Ago

Sitting in a tiny, airless cubicle, staring at a

chicken sandwich. Someone just handed it to me through a sliding door, and I've removed the colored foil paper in which the warm food was wrapped. Very soon Jack-in-the-Box restaurants *may* begin selling hundreds of thousands of replicas of this sandwich throughout the western United States. And today the men and women at the San Diego headquarters for the chain have one question uppermost in their minds: Should it be prepared with a honey-mustard sauce? Or will more people like it made with the traditional mayo-onion spread?

— **"THOUGHT FOR FOOD,"** Jeannette De Wyze, August 4, 1988

### Fifteen Years Ago

All over California, the 1960s-style mall that has defined so much of American suburban landscape over the last 30 years is undergoing a revolution. Witness the new Del Mar Plaza, which opened in May 1989. A \$30 million development covering 69,000 square feet at the intersection of 15th Street and Camino Del Mar, it styles itself as a "European retail village." Just as California's developers once dreamed of covering the land with bloated parking lots and anonymous L-shaped concrete blobs, so now they dream of covering it with exquisite simulacra of

Mediterranean villages.

— ARCHITECTURE: **"NEVER USE THE 'M' WORD,"**  
Lawrence Osborne, August 5, 1993

### Ten Years Ago

"I stick my finger into existence — it smells of nothing. Where am I? What is this thing called the world? Who is it who has lured me into the thing, and now leaves me here? How did I come into the world? Why was I not consulted?" This quote, and many more by Kierkegaard, can be found at a personal website called "Pleasures of the Mind."

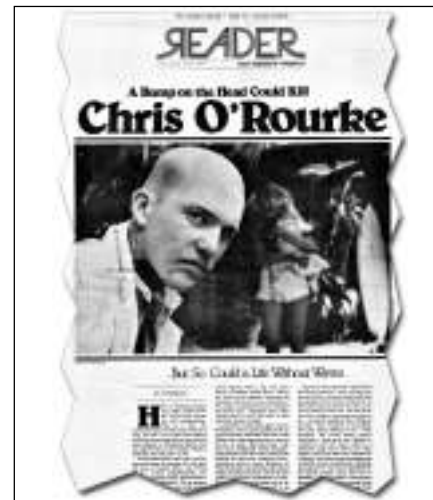
The media rarely pay attention to personal Web pages; but in fairness, personal Web pages tend toward sophomoric humor and read like a dry curriculum vitae: "Hi, my name is Svetlana. I love my pug, my Grammie and Gramps, scripting HTML..." "Pleasures of the Mind" ([members.aol.com/KatharenaE](http://members.aol.com/KatharenaE)) is a personal Web page, that of Katharena Eiermann, but as the name implies, it is more cerebral than most.

— SIGHTSEER: **"BOOKS THAT WOUND AND STAB,"**  
Justin Wolff, August 6, 1998

### Five Years Ago

When did he dine and whom did he dine with?

There's never been any question as to



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whether and how Inzunza dines. Virtually every business day at the stroke of 12 noon, the 34-year-old councilman can be seen strolling out of his 12th-story city-council office, heading off to one of a chosen few downtown eateries and watering holes, such as Dobson's and the Grant Grill. Two hours later, he returns. But there has always been a nagging curiosity about what goes on in between.

— **"FUN WITH RALPH,"** Matt Potter, July 31, 2003

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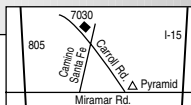
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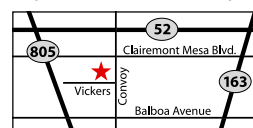
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Geoffrey had us interested in his phrase “intellectual delinquents.”

By John Brizzolara

This last weekend of the month I find myself in Mission Valley, poolside at the Promenade luxury-resort condominiums, across the street from Sears. I'm with my son at the home of my high school friend Dr. Jon Venn, for the past year a professor of psychology at San Diego State. He has extended to me an open invitation to bring my son down from San Marcos for a day of swimming and billiards, if we get to it. We don't.

My son Geoffrey will be 31 at the end of this summer, and he has a diagnosis of schizophrenia. It has taken two months to get him to leave his apartment, which, aside from the mess, looks the way I imagine Mission Control in Houston might look, with its banks of computers on which he and his friends (along with several other regulars in various countries) will play ongoing role-playing games like Warhammer or World of Warcraft. Except for periodic sorties to Vons or Fry's, Geoff doesn't get out much.

We are at one of two pools at the Promenade, and it is a perfect day for it. Small children and attractive college girls provide pleasing scenery, and the condominium grounds are architecturally reminiscent of Spain, as if it were a northern archipelago of Balboa Park.

If you live here or a similar place in Mission Valley, you are fortunate. If not, you should immediately seek out more fortunate friends.

After a shower in the gym, we took a dip, and soon my son was resuming his conversation with Jon, a serious-looking, bearded ectomorph with much wit sheathed in sober, genuine interest. Geoffrey had both the doctor and me interested in his phrase “intellectual delinquents,” which I suspect he may have been directing toward me, maybe Jon as well, and just as easily, neither of us. Trying to establish more about his intriguing phrase (which he would reverse to “delinquent intellectuals” or “delinquent intellect”) was rough going, slogging as we were through computer jargon and references to vampires. The two words were close to the phrase Jon and I and some confederates at Carmel High in Mundelein, Illinois, were labeled by the priests and brothers there: hard-core apathetics.

Later in the day, Jon's wife, Carleen, joined us, an attractive intellectual (with no evidence of the delinquent about her) whom Geoffrey complimented obliquely by telling her she reminded him of certain female members of my old workshop group, when he was a child. This group comprised aspiring science-fiction writers, some of whom have gone on to be quite famous in the field. Carleen indicated that she was indeed an author and currently working on a book on health care, her field at SDSU. Her very presence reassured me that health care in this country need not be hopeless. She had no way of knowing, but being promoted from a leading authority on public health to science-fiction writer was high praise indeed from Geoffrey.

The word bittersweet occurs as I write this, thinking of the afternoon with an old (as old as I am) and abiding friend, his charming wife, and my son with his good soul and troubled mind, the late afternoon light as it only appears in San Diego and in summer, winking on the surface of the pool like molten, burnished coins and reflected onto the palm fronds overhead. At one time, an occasion like this would accompany the presence of some appropriate alcoholic drink; and it is reassuring to know that it occurred to me only in passing and with a brief laugh to myself when someone brought hamburgers and hot dogs down to the barbecue grill in a Crown Royal carton.

At one point Jon said something about how gratifying it can be to have chil-



dren, and I could tell he was missing his own daughter, grown now, a literature major and living in Canada. He's a good father. Instead of immediately agreeing with him or saying anything at all, I felt a greasy wave of self-loathing that I had been concerned about my son's behavior. That he might embarrass me or them? Certainly my friends were far too generous for that, but apparently not me. And I had allowed this shadow into one of those perfect days God is so conservative about handing out.

Of all my suggestions — as bizarre as some of them may have been over the years — as to what to do with your weekends, this may easily be the best. Spend them with your friends and children...yours, if you've got 'em, but don't be fussy.

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