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Summer fun The Gill Action Fund, a political arm of the Colorado-based Gill Foundation, which recently named ex-Jerry Sanders PR aide **Fred Sainz** its director of communications, gave \$250,000 to the No on Prop 8 campaign last week. Sainz is expected to become a key player in the campaign against the measure to ban gay marriage in California.... *Happy Days*, the 164-foot yacht of



Susan Davis

Union-Tribune publisher **David Copley**, is still trolling lazily along the French Riviera. On July 30, six days after Copley announced the *U-T* was for sale, the craft was spotted pulling into the International Yacht Club of Antibes after a short voyage from Monaco.... Democratic congresswoman **Susan Davis** continues to be an inveterate traveler. At the beginning of June, she was off to Rome with her husband Mike to attend a conference titled "Political Islam: Challenges for U.S. Policy." For each, lodging cost \$2400 and meals \$840. The total \$14,280 tab was picked up by the Aspen Institute, a nonprofit outfit funded by big corporations and wealthy individuals, including **George Soros**, the billionaire backer of liberal causes. At the same time, Davis aide **William Hazard** also hit the road, traveling to Ankara, Turkey, on a "fact-finding trip to learn more about initiatives for promoting interfaith dialogue among Muslims, Christians, and Jews," according to his disclosure. The visit's cost of \$3020 was paid for by the Rumi Forum for Interfaith Dialogue. The weeklong trip included a "boat tour up the Bosphorus and Dinner on boat"; a stop at the Blue Mosque of Topkapi Palace; a visit to the Zulfaris Jewish Museum; lunch at the Turkish Grand National Assembly; and a visit with the Turkish minister of economy.

Electrifying Sempra Energy, lobbying hard to build that controversial power line across Anza-Borrego state park, has taken its battle to the stomachs of legislators and their staffers. According to the company's latest lobbyist disclosure statement, filed last week, lucky recipients included **Dave Loudon**, chief of staff to GOP Sen. **Mark Wyland**; **Cameron Durckel**,



George Plescia

director of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's San Diego office; and **Tyree Dillingham**, the office's deputy director. Each partook of food and beverage valued at \$75.04 during a presumably cozy session at Donovan's, a posh San Diego steak house, on June 3. Republican Assemblyman **George Plescia**, no stranger to Sempra's hospitality in the past, chilled out at L.A.'s Staples Center on June 10, his ticket, food, and beverage setting the company back \$322. On April 19, **Matthew Petteruto**, chief of staff to Orange County supervisor **Bill Campbell**, got tickets worth \$114 to an Angels game. Meanwhile, brewing giant and SeaWorld owner Anheuser-Busch, soon to be taken over by multinational beer maker InBev, enjoyed a last lobbying hurrah. **Pablo Espinoza**,

deputy director of member services in the assembly speaker's office, got \$135.90 worth of admission to SeaWorld San Antonio. **Ivan Altamura**, chief of staff to GOP Assemblyman **Mike Villines**, got tickets to San Diego's SeaWorld valued at \$271.80. And Democratic Assemblyman **Curren Price** got an \$81.90 dinner at the Park at Mason's, a Sacramento restaurant.

Blasts from the past Ex-KFMB Channel 8 TV weathercaster and part-time Mission Beach stand-up comic **Larry Mendte** has been making the wrong kind of headlines in his adopted hometown of Philadelphia lately. Mendte, who departed San Diego to work in Chicago after KFMB fired him in 1992 and who later anchored the syndicated *Access Hollywood* in L.A., is facing federal charges that he hacked into the email account of his sexy co-anchor about 537 times over a five-month period beginning in January. Mendte, who co-anchored Philadelphia's KYW-TV news with **Alycia Lane** for more than four years, allegedly used the information to plant damaging stories about Lane with a gossip columnist for the *Philadelphia Daily News*. Mendte's motive, according to Lane's attorney Paul Rosen, was envy; Lane, dubbed the "Latina Bombshell" by Philadelphia media, was making \$780,000, \$100,000 more than Mendte. "There's no question that it was out of jealousy," Rosen told local reporters. "Her star was climbing, while his was not climbing.... His conduct was designed to undermine her." Mendte allegedly circulated information about Lane's own mini-scandals, which included a late-night scuffle with a New York City policeman. (Lane was fired in January; Mendte in May.) He is expected to plead guilty when he appears in federal court on August 22.... Another former San Diegan is also in hot water back East. **Sean-Michael Lyons**, also known as Michael Stevens Lyons, 45, has pleaded guilty to failing to register as a sex offender after he moved from California to Sussex County in New Jersey. In 1985 he was convicted by a San Diego County superior court jury of ten counts of lewd acts with boys between the ages of 6 and 13 and attempted child molestation. He was sentenced to 12 years in state prison. Lyons was a 22-year-old counselor at the Santa Margarita YMCA when the crimes occurred. New Jersey authorities said that Lyons was a pastor at the Damien of Molokai Chapel of the Reformed Catholic Church, which he operated out of his house in a section of Vernon. The church said he had been suspended from clerical duties; it is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.



Larry Mendte



Alycia Lane

— **Matt Potter**

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San Diego Is Chargers' Problem

By Don Bauder

The Chargers say they have a problem: Qualcomm Stadium is antiquated. Sorry. The Chargers' problem is much broader

and deeper than that. The Chargers have a problem with San Diego. Period. It's not big enough or rich enough to satisfy the financial ambitions of the ownership.

I recently had an email colloquy with Mark Fabiani, the team's special counsel. His answers to my questions were revealing. He says the team is sedulously working to remain in San Diego. But I suspect he realizes that that is impossible, given the management's monetary desires. I have thought for years that the team wanted the rich Los Angeles market. Economic and political conditions may prevent that for a while — perhaps a very long while. But unfortunately, the horrible

City/Chargers contract inked in 2004 permits the team to walk off without saying a word beforehand. There-



Qualcomm Stadium

fore, the Chargers don't have to move to L.A. and play in the Rose Bowl or Coliseum until a new stadium is finished. The Chargers can stay mum until a stadium is completed and suddenly move.

Other teams, however, want that juicy Los Angeles market. So the Chargers



Mark Fabiani

Stadium's luxury boxes and club seats do not have the amenities for which customers in other markets are willing to pay top dollar." He is talking about "luxury boxes, club seats, and electronic signage/sponsorship opportunities" that "create a huge and growing financial chasm

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Worldwide Spanish Slang

By Ernie Grimm

Spanish slang connoisseur Roxana Fitch grew up in Tijuana, birthplace of some of the most distinctive slang words — or

jergas — in the entire Spanish-speaking world. The proximity of Tijuana, and of Mexico's entire border region, to the United States has spawned such English-influ-

drywall, derived from Sheetrock, the leading brand of drywall. *Lonche* means lunch. *Raite* means ride.

Fitch continues, "Some people from Mexico City turn

Fitch ought to know. She makes her living with language as a translator and Spanish teacher in Bologna, a university town an hour's drive north of Florence, Italy. But her passion is collecting slang and colloquialisms from all over the Spanish-speaking world and documenting them on a website she started in 1997, jergasdehablahispana.org.

Since she was a child growing up near Avenida Revolución, Fitch, 47, has loved language. "Like many Tijuana people," she says, "I crossed the border to go to school and came back home for the rest of the day." While a student at Chula Vista's Hilltop High School, Fitch says, "I saw all the possibilities for studying languages, so I took some French and German. Then I went to Southwestern College, and then I went to UCLA, where I did some Japanese and Portuguese as well. But Italian has always been my favorite."

It was with a degree in Italian that Fitch graduated from UCLA in 1982. After graduation, she moved back to Tijuana and "worked a little bit on both sides of the border. I taught languages and did translations."

At the age of 29, Fitch moved to Bologna, a town she'd become enamored of six years earlier. "When I was 23, I came for the first time to Europe with my backpack. I was traveling and trying to see if I wanted to do some



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Roxana Fitch's Jergas Dictionary



Roxana Fitch

enced expressions as *llamar pa' tras*. "It's a literal translation of the English 'to call back,' which in Spanish makes absolutely no sense, but people say it anyway," Fitch says. "We borrow those words from English and adapt them, make them sound more Spanish."

Other examples of Tijuana/border slang: *chiroquear*, a verb meaning to install

their nose up at border slang because they think it is so contaminated with English. But if you go to Mexico City, they have their own set of slang, which is very extensive, rich, and varied. And if you go to another place, like Michoacán or Culiacán, they have their own vocabularies. Every single state has their own set of slang."

graduate studies over here. So I visited a lot of university cities. And I fell in love with Bologna. It's a small town, but it has everything. It's very lively because the university community is very strong. The University of Bologna is the oldest university in Europe."

The idea of a Spanish slang dictionary first came to Fitch when she was having trouble communicating with Spanish speakers from other countries whom she met in Italy. "If I was speaking with a Peruvian," she says, "or an Argentinean, we had a hard time understanding each other and talking to each other when we got down to a more familiar conversational level. When it was formal, it was fine. We



Spanish class at Cervantes

could understand each other perfectly. But when we started being friends and hanging out, that's when we had a hard time understanding each other. A lot of misunderstandings arose. Sometimes the same word has different meanings, and sometimes it's offensive. Let me just give you an example. The word *bicho* is generally understood in most countries as a critter, a small animal or a bug. But in Puerto Rico, *bicho* is the male sexual organ. You can see how misunderstandings could arise from there."

When the Internet revolution took off in the mid-1990s, Fitch indulged her interest in languages online. "I started chatting in chat rooms, and I was focusing on the Spanish. I encountered the same problems as usual of misunderstandings and people fighting over stupid things because they didn't understand what the other person had meant to say. At the same time, I had started compiling a dictionary of Mexican terms

for a friend of mine, a Spaniard, who was really hooked on Mexican soap operas but didn't understand half of the things they were saying. So she used to write and ask me what does this mean and what does this other thing mean? So I started writing a glossary for her. It was very small, only about 200 terms. But I already had something. So I decided to open the website and start convincing people who are interested in the subject to help me get vocabulary from other countries as well. So I've divided everything by the 20 countries that speak Spanish, plus the U.S. because of the Spanglish. And it all started developing that way online. I still have some helpers who have been helping me for more than ten years and occasional helpers who come into

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Tijuana students

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Chargers' problem

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between the Chargers and the top teams in the NFL." (Because of so much revenue sharing, I don't think there is any "huge" chasm, but that's another subject.)

Fabiani goes on to say that luxury boxes and club seats were "both virtually sold out last season."

That's a mouthful. The Chargers virtually sold out the luxury boxes and club seats, but that's not good enough. Let's face facts: only a big, rich market could create the income stream that the Chargers' management covets. San Diego cannot provide this. First, the business mix in San Diego does not lend itself to providing whopping revenues from super-luxury boxes. San

Diego is filled with capital-intensive, cerebrally oriented companies (biotech, telecoms) that can't afford to entertain in luxury boxes and really aren't suited to doing business at football games anyway. The real estate companies used to throw money around, but now they are struggling to survive. The big hotel owners still have money to burn, but there aren't enough of

them. Similarly, the average San Diegan is squeezed: the cost of living is 50 percent above the nation's, but incomes are only 20 percent higher.

Bottom line: even if the Chargers built a new stadium, they would find that they couldn't get that much more revenue from the corporations, superrich, and average fan. San Diegans, including most companies,

live on psychic income. That won't satisfy the Chargers. A new stadium would cost well over a billion dollars. The team could not recover those extra costs, even with a large government subsidy.

And that brings us to today's macroeconomic situation. Governments at all levels are ailing. The City of San Diego is one of the worst off in the nation. Chula Vista, with which the

team is now having discussions, is hurting. The recession will inhibit consumers for probably two more years. Building costs have soared. All around the country, housing markets are in desperate shape; teams' hopes of financing stadiums with revenue from condos are, frankly, shot. The credit crunch is likely to last into 2010. The National Football League could have a strike or lock-out in 2011; that prospect could cool off the building of new stadiums.

"Tax revenues are falling, governments are struggling," says Dennis Coates, economist at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. With real estate in the Dumpster, the always-specious argument that stadiums spur development is a tough sell.

Rodney Fort, professor of sports management at the University of Michigan, agrees with Coates: in the near future, the private sector will have to put up more of the money. "Governments are less willing to foot the bill," he says, so the teams will have to come up with more scratch. The NFL itself might put more into new stadium deals; it has always wanted desperately to return to Los Angeles, and in that 2004 contract, San Diego promises not to sue the league, which was already talking with L.A. at the time of the negotiations.

Fabiani admits that "Today, there is no chance that the Mission Valley project could be financed." The housing market has "declined dramatically," while stadium construction costs have skyrocketed. In my judgment, that deal was a fairy tale back in 2002 when the Chargers proposed it.

Fabiani believes a deal can still be worked out in Chula Vista. But 60 to 70 percent of the houses for sale in Chula Vista are distress sales. Fabiani hopes there could be a "consortium of universities" on the east side that could produce "a mix of development... that would include more than housing." Sorry. "A consortium of universities" is not going to spring out of the ground in eastern Chula

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Chargers' problem

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Vista. It might get a branch of a community college or of San Diego State, but that would be a long time away, and modest at best. Eastern Chula Vista is one of the messiest housing markets in the county. Fabiani admits, "We are a long, long way from moving forward" in Chula Vista.

He sums up, "The credit crunch, skyrocketing raw material costs, and [the] housing-market collapse are huge issues, and that is

why completing our project in San Diego County becomes more difficult by the day."

That is another mouthful. He is telling San Diegans to be ready for a departure, although he is not that blunt about it.

A billionaire developer named Ed Roski says he will build a privately funded football stadium in the City of Industry, 25 miles east of Los Angeles. He says he can start construction in October and claims he has financing. (He is a known dreamer/huckster, so eyebrows are always cocked at his pronouncements.)

In telling me that the Chargers are not likely to keep their plans secret from San Diegans, as the contract permits, Fabiani says, "When Ed Roski announced his City of Industry stadium proposal, we proactively told the media and our fans of the long friendship between the Roski and Spanos families and about the fact that Ed Roski and Dean Spanos [have] talked about Mr. Roski's plans for

a stadium in the Los Angeles area." But the main focus is on San Diego, Fabiani insists.

But his statement should not be comforting to Charger fans. On the other hand, NFL owners are said to be talking about cities with "stadium issues" — that is, teams that reside in cities that won't or can't come up with gigantic subsidies or might even think there are better uses for public funds than supporting pro teams owned by billionaires. Teams considered the best candidates for departure are the Minnesota Vikings, Oakland Raiders, Chargers, and San Francisco 49ers. In the second tier are the Jacksonville Jaguars, New Orleans Saints, Buffalo Bills, and St. Louis Rams. (The Raiders and Rams were both domiciled in Los Angeles at one time.)

My guess is the Chargers are Roski's lead candidate. The Chargers would have to pay a penalty of more than \$50 million to leave between now and 2010, but the sum drops to \$26 million in 2011 and keeps declining. In that 2004 contract, the City gave the Chargers every incentive to scam. They would like to do so. The year 2012, the year following a possible players' strike or owners' lockout, and possibly in a better economic/financial environment, seems logical.

Every entrepreneur wants to make more money. In the world of pro sports, there is no such thing as community loyalty, especially when such loyalty is spelled S-U-B-S-I-D-Y and the government is broke. ■

Spanish slang

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the website and see that a word or two is missing so they write me and ask me to include the new vocabulary. So it's still growing. Every month I add new material to it."

Fitch estimates that she spends 20 hours a week on the website. "Every chance I get, I'm working on it," she says. When she was developing the site before it opened, she worked even more hours on it. "I did everything. I had no funding or anything, so I had to learn how to create a webpage. And that was way before they had programs that let you design websites at a click. I had to learn all the HTML codes and everything. It took me I don't know how many hours to write a few sentences because of all the codes I had to include. But it was fun, and I'm really passionate about it, so I kept on even though it didn't make me any money. It was just the satisfaction of having people go in there and say, 'Hey, I really enjoy reading your dictionary and all the stuff you have in there. It's been really useful.'"

These days, the site makes a little money from advertisers such as Cervantes language school in Málaga, Spain, and Language Trainers in England. But Fitch says it's not nearly enough for her to consider quitting her day job. A printed dictionary she published in 2006 has not been a big seller, though Fitch has been gratified to learn that it is becoming standard in college libraries.

She was also gratified to learn recently that her site was being visited regularly by

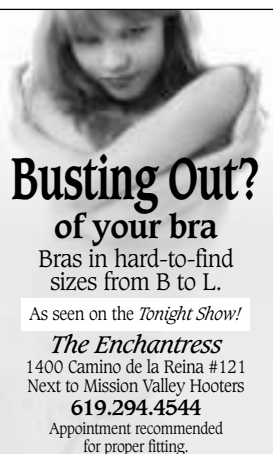
members of the Real Academia Española of Spain. "They are the authority for the Spanish language. They set the rules on grammar, vocabulary, anything to do with the Spanish language. What was really funny was that, last year, I noticed that the Academia was going into my website quite frequently. I have a little program that tells me who comes in and what they're looking at. So I noticed that they were coming in and looking at stuff, but they never sent me a message or anything to let me know. So I wrote them and asked what they were looking for and whether I could help them. After five months and no answer from them, I decided, I'm going to post all the statistics from their entries into my website. And it was really funny because I posted the proof that they were entering my website and three days later they wrote me. They admitted that they had been entering my website because they are creating a new dictionary themselves, which is called *Diccionario Académico de Americanismos*. It focuses on all the Spanish vocabulary that originated in the Americas, not in Spain. So they were taking material from my website, 'getting ideas,' as they said. They were really happy that I had my website with all its material because it quickened their process. Because I do have a lot of material. They told me they were willing to give me credit in their dictionary when it was published. The only problem is, it will be published in 2010, and before that nobody will know that in some way I contributed to that dictionary. So I decided that I needed to go to Spain and talk to

them about it. Because I've never received any support from them. It was just 'thank you, you'll get your little credit.' Some fine print in the back of the book. Who's going to read that?"

Asked to weigh in on the age-old discussion of what nation speaks the most beautiful and correct Spanish, Fitch refuses to take sides. "I think they all have something. Seriously, working with the slang trends and dialects of 20 different countries, I have a way of comparing. Each has its own distinct flavor, its own idiosyncrasies, its own something that makes it special, interesting, and alive."

That doesn't mean she teaches slang to her students in Bologna. "We get our textbooks from Spain," she explains, "and a lot of things they expect me to teach I won't teach because I don't think it's correct Spanish. These books just assume that if it's spoken like this in Madrid, it's proper Spanish. But it's not."

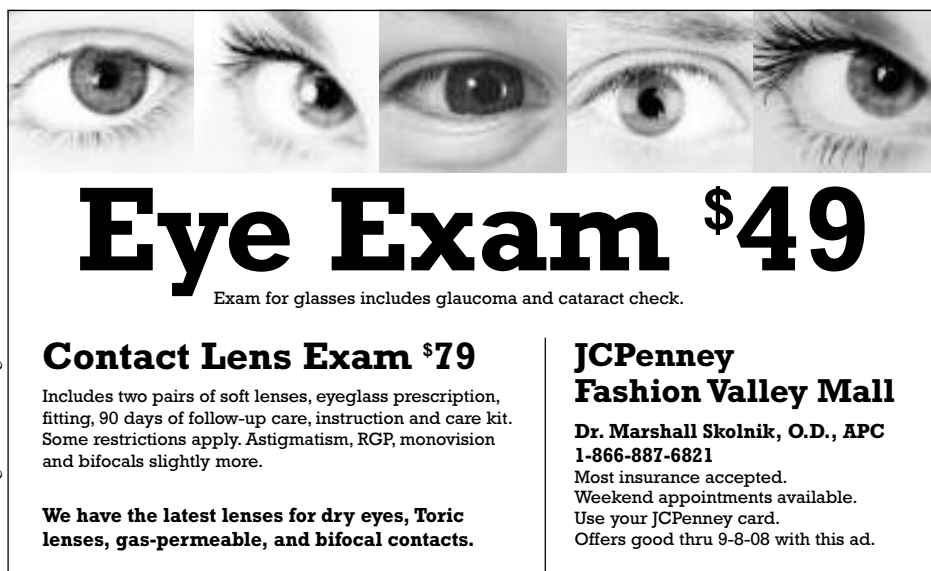
As for Tijuana, "I do miss it a lot. I may be able to find a Mexican here, but more often than not, it will be somebody from Mexico City. I have never met anybody from Tijuana here. So to me, our brand of slang and colloquialisms is really special. I am fond of it because that is what I grew up with. I try to visit once a year, and when I do I find myself having to learn new terms and new uses for old terms. For example, I'm sure you're familiar with the word *güey* [pronounced *way*]. When I left the country, the term was used to refer to men, never to women. Now, women say it to each other. Mothers say it to their children. I can't stand that." ■



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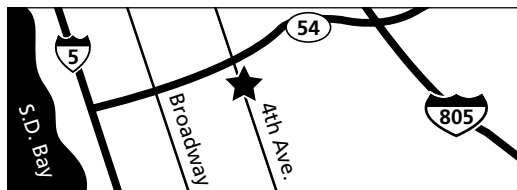
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The People's Park?

Re "What's wrong with Balboa Park?" (Cover Story, July 31). Your author attended the introductory lecture that addressed this subject, read the accompanying report, interviewed a few officials, and prepared a report that was a précis of all that had gone before. For those who hadn't attended the discussions, he performed a service. He was objective and allowed his speakers to outline the ostensible successes of Balboa Park. As I attended this lecture and read the reports, I don't recall that so much emphasis was placed on the

institutional needs that the author discovered.

First, I disagree that Balboa Park is all right the way it is. The people who made this statement were purposely blind on speaking on behalf of a Chamber of Commerce that wants San Diegans to believe they are living in the best of all possible worlds. Can't these people see? Or is it possible that visual blight has become so common everywhere in America that people cannot conceive alternatives?

Second, as with so many studies of Balboa Park, the emphasis is on the Central Mesa, where the Zoo and buildings are located. The cliché that Balboa Park is the Smithsonian of the West is again intoned. How many people have been to the mall in Washington, D.C., and studied the mistakes that have been made there? How many are aware that the Smithsonian museums are not all on the mall? How many know that the majority of them are free?

Washington, D.C., Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Minneapolis, and San Francisco have greater museums

than those in Balboa Park. Their collections cover all facets of art and science, ancient and modern. The architecture of buildings is compatible with their surroundings and of a high architectural order. Buildings are pleasing to look at and to move into. They are so widely spaced they do not exist cheek-by-jowl. Views from the tops are the talk of the towns. So much for the uneven collection of crowded, cramped, and unsightly museums in Balboa Park that outdo each other with banners, flags, and lights that destroy whatever architectural and aesthetic merit some of the original Spanish-Colonial buildings may have had. The 1935 additions are awkward boxes on the outside and clumsy aisles on the inside. Yet 1935 is the year historical preservationists want to re-create in Balboa Park — re-create that is with incongruous sculptures by Niki de Saint Phalle making a mockery of the architecture and history of buildings that pay tribute to the breathtaking examples of Spanish-Colonial

buildings in Mexico, Central, and South America.

The focus on the Central Mesa as a tourist and money-making attraction has been the ruin of Balboa Park. Its constricted and obsolete layout is the cause of Balboa Park's insoluble circulation problems, and it is the maw that devours whatever private or public money can be extracted to the detriment of the natural green outdoor portions of the park that line the east and west sides.

The speakers made a big fuss about obtaining public approval for whatever may happen to the park. This is not going to happen. San Diego voters have historically turned down park bonds because they saw their money going to mushrooming cultural institutions and not to picnic and festival areas, dog parks, playfields, and the many imaginative recreational projects that could be put into the park for the benefit of residents if the money were not always diverted away. What the City will do, as it did with the Naval Hospital, Veterans' Center,

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and other establishments that belong anywhere in the city but in a public park, is to find a way to circumvent public approval. Leasing buildings is the easiest way to do this, and each lease means a dilution of public control. Tourists and Chamber of Commerce officials will be delighted. Park-going citizens will have to seek other outlets for the improvement of their physical and mental health and for the fostering of democratic values that parks like Central Park and Prospect Park in New York City and the Commons and the Emerald Necklace in Boston have made their chief aims.

There is an irony that the chief complaint of a visitor to the park was the presence of the homeless. As leases grow, as the park becomes more and more a private domain, the homeless will go elsewhere or put up a fight. Try as the Chamber of Commerce and City Officials may, they will not disappear.

How to make the park pay for itself? Cut off subsidies to the museums and

zoo. Charge for parking everywhere in the park, with special low fees for residents, build as many underground parking garages as are necessary, and stop the building of vanity fountains, so constructed that people cannot dangle their feet in the water. If the voters do not approve park improvement projects, then the park must go where it is heading. If a true benefactor occurs, his concern will be for the welfare of the people as a whole and not with the promotion of his set or his personal hobbies. Somewhere in Balboa Park there will always be grass, trees, and the earth itself to offer its warm touch and embrace to those who crave the solace it alone can give.

Richard W. Amero
San Diego

Don't Trust The Stewards

Thank you for the thoughtful article on the continued decline of our wild backcountry ("Way Too Many People Live Out Here," Cover Story, July 24). Unfortunately the very agencies that are the supposed

stewards of public lands (e.g., the U.S. Forest Service and BLM) have a long tradition of catering to the abusers and exploiters. Unenlightened policies have seriously degraded our natural heritage. To trust them with carte blanche to do the right thing is ludicrous. Thank you to the watchdogs for looking out for our embattled natural world.

New development doesn't just affect the immediate vicinity but spills over with no-longer-dark skies, increased and often illegal vehicular recreation, and roaming dogs, to name a few.

One factual correction. Cuyamaca Peak is *not* the high point of San Diego County. That distinction goes to Hot Springs Mountain, near Warner Springs, which is 21 feet higher than Cuyamaca.

Ted Caragozian
via email

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We can all sit idly by and allow Mother Nature to wreak its havoc in the future, or we can actually do something demonstrable now to pre-

vent the recurrence of such future firestorm devastation!

I wholeheartedly concur with Geoff Bouvier ("Way Too Many People Live Out Here," Cover Story, July 24) that far too many people in the aggregate "live out here," when compared to the total population of San Diego. Proportionally, however, it's actually a rather small percentage.

After this past October, fires ravaged San Diego County. I understand two thirds of the area burned by the 2003 Paradise Fire and one quarter of the 2003 Cedar Fire were consumed again.

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Olympics Preview

Communism has taken a hit in recent years. At one time or another, 31 countries were self-declared communist states, including such sleepers as Ethiopia, Benin, Congo, and Grenada. (France and California are omitted for technical reasons.)

Dust to dust. In fact, it's getting hard to find the famous hammer and sickle anywhere on the planet. Red China's house organ, *People's Daily*, has zero commie symbols on its home page. You have to click through to "News of the Communist Party of China" section to see that familiar red banner rising behind a yellow hammer and sickle. But, hey, since we're here, let me pass on some rock 'em sock 'em news. How about this for a lead sentence: "A brilliant Opening Ceremony is very important for the success of the Beijing Olympic Games," said Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau, on Saturday." (You didn't read that sentence all the way to the end, did you? That's why communism never found a place in the United States: The Reds couldn't conceal their hatred of the English language.)

Nowadays, prototypical one-party commie states have been reduced to five: China, Vietnam, Laos, North Korea, and Cuba.

I don't count China and Vietnam as purebred commie states because they're getting rich and worship money as much as we do. Laos is a client state of Vietnam and belongs in the "prisoner" category of nations. So, that leaves Cuba and North Korea, numbers 156 and 157, respectively, of 157 listed nations found on the Heritage Foundation's "Index of Economic Freedom." The two are dead last, bottom of the fish tank, and that's genuine old-time commie street cred, pilgrim.

So, what do they think about the Olympics? Follows are two breaking stories from the Korean Central News Agency:

KIM JONG IL ENJOYS PERFORMANCE GIVEN BY ART SQUAD OF KPA UNIT 757

Pyongyang, August 2 (KCNA) — General Secretary Kim Jong Il enjoyed a performance given by the art squad of KPA Unit 757.

The performers put on the stage colorful numbers of various genres including agitating story "General Inspects Drill Ground," female trio "Soldiers Sing of Our Supreme Commander," drama agitation "Sharp Eyes," male quartet "Whole Country Knows," male vocal solo "The Country I Am Defending" and choral recitation of poem "Let's Sharpen Our Bayonets to Annihilate Enemy."

He highly appreciated their successful performance, expressing great satisfaction over the

fact that the art squad members of the unit not only created excellent works vividly reflecting the inexhaustible mental power of the servicepersons of the KPA but staged a truthful and militant performance.

DPRK PLAYERS' GROUP LEAVES FOR BEIJING

Pyongyang, August 2 (KCNA) — A DPRK players' group led by Pak Hak Son, chairman of the Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Commission, left here today to participate in the 29th Olympic Games to be held in Beijing.

It was seen off at the airport by Kim Jung Rin, secretary of the C.C., the Workers' Party of Korea, Kwak Pom Gi, vice-premier of the Cabinet, and athletes.

The excitement never ends in Pyongyang. The population is near hysteria due to Olympic madness. As the old hymn says, "Let's sharpen our bayonets to

annihilate enemy."

Cuba, on the other hand, is a player. Count up the last four Summer Olympics, and Cuba has won 43 gold medals, 32 silver, and 37 bronze. They were fifth in total medals in '92 (169 nations competed), eighth in '96 (197 nations competed), ninth in 2000 (199 nations), eleventh in 2004 (201 nations). Cuba is a power in international sports, especially baseball. And they take it seriously.

Now comes tragedy entering stage right. On July 13, the U.S. National (baseball) Team defeated Cuba (4 to 1) in the championship game of an Olympic warm-up tournament in the Netherlands. This is the same Cuban team that won an Olympic gold medal in 2004, a silver medal in the 2006 World Baseball classic, and will compete in Beijing.

Which brings us to the cubadebate.org website and:

REFLECTIONS BY COMRADE FIDEL: THE OLYMPIC BASEBALL TEAM

They forget that our team is now in South Korea, a country where we do not even have an embassy. There, our athletes continue to train. Anyway, they are not the ones who deserve the strongest criticisms. They will be taking part in the Olympic Games that will be held on the other side of the world, where sleeping hours and life pace are different. They have an intense program of physical training with a view to the last presentation of this sport at the Olympics, as determined by the rich and powerful masters of such games. They have not been defeated. Let's not discourage them. Let's send them a message of encouragement.

Why don't we wait until the conclusion of the Olympiads to engage in a full and truly democratic discussion on the responsibility of everyone involved in Cuban sports?

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

The website for the California Marriage Protection Act (*protectmarriagesd*) features a "Protect Marriage" timeline, one which incorporates both spiritual and political efforts. (The act seeks to amend the California State Constitution so that marriage will be limited to the union of one man and one woman.) On the spiritual side: "Sunday, July 27: Preach on prayer. Monday, July 28: Begin 100 days of prayer. Sunday, September 21: Preach on fasting. Wednesday, September 24: Begin 40-day fast. Month of October: Preach on marriage." On the political side: ballot, registration, and voting deadlines, along with scheduled phone-bank and door-to-door efforts, plus a youth rally and "The Call," an all-day gathering at Qualcomm Stadium on November 1.

Also on the timeline: monthly "Pastors Conference Calls," which are opportunities for pastors around the state to network and discuss their efforts to ensure the act's passage. The first call linked 1600 pastors in 101 locations; the goal for the Oct. 22 call is 6000 pastors in 400 locations. I visited one of those locations — New Hope Church in Rancho Peñasquitos — for the second call, held Wednesday, July 30. (By then, the number of locations in California had risen to 175.) "Politically Incorrect and Proud of It" read the bumper sticker of the car next to mine; the license plate read, "RGN N ME."

"This conversation began 15 years ago," said one attendee to another in the church's conference room as we waited for the call to begin. "Which companies are 'pro-gay.' People started talking about boycotting. Then you dig down deep enough, you realize that you'd have to boycott everybody." Our host led an opening prayer: "Father...show us what is in Your heart, what Your concerns are, what Your passion is.... We ask for You to speak through the speaker, and we pray that You would protect them."

The call began, accompanied by a video presentation. Jim Garlow, pastor of Skyline Church in Rancho San Diego, served as emcee and opened by asking me to leave: "We want to say this tenderly but firmly: we've asked the media not to be present. This is a private meeting. We've also received numbers of emails telling us that there are people from the opposition in our midst. We are here for one particular reason, and it's very, very simple: to honor Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If you have come for that reason, you are welcome to be where we are today."

At that point, I left and went home to visit the Protect Marriage Website, which contained an outline of the call's schedule. First up: "How to equip yourself," including a word on legal questions and an overview of Garlow's "10 Declarations," made "to unite, focus, and ground us during this precarious season."

The declarations began with the claim that "authentic inclusivity means loving all persons, without the need to compromise biblical integrity." They defended marriage as "a covenantal union of one male and one female, which provides the foundation for a healthy, whole family life" and stressed that while "race is a fact of birth," "a homosexual act is that — an act. Acts involve choices.... It is inappropriate to compare homo-

sexual marriages to interracial marriages." They declared repentance for the failure of Christians to "teach and model authentic Christianity" and to "adequately sanctify marriages.... The divorce rate is an abomination to God, a curse on the world and nation, and is an anathema to us." They promised perseverance and noted that "while the church is the force for righteousness in the culture, its ultimate purpose is to glorify God by bringing persons into a relationship with the Father."

Later topics included: "How to energize your church," "How to mobilize your city," "How to activate your spiritual community," and "How to educate your state." Also, "How to please your Father" — the spiritual element was anything but background music. The website linked to a sermon given in February by Miles McPherson, pastor of San Diego's The Rock Church. In it, McPherson said that fighting homosexual marriage was "not a civil government issue, but a spiritual issue. The attack is not from the gay lobby. Here's who the enemy is: it's the devil. He's trying to normalize homosexuality. He's trying to criminalize preaching the Word of God. In Canada, if you preach Romans 1 — that talks about homosexuality being an abomination — you will lose your license. You will go to jail."

McPherson warned that if you "take the Bible out of society, you have complete anarchy. If you take God and the Bible out, then murder is no longer right or wrong because God is the one who said that murder is wrong." He also argued that when man and woman join in marriage, "that's the fullness of [God's] image. You're back the way [God] originally had

you," after He had "made man in His image" but before He made Eve from Adam's rib. "Here is Satan's intent: 'How do I destroy the ultimate image of God? I'll destroy marriage.'"

Garlow also preached a sermon on the website, this one introducing a brochure designed to engage the unchurched as well as the believer. The brochure explored marriage in world and American history and argued that anthropology has found heterosexual marriage to be almost universally "a pivotal institution," while homosexual marriage is "never the basis of a 'viable social order.'" Further, "the historical origin of marriage is in society and culture, as a response to the needs of the family, and has only later been extended legal recognition and regulation."

And the brochure argued for the social benefits of heterosexual marriage, concluding, "as the family goes, so goes society.... Whether American society succeeds or fails in building a healthy marriage culture is clearly a matter of legitimate public concern.... The problem with endorsing gay marriage is not that it would allow a handful of people to choose alternative family forms, but that it would require society at large to gut marriage of its central presumptions about family in order to accommodate a few adults' desires." — Matthew Lickona

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Restlessness grows daily in the Kelly home. Midsummer boredom is percolating in my kids and threatening to boil over. Some new hobbies are needed. Pal Bernice suggested square dancing. “We danced a lot of summer nights away down South when I was a kid,” she offered at the last ladies’ night out. I was skeptical. How could an arcane style of dancing entertain my techno/media-saturated kids? But desperate times call for desperate measures, so I put in a call to the San Diego Square Dance Association (619-235-8151; sdsda.org).

“I got involved in square dancing on a bet,” explained their president, L. Paul Schmidt. “Really, I lost a bet. They always say the man is the hardest one to get into square dancing, but once you get any man into it, they bring the woman. After the men have gone for three lessons, they get hooked, and then they drag their wives and their girlfriends to it. I have been square dancing since 1983.

“Square dancing is done with eight people per square, four couples, on the normal.” A few dances fall under the heading square dancing. “Contra [the Virginia Reel, a type of contra] is part of our flag. Line dancing is another, as is round dancing, which is cued ballroom dancing. Cued means a person is calling out the dance moves for the dancers. Then there is clogging, which is the tap-type dance.

“The people on the Mayflower brought with them their dances,” offered Schmidt. According to an article from the Mid-Atlantic Challenge Association, the origin of square dancing was in New England. “It began in New England, when the first settlers and the immigrant groups that followed brought with them their various national dances, which we now call folk dances but which were the popular dances of the day in the countries of their origin — the schottische, the quadrille, the jigs, reels, and the minuet, to name a few. After a week of toil in building new homes and carving homes out of virgin forest, the settlers would gather in the community center on Saturday evening and enjoy dancing their old-world favorites.

“In almost any group, however, there would be at least one extrovert, the hail-fellow-well-met, the life-of-the-party type with a knack for remembering the dance figures. With typical Yankee ingenuity, the settlers let this person cue or prompt them in case they happened to forget what came next. In due course, the prompter (or figure caller, as he became known) acquired a repertoire of various colorful sayings, or patter, that he could interperse with the cues.”



“Henry Ford saved square dancing back in the early ’30s.”

There was a period later in history where square dancing’s popularity waned only to be rescued by someone more synonymous with the march of progress than the preservation of tradition. “Henry Ford saved square dancing back in the early ’30s,” explained Schmidt. “He brought it back and made it more sophisticated, with people wearing tuxedos as they danced.”

Again, I was skeptical. But Schmidt’s story checks out. According to many websites dedicated to the art form, square dancing was a personal pastime of the automobile tycoon, and its revival and promulgation became a project of his. Ford, according to save-squaredancing.com, “believed square dancing taught social training, courtesy, good citizenship, along with rhythm. [He] felt it should be a part of every school’s teaching of physical education.” School boards around the country agreed and implemented a square-dancing program developed by Ford.

“To start off,” Schmidt continued, “basic moves take approximately a half a year to get down.

In square dancing, you are evolving off of the basic move; it is progressive dancing. You take a move and you are doing several different things. From basic you move to the mainstream and that takes another two to three months. To move to the plus [level], it takes about a year to a year and a half.” After plus level there is advanced 1 and 2, then challenge 1, 2, and 3. “Challenge levels are for people who are bored with other stuff; they want to do a little bit more.

“The most common dance in the United States right now is the mainstream. On the West Coast, it has gone to the plus, which is a little more involved.”

I can see hubby Patrick’s head spinning with all the different levels and steps to be learned with square dancing. “If you have an angel with you for the first few weeks, they can usually pull you through it.” An angel is an experienced square dancer who already knows the moves. “You always have an angel at your side — that is how they start out the class. You go over the basics, the same moves for three weeks in a row, and then they give you two or three more moves, which they do for a few weeks, and that is how you learn.”

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Carrying on. Yesterday, I noted that my beard needed trimming. I'd begun to look like a third-string goalie on the Taliban water-polo team. You'll also need to know, if you've never seen me or seen a picture of me, that I have gigantic lips. Angelina Jolie once asked me if she could borrow some ChapStick and I produced the paint roller and bucket that I normally use and she said, "Sweet Mary, look at the size of those soup coolers!" That's how big my lips are. Much like an Ewok's.

To finish off all the necessary descriptions: I'm brown-haired, brown-eyed, and my head is round. There. So, I get out my clippers to nip away some of the scraggly locks I'd grown on my cheeks, and I figured I'd clear away the forest around my mouth first. This same forest is forever getting drenched and soppy with coffee and booze, constantly burnt off by lighters, and it marinates in my own sweat, drool, and face oil. (Pretty, huh?) So, I flip on the trimmers and run them around my puffy lips. Working the shears over my fuzz, I get some of my beard knocked down, but I'm still quite furry. Then, over my head, a tiny leak sprang from the ceiling. Drops fat as chihuahuas rained down on me, and a yellowish puddle collected on the plaster above.

After screaming at my lazy landlord, I figured I should finish my job. I didn't want to get electrocuted by the trimmers, so I dug in my closet for something to keep the water off. I found an old brown canvas drop cloth that I wound around my head and secured to my noggin by way of two wood dowels that I'd pushed through the brass grommets.

Upon reentering the bathroom and seeing myself in the mirror, large-lipped, jewel-eyed, furry, round, covered in earth-tone cloth secured by wood, I screeched a little. Then I cursed, "Damn you, George Lucas, and your marketing-minded teddy bears! You won this time!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

XXIX SUMMER OLYMPICS LIVE
XHAS 8:00 A.M.

The program listing for this says it's "Fútbol Masculino." Not sure if that's Italian or Mexican or what, but I'll give a go at translating. So I'm guessing "masculino" means "men's" and "fútbol" means "nobody gives a damn, it's just guys in shorts with European mullets chasing a checkered ball and squealing and leaping around, maybe tying flowers into each other's armpit hair."

LAST COMIC STANDING
NBC 8:00 P.M.

Even though he's the last comic standing, he still isn't funny. What would be funny is if I put on a moose-antler helmet and big puffy pair of Mickey Mouse gloves and I walked out on stage and punched this guy in the ball bag. Waka, waka, waka! Give me the check for ten grand, buttholes.

HOPKINS
ABC 10:00 P.M.

Oh, thank God. A show about a hospital.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

WAR OF THE WORLDS
ABC 8:30 P.M.

Tom Cruise teams up with the white-mohawked, fang-y, scaly, green gremlin-after-it-eats-past-midnight to fight aliens. Since the gremlin is small, Tom must carry it throughout most of the film, but he uses it as a close-distance weapon, hurling its terrifying face at oncoming attackers. I can't remember the grotesque goblin's name in the movie, but in real life they call it "Dakota Fanning."

SAVAGE PLANET
PBS 10:00 P.M.

My new PBS show is called *Savage Spandex*. I drink a lot of iced tea, hit up the neighborhood Chinese buffet for a pre-workout meal of congealed and drying kung pao shrimp ("No, this one. Under the heat lamp here. Thank you."), and then I do a spin class. No air-conditioning. It's August. And I'm wearing a too-small leotard. Only.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

XXIX SUMMER OLYMPICS
NBC 8:00 P.M.

Now we're talking. The events listed are "swimming, beach volleyball, and gymnastics." Hot

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molasses in the morning, the swimsuit mother lode! Oh, I love all of those events. Wait. What's it say here? "Men's event, men's event, men's event." WHY, YOU DIRTY, NO-GOOD, SONS OF...!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

XXIX SUMMER OLYMPICS

NBC 8:00 P.M.

Two days in a row with this. NBC, you are pissing me off. I want to see some women's volleyball, and all you're showing me is men's synchronized diving. About the only thing gayer than men's synchronized diving would be a big, bright party hat made out of French raspberries and cake.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL:

GET IN THE PICTURE

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Let's put Vanilla Ice, the New Kids on the Block, and Ricki Lake in a room with a one-way mirror, then march these lime-

light-sucking teenagers through to observe the basket of sadness that ensues. "This is what you're working for, kids. Someday, you too will be a 40-year-old part-time clown with nicotine-stained fingers and one friend. And your friend is imaginary. And he's also your cousin, so he kind of has to be your friend even though he doesn't want to be."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

THE SECRET LIFE OF THE AMERICAN TEENAGER

FAMILY 8:00 P.M.

Watching a kid tie on a Lone Ranger mask and cry under his bed because the other kids called him a fat dork doesn't sound like an interesting show at all. You'll have to at least wait until these teens are in their 20s before they start flashing police and huffing Lysol. Wait. Hey, wait. Maybe other people did things differently than... Oh, I get it.



The Secret Life of the American Teenager

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

THE INTERNATIONAL DANCESPORT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

PBS 8:00 P.M.

If "Dancesport" is a real thing and there was a championship for it a year ago (way

to stay current, PBS), then "Salad-BowlofVermouthDrinkingandEightHour-sofWatch-ingAirwolfRerunssport" is a real thing and I've just won the 2008 championship. Stick it, PBS. Put your lips around it not once but twice, then stick it.

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Play Day

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I had told Jen to be ready at 8:15 a.m. At 8 a.m. she was folding laundry in her garage and, from the look on her face, not the least bit surprised to see my car pulling into her driveway. David and I waited patiently as Jen put away clothes and gathered her things. Okay, so David waited patiently. I followed Jen from room to room, apologizing for my hyper-punctuality while simultaneously trying to hurry her out the door with passive-aggressive questions such as, “Are you sure there’s nothing I can do to help you finish getting

ready?” When I backed out of the driveway, David sitting behind me and Jen riding shotgun, the orange digital display above the steering wheel read 8:04.

I had given Jen as little information as possible: dress comfortably in layers and expect to be away from home until late in the evening. I’d also told her not to eat breakfast because I wanted her to be hungry for our first stop — Krispy

Kreme. David and I led our friend into the diner-like joint and up to a window through which she could view the doughnut-making process. We watched as a variety of Willy Wonka–style contraptions and conveyor belts dropped sticky doughnuts into boiling oil, flipped the dough to fry the other side, and finally, bathed the tasty round cakes in a milky sugar-glaze waterfall. Though her preference runs to bacon ’n’ eggs, the educational aspects of the breakfast more than compensated for its sickly sweetness.

Jen guessed the next event on the agenda — a morning movie — as soon as I exited on Friars. I revealed our objective was the 10:05 showing of *WALL-E*. Jen, my veteran movie buddy, seemed not

the least bit bothered that I brought her to the mall at 9 a.m. — 30 minutes before the theater was even open. David, Jen, and I window-shopped back and forth past the long line outside the Apple store. “If they’d ordered the damn iPhone 3G online when it was released two weeks ago,” I quipped, “they wouldn’t need to waste three hours in line on a Friday morning.” After leaving the theater around noon, the three of us walked past the line once more, tsk-ing aloud at the poor planners like a trio of church ladies.

“Now what?” Jen asked.

“Now lunch!” I answered.

While Jen enjoyed her Double-Double at the Mission Valley In-N-Out Burger, I explained to her that the theme of the day was childlike frivolity. Of all my friends, Jen is the one with whom I can watch bad horror movies, hit up the arcade, and simply geek out like a preadolescent. David and I had crafted the day’s itinerary not so much in honor of Jen’s birthday (which had come and gone three weeks earlier), but more to demonstrate our appreciation for her friendship.

Obligatory gifting is one of the reasons I stopped celebrating Christmas and Hallmark holidays like Valentine’s Day and why I avoid baby and bridal showers. I resent having to struggle to fulfill an imposed duty, and I balk at forced “thoughtfulness.” Giving nothing at all is better than bestowing some space-taking

item gifted out of a sense of obligation. I prefer to give only when inspiration strikes. Two weeks ago, I happened upon and purchased a small ceramic teatime sculpture that reminded me of the high tea to which I’d taken my mother. Instead of saving the gift for a “special occasion,” I gave it to her that weekend. Mom seemed to appreciate my thoughtfulness all the more when she learned there was no “reason” for it.

When it came to Jen’s birthday, David and I wanted to give her something that could not be purchased with a gift card from some brand-name store.

“Where are we going next?” Jen asked when we’d finished lunch.

“None of your business,” I answered.

“I love this,” said Jen, her face reminiscent of my niece Bella’s that time I told her a unicorn stood guard every night outside her bedroom window. “I don’t have to think about anything, I didn’t have to plan anything; I just get to go along on this great ride with two of my favorite people.” David and I shared a delighted look.

When we pulled into Boomers, Jen was bouncing in her seat with anticipation. “Are we going to play miniature golf? Can we do the go-carts too?”

“We’re going to do all of it,” I said. In her excitement, Jen skipped to the entrance. It was a weekday, so the place was not too crowded. The summer sun was high in the sky, so we shed our outer layers before col-

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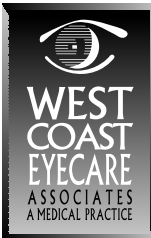
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lecting our clubs and brightly colored balls. After we sunk our balls into the holes of 18 miniature obstacles, we assaulted the go-cart track. Strapped into my cart and pushing my small pedal to the metal, I laughed as I rounded each corner and felt the rush of air caress my skin.

Had I known the bumper boats came with long-range water guns, I'd never have pushed away from the rail. Fortunately for me, my burning skin found the cool water blast-ed from Jen and David's guns more refreshing than maddening. Still, I just about lost it when they banded together to push my boat into the corner of the pool, where a fountain was shooting streams of water into the air. Those sadistic freaks only laughed harder when I began to panic. They showed mercy just as I was about to be

drenched, allowing me to putter to the other side of the pool to lick my wounds. When we'd finished splashing each other, the three of us headed inside the arcade, where we blew \$10 worth of coins working up a sweat with Dance Dance Revolution and Percussion Master; we found our humility with Beatmania, but not before I kicked David's ass at air hockey.

Making our way through Boomers took less time than I'd planned, so David and I improvised the next stop. We brought Jen back to our place, where we kicked back with a glass of wine and went head-to-head in the strategic board game Blokus.

After "letting" Jen win every round, we set off for the last planned event. "Okay, I give. I have no idea where we're going for dinner," Jen said as I drove past the airport.

"We told you, we're taking you to Mexico and selling you into slavery," said David.

"There's no way you'd ever get this one," I said. "It's so off your beaten path; I've never even been there before." I waited until I'd turned left past Humphrey's by the Bay on Shelter Island before announcing, "While gazing upon a spectacular vista of the city lights sparkling across the bay, we'll be dining at... Bali Hai! Oh, and we're going to have some crazy Hawaiian drinks, too."

"This is awesome," Jen said after we'd taken our seats against the giant window in the restaurant. "This has been the most wonderful day. So easy, no stress — all fun. Just great. Thank you."

"We're happy you think so," said David, raising his mai tai.

I lifted the giant

ceramic tiki head that contained my slushy girl drink. "Thanks for being a great friend," I said. "Oh, and happy belated birthday."

We clinked our wild Hawaiian libations. A moment later, after glancing out the window, Jen

said, "Hey, there's a sea lion!" David and I followed her gaze and watched in silent awe as the animal materialized and dove once more, its flipper feet slipping into the shimmering water. As I stared at the ripples, I marveled at how cool it

was to be so close to such wonderful creatures. The sea lion was pretty awesome too. ■

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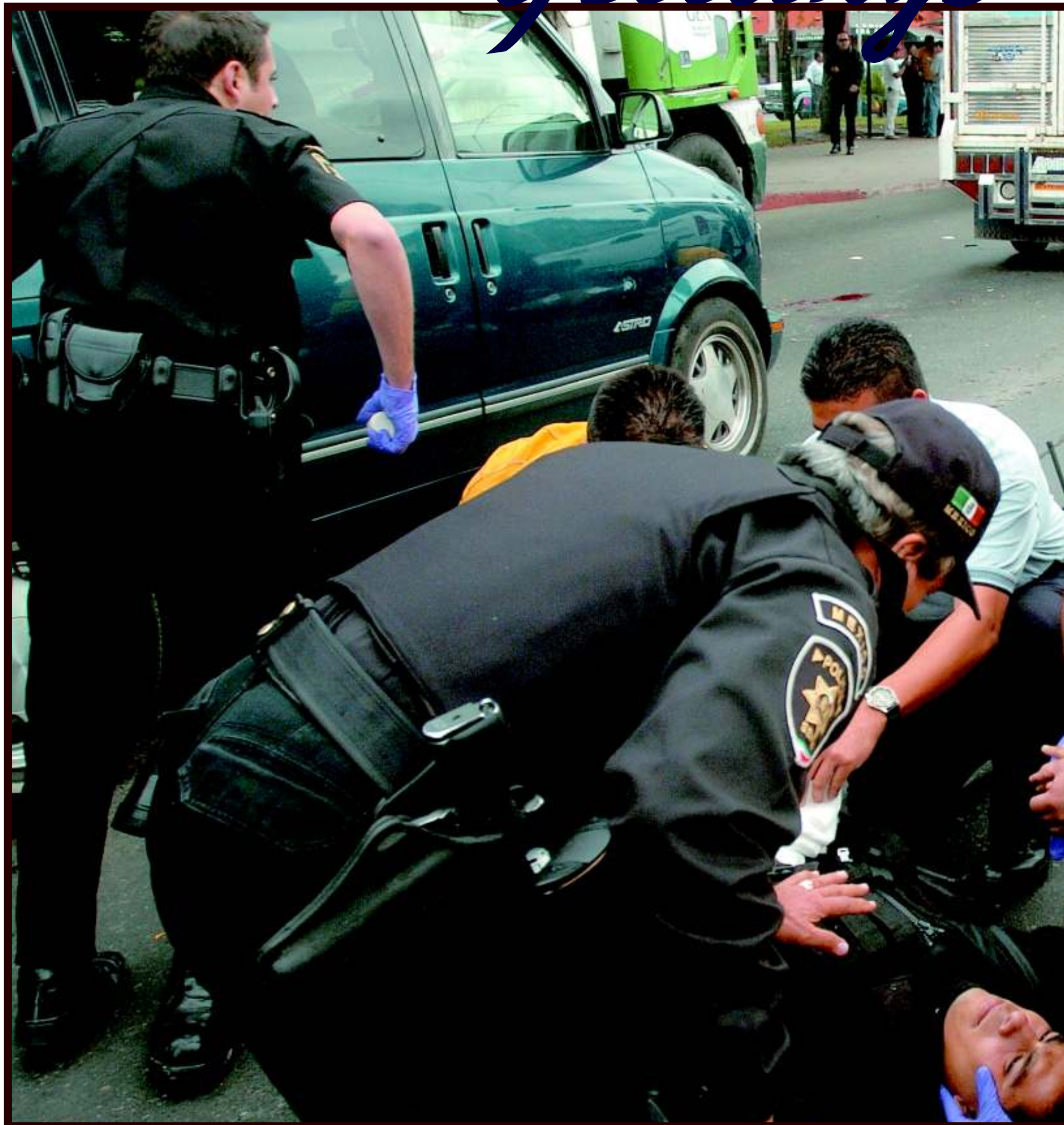
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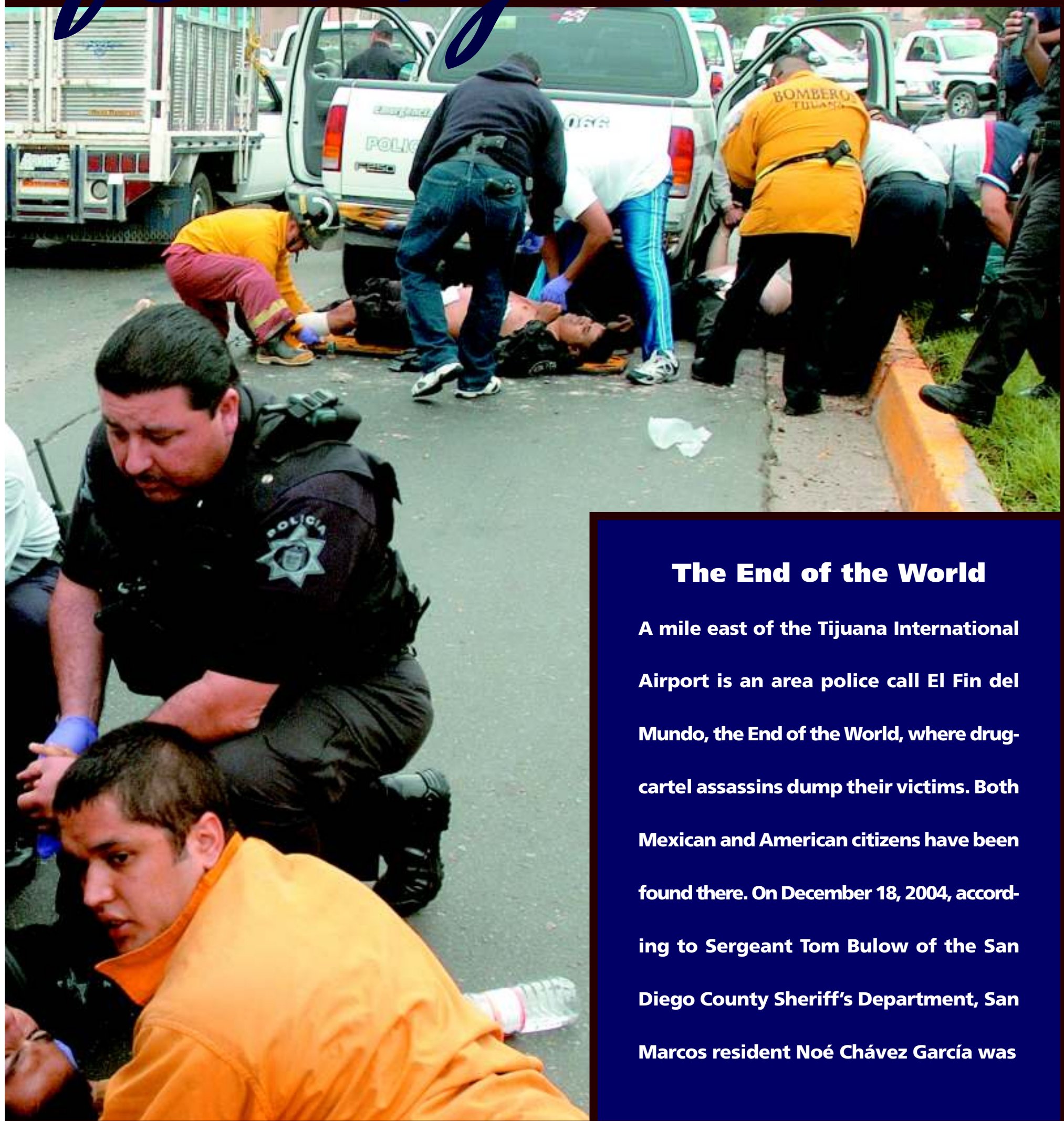
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Greetings



from Tijuana



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The End of the World

A mile east of the Tijuana International Airport is an area police call El Fin del Mundo, the End of the World, where drug-cartel assassins dump their victims. Both Mexican and American citizens have been found there. On December 18, 2004, according to Sergeant Tom Bulow of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, San Marcos resident Noé Chávez García was

lured to Tijuana by two acquaintances who shot him several times and left him in this corpse-disposal zone. He survived his wounds to tell his story to the FBI and Mexican officials. His is a rare case — he lived.

“A total of more than 4,800 Mexicans were slain in 2006 and 2007,” reports the *Washington Post* on March 16, 2008, “making the murder rate in each of those years twice that of 2005. Law enforcement officials and journalists, politicians and peasants have been gunned down in the wave of violence.”

“What affects one side affects the other,” Mayor Jerry Sanders tells *USA Today* on February 5, 2007. “We’re literally one region with a fence down the middle.”

“The murder rate in



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15% of Tijuana's 2300 police officers work for the cartels.

Tijuana is certainly not more than about 500 per year,” states *USBorderPatrol.com*, which is not an official government web-

site. Maintained by “supporters of the United States Border Patrol,” apparently Minutemen-friendly watchdogs, the

site has an in-your-face manner that a government site cannot. It asks, “Of course, when is a body count an actual body

count?” and adds, “This is the number of people discovered on the street, in cars, in houses, or mysteriously plopped at Tijuana’s city dump within a dozen miles or so of the city center. The 500 does not include the vast numbers of ‘others’ who find their way into shallow graves scattered across the 10,000 square miles of desert sands from Tijuana to the Sea of Cortez.”

A Violent Timeline

1985 — Miguel Angel Félix Gallardo, a former police officer from the Pacific coast state of Sinaloa, is the first Mexican drug czar to link up with Colombia’s cocaine cartels. He is known as “El Padrino.” “He and other druglords shared the Tijuana corridor,” writes *Time* magazine. After the

February 9 murder of Enrique Camarena, an undercover agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Reagan administration pressures Mexican authorities to take action.

April 8, 1989 — Miguel Angel Félix Gallardo is apprehended in Sinaloa. The *New York Times* reports, “Hours after he was arrested... army troops... rounded up the entire city police force — about 300 men — for questioning about possible links to Mr. Félix Gallardo, who American officials believe smuggled as much as two tons of cocaine into the United States each month.” Many police officers defect from the force.

1990–1993 — Gallardo’s organization breaks into two factions:

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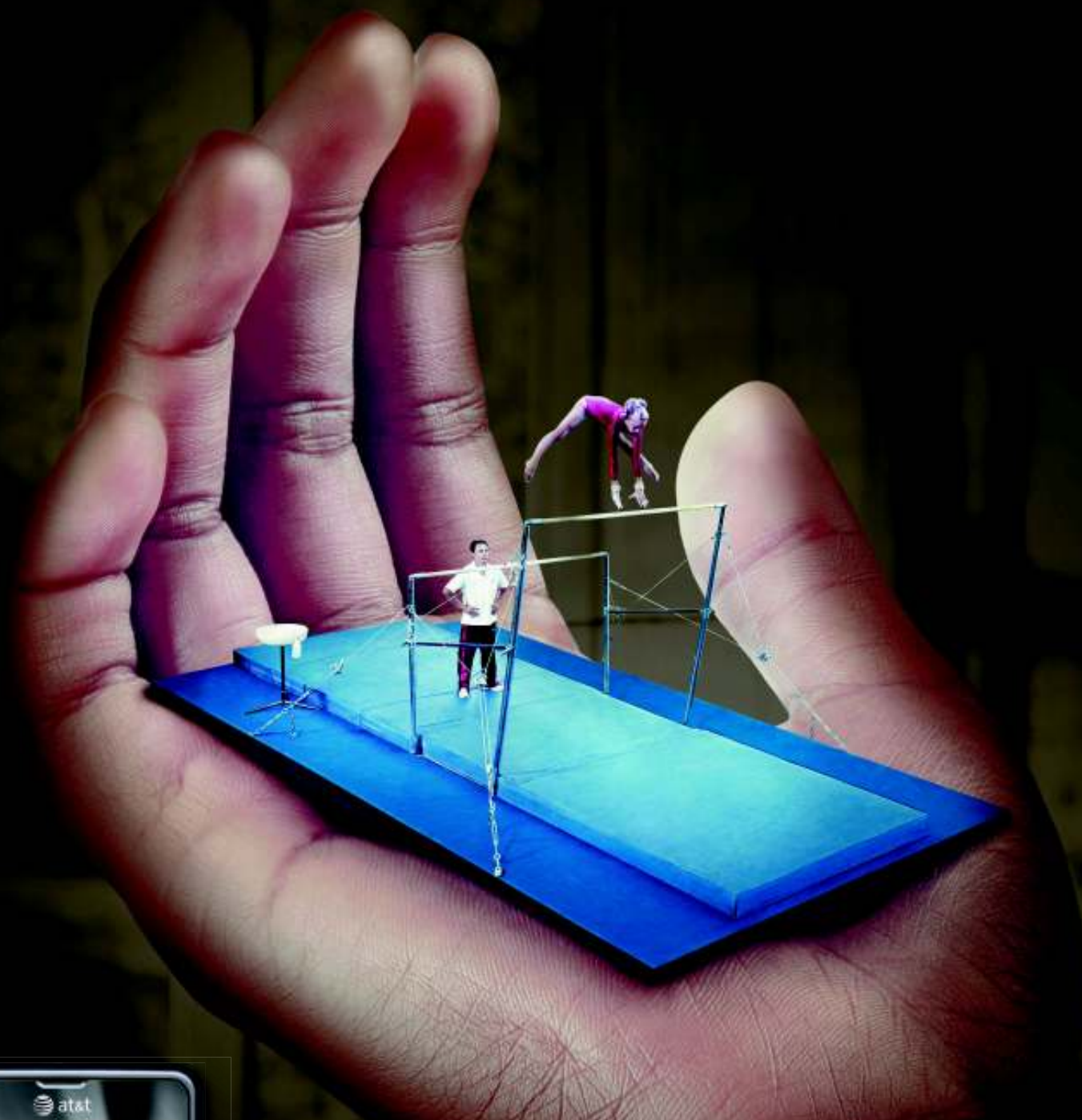


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the Tijuana cartel, led by his seven nephews and four nieces, the Arellano Félix family; and the Sinaloa cartel, run by former lieutenants Héctor Luís Palma Salazar and Joaquín Guzmán Loera. Both organized-crime syndicates engage in kidnap for ransom, assassinations, and drug transportation. "Into Tijuana roared the seven Arellano brothers," states a *Time* article, describing the brothers as "handsome Benjamín, their CEO; chubby Ramón, the enforcer; finance-whiz Eduardo, 44, the money launderer; and the eldest, Francisco, 51, the gregarious, cross-dressing pitchman who, say officials, cemented the clan's top-drawer political and police alliances, usually out of his Mazatlán discotheque, Frankie O's."

December 3, 1993 — Francisco Rafael Arellano Félix (aka "El Comandante Mon") is arrested by the Mexican Federal Judi-



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"Mexican soldiers report that they are offered money, drugs, and prostitutes."

cial Police in Tijuana. The Mexico City newspaper *Reforma* notes he was once arrested in San Diego in 1980 for selling 250 grams of cocaine to an undercover Drug Enforcement Administration agent. He is incarcerated on drug charges, for illegal arms possession, and for com-

licity in the murder of Catholic Church cardinal Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo as the cardinal stepped out of his car at the Guadalajara airport.

March 23, 1994 — At a campaign rally in Tijuana, presidential candidate Luís Donaldo Colosio is killed by bullets to

the head and abdomen. An article, "Mexico's Fiesta of Assassins," posted at *meta-religion.com*, states that "the first official explanation has it that the gunman, Mario Aburto Martínez, is a deranged loner craving notoriety," although "a preponderance [of] evidence does

indeed point to a conspiracy: Colosio's autopsy would show that he had been shot twice and that bullets had entered opposite sides of his body. Videotapes of the shooting show that Colosio did not turn after the first shot, which suggests a second gunman."

Tijuana police arrest a second man on March 23, caught running from the rally with blood on his clothes. According to the Federal News Service, Tijuana's municipal police chief, José Federico Benítez López, has posted his men at the rally in defiance of "PRI operatives, who counseled him to let them handle security." The man Tijuana police arrest, Jorge Antonio Sánchez, tests positive for powder burns. However, federal authorities release him. "According to the weekly news magazine *Proceso*," the Federal News Service article continues, "Sánchez turned out to be an agent of the Center of

Investigations and National Security (CISEN), Mexico's counterpart to the CIA."

April 28, 1994 — Police chief José Federico Benítez López is assassinated "in a meticulously planned ambush on a Tijuana street," according to the Federal News Service. Not satisfied with the official explanations of the Colosio assassination, and against political party objections, Benítez has been investigating Colosio's PRI security team, looking for other conspirators. "He discovered that the team leader, José Rodolfo Rivapalacio, was a former state police commander who had been accused of torture by the federal government's human rights commission... whose own daughter described him as 'a very violent man' who beat his wife and children, and who San Diego police suspect of hiring a hit man in a botched attempt to mur-

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der his estranged wife in the United States.” Benítez’s files on Rivapalacio disappear from police headquarters days before Benítez is gunned down. Anna Cearley of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* reports that shortly before his death, Benítez apparently turns down a \$100,000 bribe from drug traffickers.

January 3, 1997 — Baja California state prosecutor Hodín Armando Gutiérrez Rico is shot more than 100 times outside his home and then run over by a van. Tijuana paper *Frontera* reports that this is “just one in a string of unsolved murders of law enforcement authorities over the past year. It was the eighth killing in 11 months of prosecutors or police commanders involved in drug-related investigations.” Government reports state there were 800 murders in Tijuana in 1996, 75 percent of them executions between drug traffickers.

A former commander of the federal police, Rodolfo García Gaxiola, is believed to have ordered

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the Gutiérrez assassination. "Gutiérrez had moved to arrest...Rodolfo García Gaxiola," according to the *Los Angeles Times*, "in the killing of [police chief Benítez], but a Mazatlán judge canceled the arrest warrant in October." States *Frontera*, "Witness testimony placed the federal commander García at the scene of Benítez' assassination."

March 5, 1997 — Alejandro Hodoyán, a witness to cartel violence, disappears. "His mother watched helplessly as her eldest son was kidnapped at gunpoint in broad daylight in downtown Tijuana five years ago," notes the

Los Angeles Times. "She had been driving him to San Diego, where Hodoyán was to enter the U.S. federal witness-protection program."

September 18, 1997 — In a press release issued by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Ramón Arellano Félix is named as the 451st person added to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list and "has been charged in a sealed indictment in U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, with Conspiracy to Import Cocaine and Marijuana."

October 1997 — Mexico's federal attorney

general's office freezes the assets of Aero Postal de Mexico after seizing a shipment of cocaine from one of its planes. The *Arizona Daily Star* reports that "Mexican federal officials suspect the cargo-carrying company of transporting drugs for the Tijuana-based cartel of the Arellano Félix family, an unidentified official told *Reforma*. Aero Postal's owner, Jesús Villegas Covillos, became one of the principal allies of the organization in the transfer of drugs outside Mexico."

1998 — According to *USBorderPatrol.com*, in an effort to consoli-



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date power, the Arellano Félix cartel of Tijuana and the Sonora cartel (aka the Caro-Quintero cartel) of Juárez form the "Federation."

September 17, 1998 — Ramón Arellano Félix orders a hit that results in the mass murder of 18 people near Ensenada. The *Los Angeles Times* reports that the hit was punishment for "rival, upstart drug traffickers who failed to pay the Arellano Félixes for transit rights through the Baja corridor." Eighteen men, women, and children are


lined up and executed one by one.

February 27, 2000 — Tijuana's police chief, Alfredo de la Torre Márquez, is murdered. The *New York Times* reports that "gunmen in cars ambushed and killed [the police chief] as he drove on a highway. Dozens of bullets hit him." Governor Alejandro González Alcocer of Baja California claims the violence and drug traffic are out of control because many *federales* are on the cartel's payroll. "The drugs are coming in by land, sea

and air," González tells the *New York Times*. Attempts to combat trafficking are compromised, he says, stating, "We worry that if we try to coordinate operations with [the *federales*], our plans will be communicated to the traffickers."

March 12, 2000 — Mexican soldiers apprehend Jesús Labra Avilés (aka "El Chuy"), the Arellano Félixes' "financial mastermind," according to *Frontline*, at *pbs.org*, "as he watched his son play football in Tijuana." A few days later, Labra's lawyer, Gustavo Gálvez Reyes, is found tortured and slain.

May 4, 2000 — The Arellano Félix cartel's top lieutenant, Ismael Higuera Guerrero (aka "El Mayel"), is arrested during a raid on his beachfront home in Ensenada. The *Frontline* website notes, "Following his arrest, federal prosecutors in San Diego unsealed an indictment against Higuera, accusing him of



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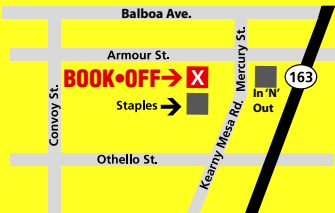
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drug trafficking and money laundering.... [He] also faces a homicide charge in a Baja California state court for his role in the 1994 slaying of Tijuana's [police chief] Federico Benítez López. He has also been linked to the slayings of the three anti-drug agents in Tijuana...as well as the murder of Tijuana's police chief, Alfredo de la Torre Márquez."

May 11, 2000 — The U.S. Department of Justice sends out a news release unsealing a ten-count indictment charging Benjamín Arellano Félix and his brother Ramón. A \$2 million reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of Ramón.

February 10, 2002 — Ramón Arellano Félix is killed in a gun battle with police in Mazatlán, Sinaloa.

March 11, 2002 — The U.S. Department of the State announces, "On

March 10, the Government of Mexico arrested Benjamín Arellano-Félix...[who] was named on the Department of Treasury's drug kingpin list" and adds that this "is the most significant arrest ever of a wanted drug trafficker in Mexico. It also advances the bilateral Mexico-U.S. effort to dismantle a violent and powerful transborder criminal organization." With Ramón dead and Francisco Rafael and Benjamín in custody, the youngest brother, Francisco Javier, becomes leader of the cartel. Analyzing the situation, Strategic Forecasting, Inc., at *stratfor.com*, suggests "that a shake-up in the administration is what was needed to make the family business more lucrative." Mexico refuses to extradite Benjamín to the United States.

June 22, 2004 — Editor and reporter for Tijuana's "muckraking"

tabloid *Zeta*, Francisco Ortiz Franco, is gunned down two blocks from state police headquarters. He had been writing about the drug trade and the Arellano Félix cartel's turf battles. The assassination takes place outside his doctor's office in downtown Tijuana. He has two children with him.

Joel Simon and Carlos Lauría, on the Committee to Protect Journalists website (*cpj.org*), describe the incident: "[Ortiz] buckled 11-year-old Héctor Daniel and 9-year-old Andrea into the backseat, walked around the car, and got in. Before he could start the engine, a black Jeep Grand Cherokee pulled alongside, and a man wearing a black wool ski mask jumped out. The gunman fired four times from a .380-caliber handgun through the driver's side window, hitting Ortiz Franco in the chest, head, and neck and killing him

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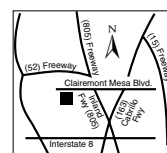


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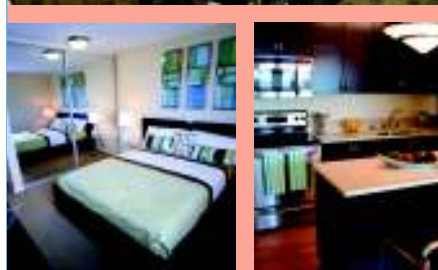
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June 28, 2004 — The *U-T* reports that Jaime Ocampo, a suspected hit man for the Tijuana cartel, is arrested in Rosarito Beach. "He and his wife had moved into a brand new house in a rapidly growing east Chula Vista subdivision where homes go for \$600,000 to \$1 million."

April 27–May 4, 2005 — Comandos

Negros, "or Black Comandos, are part of a dark season of violence that has set new standards for brazenness and frequency in this crime-weary city" of Tijuana, reports the *Los Angeles Times*. On April 27, "waving AK-47 rifles, the black-hooded force of 10 assailants barged into [a] hacienda-style restaurant" in Zona Rio, kidnapping Adolfo Fregoso, co-owner of the upscale Carnitas Quiroga Restaurant. On May 4, ten men dressed similarly converge on Club Campestre and grab 30-year-old Iván Escobosa. "Escobosa was

dragged off the staircase entrance...at an hour when many parents are dropping off their children for swimming and tennis lessons. A club supervisor said Escobosa's screams were heard in the chandelied dining room nearby," according to the *L.A. Times* story. Both these men, who have drug-smuggling connections, are later found dead, "tortured, strangled and shot execution style."

August 17, 2005 — At the United Nations, Mexican president Vicente Fox tells the Bush administration to stop complaining

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about Mexico's record in the drug war; he requests assistance to fight dominant cocaine cartels.

June 21, 2006 — Three police officers in Rosarito Beach are beheaded. Ismael Arellano Torres, 36, Jesús Hernández Ballesteros, 42, and Benjamín Fabián Ventura, 35, are "slain after an armed group surrounded their cars...in a remote part of the city," reports the *U-T*, adding that while their bodies are recovered in Rosarito, their heads are found in Tijuana.

August 14, 2006 — The U.S. Justice Depart-

ment announces that the United States Coast Guard has apprehended Francisco Javier Arellano Félix in the waters of Baja California Sur on his yacht, *Dock Holiday*. While Francisco Javier is being moved to San Diego's federal detention center, the San Diego Harbor is heavily patrolled by the Coast Guard and Harbor Police, in case the Arellano Félix family's private mercenary army attempts a rescue, according to the Associated Press.

September 16, 2006 — Francisco Rafael Arellano Félix finishes his

sentence in a Mexican prison; he is extradited to the United States to face charges.

September 24, 2006 — The body of Miguel Angel Ramos Pineda, a cousin of former Institutional Revolutionary Party presidential candidate Roberto Madrazo, is found near Tecate. Ramos has been missing since September 14. The *U-T* reports that his daughter, Nadia Karina Ramos Robles, a contestant for the Miss Mexico beauty contest, withdraws from the pageant.

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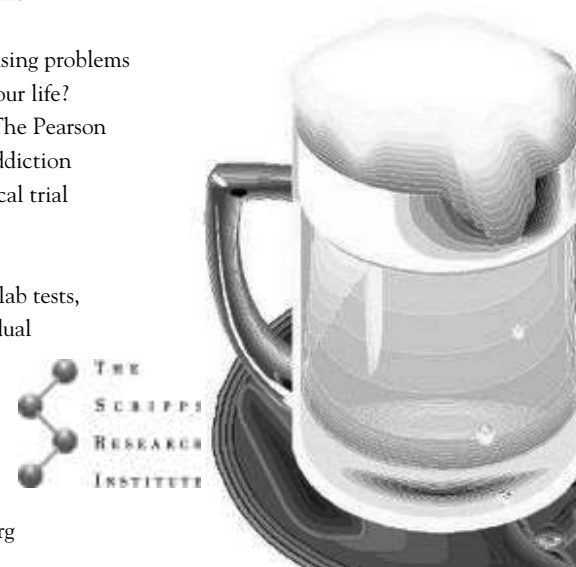
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January 3, 2007 — Newly elected Mexico president Felipe Calderón sends 3300 army troops and federal police into Tijuana to help combat drug violence and weed out corrupt police officers.

January 5, 2007 — Suspecting corruption, President Calderón orders 2000 Tijuana police officers stripped of their guns so the weapons can be matched to recent homicides. Police are issued slingshots and bags of ball bearings. This incident makes international news, from the BBC to NPR to China’s Beijing-based news service Xinhua, which opens a January 23 article: “In the Old Testament of the Christian Bible a young boy named David killed a giant enemy warrior named Goliath with a stone hurled from a sling. Tijuana, Mexico police may be praying they will be so lucky.” Most officers refuse to patrol their usual routes, staying home, quitting, or joining the drug gangs, reports the Associated Press. Those who show up for work (around 60) stick close to the army troops and *federales*. Cartel members broadcast threats and ridicule over police radios.

January 13, 2007 — The Tijuana cops get their guns back, and they are patrolling once again.

February 3, 2007 — If President Calderón does not have enough problems with the drug cartels, Prensa Latina — the Latin American news network — reports that he is “a president under siege,” opposed by factions within his party. “Calderón has not only had to face his political adversaries but also the ‘friendly fire’ from within his own Partido Acción

Nacional (PAN). It is even said that his worst enemy, the most aggressive and unscrupulous, is the PAN, whose president Manuel Espino is a furious nationalist who also leads the

Christian Democrat Organization of America.”

April 18, 2007 — Tijuana police engage in a shootout with drug traffickers near the downtown bus station. “Police tried to

stop a truck carrying two alleged Arellano Félix gunmen suspected of plotting to attack members of a rival [Milenio] cartel,” reports the Associated Press. One suspect is

killed, and another, Javier Estrada Dominguez, is wounded. The injured gunman is transported to the General Hospital in Rio Tijuana, a quarter mile from the U.S.-Mexico

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May 10, 2007 — Reporters Without Borders voices concern about “gruesome threatening messages aimed at journalists and the fact that one of the latest messages, which are being blamed on drug traffickers, was followed four days later by

an apparent attempt to kill a leading investigative journalist by sabotaging her car.” On May 7, as the reporter and her three police bodyguards drive away from the airport in Mexico City, the driver loses control and nearly crashes. The lug nuts have been loosened on one of the wheels. “On May 3, World Press Freedom Day, the head of a corpse was left on a street in the eastern city of Veracruz along with the message: ‘Here is a gift for journalists, and other heads will fall, as Milo Vela well knows.’ Vela is a columnist who writes

for the Veracruz-based daily *Notiver*.” Such communiqués are termed “narco-messages.”

June 18, 2007 — Francisco Rafael Arellano Félix pleads guilty to charges of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. He serves time in a prison in El Paso, Texas.

September 13, 2007 — The U.S. Department of State issues a “Consular Information Sheet” on Mexico that says: “Mexican police regularly obtain information through torture and prosecutors use this evidence

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September 17, 2007 — Francisco Javier Arellano Félix pleads guilty in a San Diego federal court to "operating a continuing criminal enterprise and conspiring to launder monetary instruments," according to the Department of Justice. The plea deal includes lifting the death penalty.

September 24, 2007 — Gunmen fire automatic weapons from several vehicles, attacking a post manned by *federales* in the Francisco Villa neighborhood. The battle lasts ten minutes. One civilian passerby is killed, two others wounded, and two federal agents are injured. "The windows of seven government vehicles and the metal fence of a nearby school are destroyed by the storm of bullets," *Frontera* states, reporting that citizen

Alfredo Luna Raye, walking with his girlfriend in front of the targeted building, is killed when he enters the line of fire. His girlfriend is wounded.

Two hours before the Francisco Villa assault, officer Ricardo Rosas Alvarado, assigned to a "special intelligence unit," is murdered in a parking lot in Tijuana. Baja California state policeman Carlos Horacio Morales Méndez is also murdered.

The Associated Press reports that 680 additional *federales* are dispatched to Tijuana.

September 25, 2007 — A Tijuana police officer is arrested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for attempting to smuggle cocaine worth \$50,000 across the border. The 35-year-old Mexican cop resists arrest as agents try to handcuff him. He attempts to flee back into Mexico and is apprehended before he makes it, Customs and Border Protection states in a news release.

September 27, 2007 — Five hundred additional army troops are



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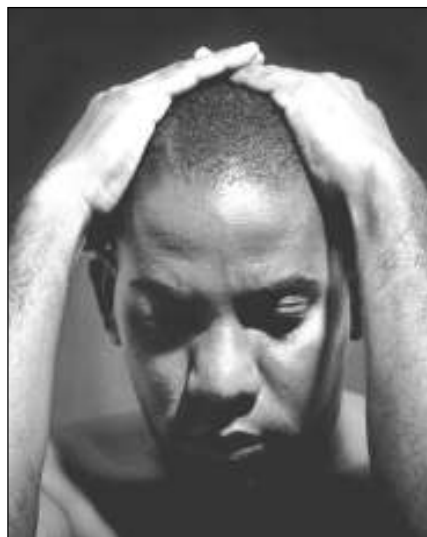
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sent into Tijuana, in anticipation of violent reactions to the sentencing of Francisco Javier Arellano Félix, according to the Associated Press.

October 13, 2007 — The Sánchez family of San Diego is in Baja, driving their van toward the border, when they are approached by a group of armed men dressed as police officers. The family believes the men are indeed police officers, but they are kidnappers. The family's van is peppered with gunfire. Robert and Rosa Sánchez, as well as his mother, are injured by

bullets, according to the U-T. Their two-year-old daughter is not hurt. Robert's 68-year-old father, José Maria Sánchez, is taken hostage.

The FBI reports that it is investigating 26 kidnapping cases of American citizens in 2007, compared to 11 in 2006 and 10 in 2005. The number of Mexican citizens kidnapped is high and unknown, because many are never reported.

October 16, 2007 — José Maria Sánchez is found wandering along a highway outside Tijuana, hands bound and eyes

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October 23, 2007 — A woman from Encinitas reports that gunmen dressed as police raped her

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in front of her boyfriend. They're in Mexico after evacuating their home during the San Diego wildfires. The Associated Press covers the story, stating, "Lori Hoffman and her boyfriend, surf school owner Pat Weber, were robbed at a beach south of Ensenada.... [They] were in a recreational vehicle when they were attacked by two men wearing masks and combat boots. The attackers shot up the RV when Weber initially refused to open the door and then terrorized the couple. Hoffman said she was sexually assaulted in front of her boyfriend before the men fled with \$8,000 worth of laptop computers, jewelry, tools, and Weber's guitar."

November 5, 2007 — Francisco Javier Arellano Félix is sentenced to life in prison. The *Imperial Valley News* reports, "At the sentencing hearing at federal court in San Diego...

U.S. District Judge Larry A. Burns also ordered Arellano Félix, 37, to forfeit \$50 million and his interest in a yacht, the *Dock Holiday*."

At a press conference, acting deputy attorney general Craig S. Morford states, "Francisco Javier Arellano Félix will spend the rest of his life in prison for leading a violent Mexican drug cartel that was responsible for trafficking hundreds of tons of cocaine and marijuana, and committing countless acts of violence and corruption."

November 2007 — An El Cajon family claims they are held hostage in a Tijuana carjacking. The Associated Press reports that "Christopher and Debra Hall, their 16-year-old son and 21-year-old daughter were returning from taking part in the Baja 1000 off-road race when a car with flashing red lights and a siren

pulled up behind them as they entered Tijuana.... [Ten] men jumped out of two cars. Five got into their pickup truck and pointed guns at their heads. The men then drove the truck into isolated hills." One of the men orders the family to get on their knees. They think they are going to be executed. They are let go and cross back into the United States "with just the clothes on their back," according to San Diego police.

November–December 2007 — Many news outlets report that violence is escalating in Tijuana as rival gangs try to take over drug routes operated by the Arellano Félix family. In other border cities, notes the *El Paso Journal* — such as Ciudad Juárez, Reynosa, and Nuevo Laredo — similar turf wars are fought between rival gangs who perceive the end of the

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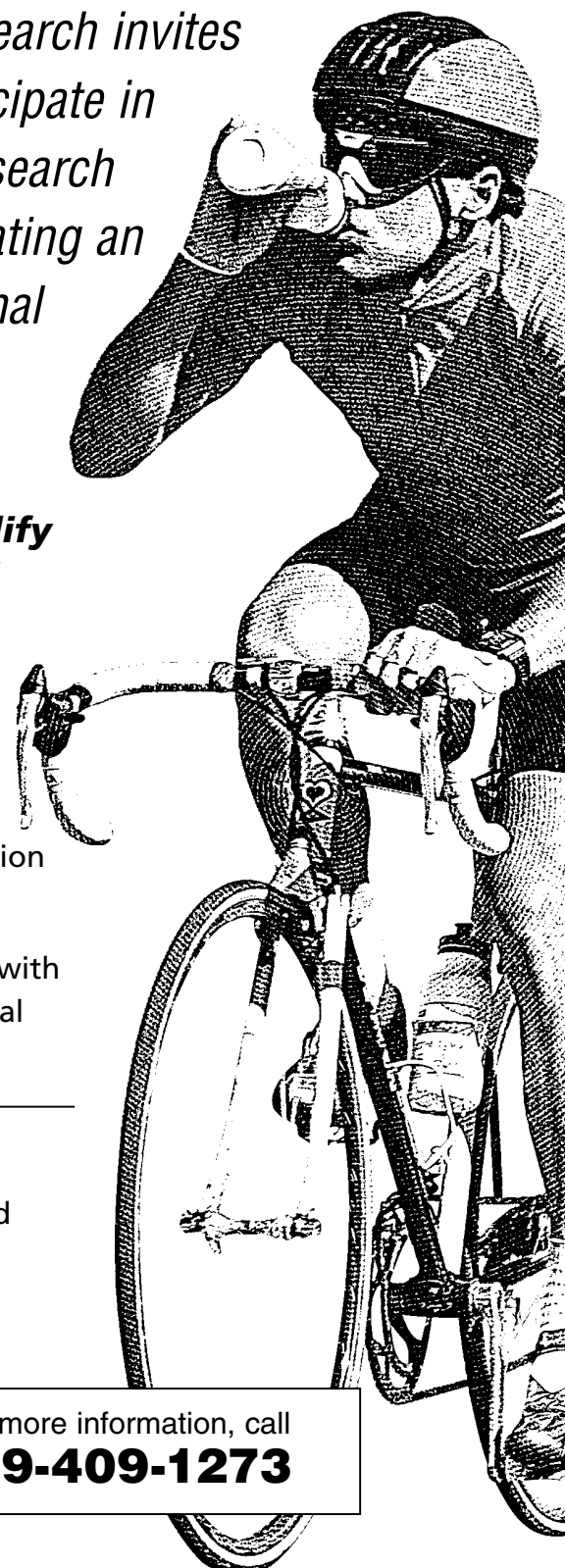
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Arellano Félix cartel.

The region south of the Texas border is dominated by the Gulf cartel's private army, Los Zetas. "Led by Heriberto Lazcano, Los Zetas are a highly disciplined mercenary squad composed of former elite Mexican troops, including officers trained by the U.S. military before they deserted," according to the *Washington Post*. Anticipating battles with the Mexican armed forces, Los Zetas have stocked safe houses with antitank missiles, assault rifles, and grenade launchers — weapons

believed by the Mexican government to have been stolen from the U.S. Army.

December 1, 2007 — Jorge Ramos is sworn in as the new mayor of Tijuana. A new police chief, Jesús Alberto Capella Ibarra, takes over the force. Capella is nicknamed "Tijuana Rambo" after he fights his way out of an assassination attempt before taking office. Richard Marosi of the *Los Angeles Times* reports, "The bullet holes pock-marking the walls of his home were just three days old when Alberto Capella Ibarra took over the police

force of this violence-plagued city. Twenty gunmen dressed in black had swarmed his yard in the middle of the night, and he'd fought them off, firing an automatic rifle."

Capella admits to the press that an estimated 15 percent of the city's 2300 police officers work for the drug cartels, earning wages as bodyguards, kidnappers, and assassins. "We have the enemy in our house," Capella dramatically tells the international press.

The *L.A. Times* describes Capella as "a chubby, soft-spoken 36-

RESEARCH STUDIES

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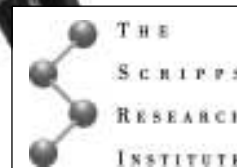


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year-old with no police training.... He moves around the city in a six-car convoy with 20 bodyguards. He can't even stop at a taco stand without scaring off customers who fear gunmen will drive up and blast away."

Both Ramos and Capella wish to make the city "look safe" so tourists will return. Reports state that tourism has declined 90 percent; many businesses are suffering, and poverty is rampant. "The violence is marring a city that has been going through an architectural and artistic renaissance," reports the Associated Press. The *New York Times* notes that desperate people agree to become "mules," ingesting drugs to smuggle across the San Ysidro and Otay borders at \$500 a trip.

December 1, 2007 — The Associated Press states, "Masked bandits have attacked and robbed

Baja California tourists at least seven times in recent months, acting with paramilitary precision." The decline in tourism has become critical.

January 1, 2008 — Veteran Tijuana police officers Jesús Alberto Rodríguez Meraz and Saúl Ovalle Guerrero hatch a get-rich-quick plan that goes south. During the New Year's festivities, reports Mario González-Román in his blog at securitycornermexico.com/index.php, the officers pilfer one ton of marijuana from the Arellano Félix cartel. But before they can sell the booty, they are kidnapped. Four days later their bodies are found.

January 2, 2008 — Al Jazeera foreign correspondent Franc Contreras writes from Morelia, in southwest Mexico, that a growing number of musicians are also being caught in the crossfire between drug cartels and Mexican

authorities. No one is safe, not even an honest mariachi.

January 8, 2008 — Reuters reports that 1000 *federales* are dispatched to Tijuana as reinforcements.

January 14, 2008 — Assassins converge on the Loma Bonita neighborhood of Tijuana. Their target: "easygoing" district police commander Margarito Saldaña, 43, according to the *Minneapolis-St. Paul Star-Telegram*. The killers enter the Saldaña house. The family is sleeping. Using AK-47s, the bad guys shoot and kill Saldaña, along with his wife Sandra and 11-year-old daughter Valeria. The *Washington Post* notes that the "gunmen violated a rarely broken rule of Mexico's drug cartel underworld: Family should remain free from harm."

January 15, 2008 — The assassins hunt down and kill two other Tijuana

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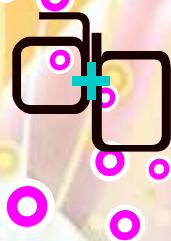
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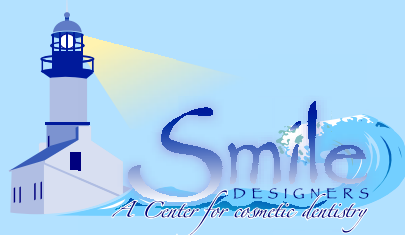
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January 17, 2008 — As Tijuana mayor Jorge Ramos attends a memorial for three slain police officers, a battle breaks out in another part of the city between members of the Mexican army, the *federales*, and local police and members of the Arellano Félix cartel. The three-hour gunfight occurs in La Mesa, a middle-class neighborhood. One suspect is killed, and six bodies — gagged, blindfolded, and shot in the head — are found in a house.

“That night, my mother called from San Ysidro looking for me,” writes Daniel Hernández in his blog, *danielhernandez.typepad.com*, “and left a message with the worried but calming voice that parents usually reserve for news that is sad and

frightening. She said the city was ‘turning into Baghdad.’ On Friday morning, commuters in the Mexico City metro huddled around station newsstands to read the screaming headlines: ‘Tijuana burns with killings,’ ‘War in Tijuana,’ ‘And now, even kindergartens.’ That last one referred to startling images of small schoolchildren in gray uniforms rushing away from the shootout, their little hands clasped over their ears.”

January 19, 2008 — In the upscale Independencia neighborhood of Tijuana, Mexican *federales* raid a home that they believe has been used as an urban battle training center for Arellano Félix gunmen. They find “two armored pickups at the home, along with two other vehicles that had hidden compartments,” according to the *U-T*. A weapons machine shop

and a below-ground shooting range are discovered, along with 30,000 spent cartridges “collected in bins along one wall.”

February 1, 2008 — Francisco Rafael Arellano Félix is released from the Texas prison. “He received a six-year sentence, which he began serving in January, and was paroled” weeks later, according to Reuters. He received credit toward his U.S. sentence for time served while awaiting extradition in Mexico. “Because his case dates back to 1980, he was eligible for parole under laws that were on the books at that time,” states Reuters. With the cartel weakened, he is expected to take a hands-off “godfather” role rather than take over from his sister Enequina.

February 7, 2008 — Mexican soldiers converge on El Mezquito Ranch outside Miguel Alemán, west of Reynosa. The

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Associated Press reports the recovery of "89 assault rifles, 83,355 rounds of ammunition, and plastic explosives capable of destroying multiple buildings." Also found, two days later in nearby Nuevo Laredo, are eight military uniforms used as disguises. According to numerous news agencies, this and other evidence leads many to believe that the cartels have infiltrated border police forces, including Tijuana's, with spies and operatives.

February 9, 2008 — Reuters and the Associated Press run stories saying that a Mexican army senior officer commanding troops in Baja California confirms that the Arellano Félix cartel is trying to bribe Mexican soldiers. "The officer said that drug gang members are trying to buy off the military so they can continue shipping drugs. Soldiers reported that they are offered money, drugs and prostitutes."

February 15, 2008 — Six bodies are found with signs attached to them that include "information such as the phone number and address of the Mexican army office set up to receive tips about organized crime," reports the *Austin American-Statesman*. These "narco-messages," sometimes carved into the body's flesh, are intended to scare local residents from reporting tips.

February–March 2008 — The Arellano Félix family seems to be losing its foothold on Tijuana, notes the *New York Times* and many other news outlets. Enedina Arellano Félix refuses to share territory with the Sinaloa cartel. The numerous arrests of nearly 30 key players in Tijuana hinders the organization. Officials claim various Tijuana smugglers are breaking away from Arellano Félix and teaming up with the Sinaloa cartel, which took over Mexicali drug routes in 2007.

March 3, 2008 — Helicopters are in the

night sky; army troop transports rush down Avenida Constitución; *federales* in trucks, machine guns mounted in the bed, swerve through traffic. They converge on a nearby suburban residence. In the

distance, gunfire can be heard. Suspects in a barricaded house fire upon an army patrol unit, sending "residents of a well-to-do neighborhood diving for cover late Sunday and early Monday for more


than five hours," says the *U-T*. One person is killed. Soldiers recover rifles, shotguns, handguns, bulletproof vests, ski masks, and uniforms with the insignia of various Mexican police agencies. The

final unnerving discovery is a blue jacket labeled "ICE," for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement unit.

March 4, 2008 — The *U-T* reports that "a female between the ages of 16 and

18 was among the five shooting victims found early Tuesday on a rural road in eastern Tijuana.... The four others, all males, ranged in age from 18 to 30, according to a statement from the state


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office.” One hundred fifty spent shell casings are found near the bullet-ridden bodies.

March 11, 2008 — Gustavo Rivera Martínez, who handles drug cargo movements and coordinates kidnapping in Tijuana, is arrested and extradited to the United States. The AFP news service reports that Martínez is a U.S. citizen and a graduate of Bonita Vista High.

March 14, 2008 — Mexican army general Sergio Aponte tells the international media that members of the Arellano Félix cartel have attempted negotiations — they will discontinue violence and kidnappings if the army leaves them and their drug routes alone. “They are losing the battle, and it’s a desperate reaction,” Aponte states at a press conference.

March 15, 2008 — Mexican authorities capture a Tijuana-based hit

man as a direct result of the Martínez arrest. The hit man is Saúl Montes de Oca, aka “El Ciego” (the blind guy), who works for Martínez. Montes de Oca is a top killer for the Arellano Félix family. The *Taipei Times* notes that he is “known for gruesome torture and execution methods.”

March 16, 2008 — “More than 20,000 Mexican troops and federal police are engaged in a multi-front war with the private armies of rival drug lords, a conflict that is being waged most fiercely along the 2,000-mile length of the U.S.-Mexico border,” writes Manuel Roig-Franzia in the *Washington Post*. “The proximity of the violence has drawn in the Bush administration, which has proposed a \$500 million annual aid package to help President Felipe Calderón combat what a Government Accountability

Office report estimates is Mexico’s \$23 billion a year drug trade.”

April 4, 2008 — Los Zetas, formed by Mexican army deserters, join forces with the Juárez cartel to wage battle against the army. Two hundred people have been killed in Juárez since January 1, reports the *Las Cruces Sun-News*. Various Mexican newspapers state that people are worried that Zeta commandos may set their sights on Tijuana to disrupt the military presence there so the Juárez cartel can take over what is left of the Arellano Félix territories.

April 14, 2008 — The U.S. Department of State issues the following travel alert: “Recent Mexican army and police force conflicts with heavily-armed narcotics cartels have escalated to levels equivalent to military small-unit combat and have included use of machine guns and

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"Armed robberies and carjackings, apparently unconnected to the narcotics-related violence, have increased in Tijuana and Ciudad Juárez. Dozens of U.S. citizens were kidnapped and/or murdered in Tijuana in 2007. Public shootouts have occurred during daylight hours near shopping areas.

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The advisory recommends that "travelers avoid areas where prostitution and drug dealing occur."

April 16, 2008 — Banners and posters urging Mexican army soldiers

to defect and join the cartels start to appear around Juárez and Tijuana. Citizens are offered jobs as well. The *American Chronicle* reports, "Mexican drug cartels are now advertising for young men

to step up and come and join their ranks to fight the Mexican army. The ads and banners [promise] those who join will make good money, have food and a place to stay, even while in training."

Michael Webster writes at *borderfirereport.net* that these training camps employ military commandos from Afghanistan, and "Iran is believed providing at least some of the money for this recruiting and

training program. The training camps are teaching hit and run [guerrilla] techniques." Advertisements for recruits appear on the Internet as well. "Reforma, a leading Mexican newspaper,

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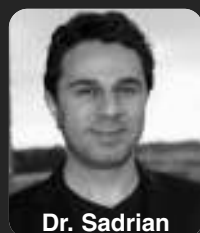
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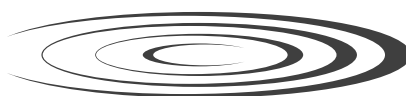
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reported that U.S. intelligence agencies had detected a partnership between the Tijuana-based Arellano-Félix Organization (AFO) and Russian mafia groups based in southern California," Webster continues at *borderfirereport.net*.

"Reforma reported that members of the former KGB-affiliated Kurganskaya group in San Diego had met with AFO operative Humberto Rodríguez Bañuelos...[and] that for at least the last ten years the Russian mafia was supplying Mexican drug traffickers with radars, automatic weapons, grenade launchers, and small submersibles."

April 20, 2008 — Guillermo Sánchez Lavenant, 19, an employee of the Hotel del Coronado, is kidnapped in Tijuana. Interviewing the young man's father, Angel Sánchez Pérez, the *U-T* reports, "Guillermo

Sánchez and one of his brothers were driving in Tijuana in a 2002 Mercedes-Benz with tinted windows. That was not a sign of wealth, their father said." The two brothers are stopped by the Tijuana police for alleged traffic violations and speeding. The Tijuana police say that one of the brothers lifts his sweatshirt and displays a handgun. The brothers are arrested and held. Two days later, Guillermo is released and takes a taxi to the border. "About a block from the police station...a group of men with assault rifles surrounded the taxi and forced Guillermo Sánchez out." Angel Sánchez receives phone calls from the apparent kidnappers, asking for \$1 million. He pleads that they have the wrong boy; his family has no money. The ransom calls stop April 24, and there is no indication of Guillermo's whereabouts.

The brother, Victor Adrián, 22, is later released on bond. "A spokeswoman for the state Attorney General's Office in Tijuana said an investigation is open but declined to comment further." The *U-T* article also reports, "Miguel Angel Lavenant, the eldest son in the family...said he was jailed in 2001 in connection with a homicide in Tijuana and released five months later.... He filed a complaint against authorities, and the case closed in 2002."

April 26, 2008 — Gun battles all over Tijuana streets leave 13 dead. "Gunmen began firing on each other with rifles and automatic weapons in a light industrial area east of the city," reports the *Dallas Morning News*, "ultimately leaving a trail of corpses, spent shell casings and bullet-riddled vehicles across Tijuana." Agustín Pérez Aguilar, spokesman

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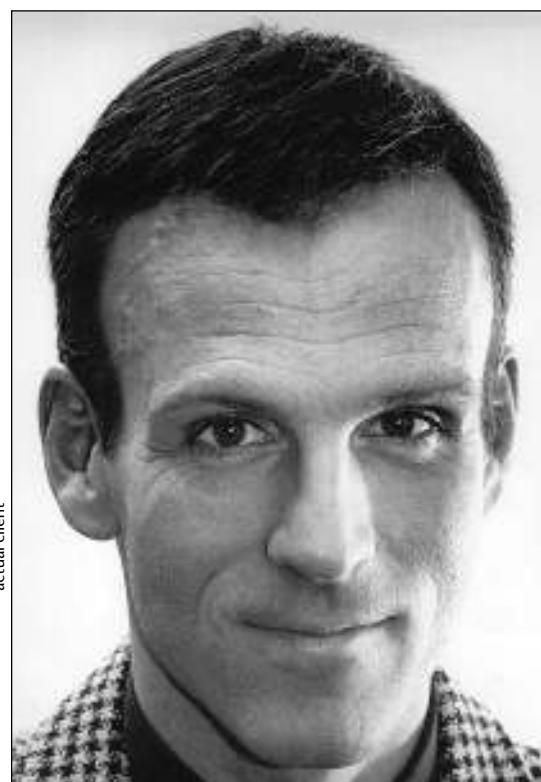
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for the Mexican State Public Safety Department, tells the press, "They are under pressure and turning on each other." The *Los Angeles Times* reports that one of the bodies had three words written on it with a marker: " 'Traidor, Enemigo, Objetivo,' or 'Traitor, Enemy, Target.' The first letters of the three Spanish words spelled 'Teo,' the nickname of Teodoro García Simental, leader of one of the warring factions."

May 8, 2008 — CNN reports that the chief of the Federal Preventive Police, Edgar Eusebio Milán Gómez, is shot nine times, "including in the throat" at 2:30 a.m. in Mexico City. Police arrest Alejandro Ramírez Báez for the assassination. Later, José Montes, a federal officer, is arrested in the conspiracy.

May 15–18, 2008 — Doctors at public and private hospitals and clinics in Tijuana systematically stop seeing nonemergency patients to protest the rise in violence against medical professionals in the region. "Three hundred to 400 people, including doc-

tors, engineers, lawyers and other professionals, gathered in the glorieta where the statue of Cuauhtémoc stands," reports the *U-T*.

May 19, 2008 — Three hundred additional law enforcement officers are sent to Tijuana.

May 20, 2008 — Mexican marines shoot and wound in the eye Pfc. Joshua Kendall Monnett from Camp Pendleton. Reports claim he was driving a vehicle near a Rosarito checkpoint. The Mexican military claims Monnett would not stop his car. Officials from Camp Pendleton state Monnett has family in Rosarito and was not there on official

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business. Fox 6 News reports, “Six charges are expected to be filed...against Joshua Monnett, including possession of an M16, a bulletproof vest and ammunition magazines.”

May 20, 2008 — Twenty-eight-year-old Libby Gianna Craig, from La Mesa, California, is among four people found shot to death in a canyon near Rosarito Beach in Baja California. She is in an area known as Morro Canyon “along with three Afro-American males; Mexican police described three of the dead men as ‘Black Americans,’ ” writes Michael Webster at *right sidenews.com*, stating further that “early reports also said more bodies were found in a separate location at different points of Playas de Rosarito, reported some Mexican papers. Shortly after the Baja Attorney General de Justicia del Estado took

over the investigation the official word changed and the press was told of only four people killed — three Mexican nationals and one female of Mexican decent — and denied that the male victims were Americans. This was a complete reversal from the on-the-crime-scene investigating police officers, who reported the three men were Afro-Americans and the names were being withheld pending notification of the next of kin in the States. A high ranking Mexican army officer has told the *Laguna Journal* that he and others have received word to not talk with or report any American deaths to the media.”

May 21, 2008 — Blogger Brett Malec writes at the University of Southern California’s *Daily Trojan* website: “This past weekend, I took a trip to Rosarito to escape the hectic and overwhelming antics of Los Angeles....

During my trip, my mother sent me an e-mail with a link to a San Diego local news website. The header read, ‘Four Americans Shot Dead Near Rosarito Beach,’ dated Sunday, the day we left the city to come back home. Four bodies were found near a car outside Rosarito along with an identification card belonging to one of the victims: a woman from La Mesa, California. All four were shot in the head.”


May 21, 2008 — A demonstration protesting the wave of kidnappings is held in Tijuana. *USA Today* runs a photo of Diana Sánchez Lavanant wiping away tears. She is the 21-year-old sister of Guillermo Sánchez Lavanant, who was kidnapped on April 20 and is still missing.

May 22, 2008 — Texas Cable News reports that Mexican police officers are starting to seek

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May 23, 2008 — “A U.S. State Department report on ‘non-natural deaths’ of U.S. citizens abroad says that 128 Americans were victims of homicides or ‘executions’ in Mexico between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007,” writes *CNSNews.com*. A total of 667 Americans were killed in Mexico by non-natural causes during that period. “The State Department says the report ‘is based solely on cases reported by American citizens to our posts abroad,’ ” which leaves open the question of how complete or accurate it may be. Twenty-nine of the 128 murders occurred in Tijuana.

May 23, 2008 — The BBC reports that the drug cartels have stopped fighting one another and have joined forces to battle the Mexican army.

May 27, 2008 — Jo Tuckman from the U.K.’s *Guardian* visits the Tijuana morgue and offers these observations: “A coal-black scarcely human form lies near the body of a young man riddled with bullets. Next to him is another corpse with a single gunshot wound and signs of torture. Half a dozen other bodies lie on slabs and on the floor. Workers struggle to force a fat man into a hardboard coffin destined for the common municipal grave for the unidentified. One arm hangs over the edge. The stench is overpowering.” The morgue’s administrator, Federico Ortiz, tells the *Guardian* that 1021 bodies have come through the morgue between January and April, more than double the number in the first four months of 2007.

June 7, 2008 — The *Los Angeles Times* points out that many of Tijuana’s upper middle class are leaving the city and relocating in the suburbs of San Diego, mostly in Otay Mesa, Nestor, and San Ysidro. The article states, “Real estate agents, busi-

ness owners and victims groups estimate that more than 1,000 Tijuana families — including those of doctors, lawyers, law enforcement officials, Lucha Libre wrestlers and business owners — have

made this move in recent years as the drug-fueled violence has worsened.” Guillermo Alonso Meneses, a professor of cultural studies at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, tells reporter Richard Marosi,

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June 8–9, 2008 —

After a lull in homicides in May, seven people are killed in Tijuana and three near Rosarito Beach over the weekend; one is a police officer. Five of them appear to be cartel executions. “In the case of the

Tijuana police officer,” reports the *U-T*, “the 16-year veteran was off-duty at a bar when he argued with a patron, who fired five shots from a .40-caliber handgun.... In two other cases, an 18-year-old

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man was killed after arguing with someone at a quinceañera party, and a 45-year-old woman was shot in the back during a carjacking.

June 19, 2008 — Reuters reports that a record number of San Diegans are risking the dangers of Tijuana to take advantage of the cheaper gas prices. A retired California engineer tells a Reuters reporter, “It’s worth taking the risk even with the violence. I know they could kill me or kidnap me, but the cost of filling my tank in the United States is just too much.” Diesel fuel is half what it is in the United States, regular gas \$1.40 a gallon cheaper. Tijuana police now patrol the gas stations to quell violent outbursts from motorists waiting up to two hours in long lines.

June 21, 2008 — At a baptism party held at a Tijuana event hall known

as “the Little Rascal,” the Mexican army carries out a raid and finds ten members of the Arellano Félix gang. According to an Associated Press report, “A total of 61 people were arrested in the sweep...including the band hired to play the party and three city police officers.” Also seized are “various rifles and handguns, police uniforms, 460 grams of methamphetamine and 5,000 rounds of ammunition.”

June 25, 2008 — Mexican authorities acquiesce to U.S. demands for the extradition of Benjamín Arellano Félix (“El Min”). The *Washington Post* notes, “Mexico’s Attorney General’s office said Arellano Félix will be tried in a Southern California court on charges of smuggling tons of cocaine into California between 1990 and 2000.”

July 5–7, 2008 — Six charred bodies, one still

on fire, are found in an alley on the eastern side of Tijuana on the morning of July 7. Baja California’s deputy attorney general Salvador Ortíz Morales tells news outlets that some are shot, some beaten, some have their heads wrapped in plastic, one is in handcuffs. “It’s a situation that obviously worries us,” Ortíz says. This is, according to Reuters, “two days after suspected drug hitmen in southern Mexico dumped a severed human head inside a black bag in the tourist city of Oaxaca, along with a threatening message for Mexican law enforcement.” Adding to the toll, eight other bodies are found in Tijuana over the deadly weekend. Ortíz indicates that a Tijuana police officer is the chief suspect in a triple shooting. In addition, ten decapitated bodies are found throughout the Pacific coast city of Culi-

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acán over the same week. The BBC reports, "Mexico's most wanted man, Joaquín 'Shorty' Guzmán, is trying to win control of smuggling routes into California." NPR claims, "State law enforcement officials say 272 people have been murdered in Tijuana so far this year," whereas the *Los Angeles Times* puts that number at 260 and Reuters puts it at "some 300 people." The total count across the nation for drug-related homicides is 2000 compared to 1410 last year, according to Mexico City's *El Universal*, although Reuters contends the 2008 body count is 1700.

The conflicting numbers lead news outlets to question the reliability of the Mexican government's reports, which seem to be a result of bad record keeping, erroneous interagency communication, the high turnover of govern-

ment employees, and the Mexican government's dislike of the international media attention, which inevitably has a negative effect on the tourist trade. One journalist who has been covering the Tijuana beat contends that "if the police or army comes across a body and removes it before the press gets wind, that body will most likely go unreported."

"In a city with a large tourism economy, Tijuana city officials are scrambling for solutions," states the *Los Angeles Times*, noting officials "blamed the media for sensationalizing recent crimes." Victor Clark Alfaro, director of Tijuana's Bi-National Center for Human Rights, tells *UPI.com*, "In reality, the violence isn't targeting tourists. It's between drug traffickers, criminals and police. But the tourist doesn't know the difference."

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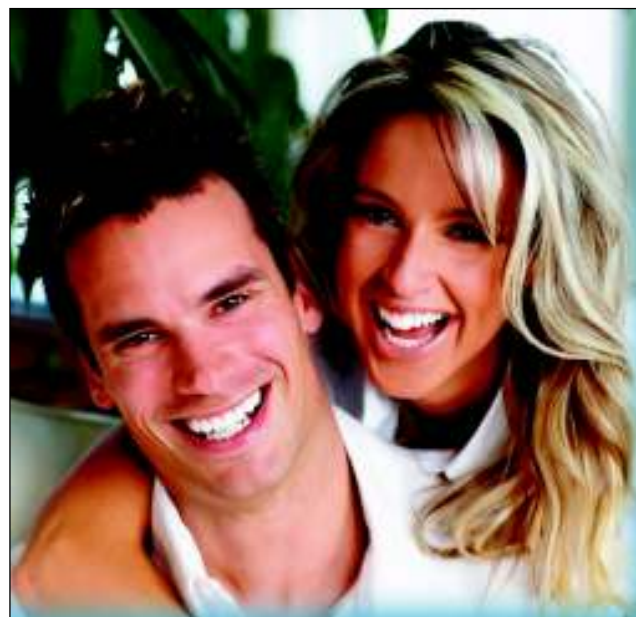


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A Personal Timeline

May 18, 2006 — A friend from Kentucky wants to go to Tijuana. He has never been to Mexico and would like to try the seafood at a Basque restaurant across from the Jai Alai Palace. I have not been to Tijuana myself since 9/11. I go with him because he is a bit green and young and I have been hearing bad news

coming out of Tijuana. The trip is uneventful, except for the hour-and-15-minute wait to get back across the border. The next day, Customs and Border Patrol agents shoot and kill the driver of a sport utility vehicle headed for the San Ysidro border crossing, backing up traffic both ways for hours. "We should have gone that day," I tell my friend. "You would've had a story to tell people back home."

September 9, 2006 — I am walking by Revolución and First, past the silver arches. Three Tijuana police officers standing by a parked truck order me to come over. "You — come here! Yes, *you!*" They ask me a lot of questions: what am I doing in Tijuana, did I buy drugs, do I have a weapon, am I gay? That's an odd question, I think. One keeps asking me, in good English, if I am a homosexual,

saying, "Are you looking for a boyfriend? Are you a faggot?" The one asking me this can't be more than 20 years old, and he does not carry a gun like his older colleagues, who do not speak English. His uniform is baggy on his thin frame.

They have me assume the position against the truck. Two local men sit in the truck's bed, looking forlorn, wrists bound in plastic restraints. Two officers frisk me; the young one keeps asking me questions while the other places the things that are in my pockets, including my money, on the hood of the truck. I am afraid they will plant drugs on me as an excuse to arrest or blackmail me (many Americans report that to get out of the local jail, they have to ask family or friends to wire several hundred dollars to a Mexican account).

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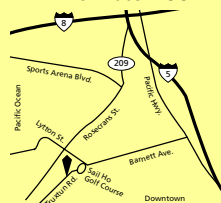
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going to jail or providing sexual favors to the officers. They happened to have \$250 among the three of them, which the police accepted instead.

December 10, 2006 — I have never seen Tijuana so empty, like a ghost town. On a Friday, usually the busiest time, the main streets in downtown are empty of clubgoing tourists and police. I cannot walk down a single block without being grabbed by barkers from clothing shops, bars, pharmacies, even fast-food establishments such as Burger King and McDonald’s. People are desperate for money. Troop transports and Humvees with gun mounts drive down the streets.

December 11, 2006 — In the Rio Verde bar, the music is a *narcocorrido* —

an evolution of the *norteño folk corrido* custom, which uses accordion-based polka, with a loud *thump-thump* of bass as a rhythmic base. *Corrido* lyrics are usually about the poor and destitute or noble banditos; the *narcocorrido* focuses on drug smugglers — their adventures, experiences, and killings. *Narcocorrido* lyrics refer to specific events and assassinations, including dates, places, and names of the killers and the killed. Gangsters commission new songs that document and glorify a drug deal turned violent or a slaying and the reason for it — betrayal, theft of drugs, being a witness or an informant. Thousands of years ago, soldiers and warriors lived for the day when a song or poem would be composed about their battles and killings.

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January 28, 2008 — I am taking pictures in the Zona Norte area when two police officers push me against the wall of the Miami Club and take my camera. They say I can't do this, gesturing toward the surveillance nodes under the awnings along the block. One hits me in the stomach, but not hard; it's just to startle me. They confiscate my camera. I give them \$120 in lieu of being arrested. They don't find the emergency \$100 I always keep in my sock. I duck into the nearby Hong Kong Club, afraid they may change their minds; a waiter I know tells me I am lucky. "They usually take you down to the jail, where you have to

pay to get out, like \$200 or \$300," says the waiter.

"You're lucky those cops needed some quick cash," he adds. I wonder how much they'll sell my camera for. When I walk out, I nervously look around for the two cops, then jump into a compact Liberty Taxi and tell the driver, "La línea, fast."

February 17, 2008 — Los Angeles Times reporter Richard Marosi visits Tijuana and writes, "Tree-lined promenades feature repaved sidewalks and roadways. Police sweeps have cleared out the drug addicts. Gone too are most of the beggars and hookers. At the balcony bars, club owners have turned down the ear-splitting volume." He must have been in TJ on a good day. The beggars and hookers are still around, not on Revolución but a block north-west. The music coming out of the bars and clubs is just as loud as ever.

March 5, 2008 — I'm near the McDonald's at the border and can hear faint gunfire in the distance. Helicopters are in the sky. People around me are nervous, especially the shopkeepers, because they know this new incident of urban warfare will mean a further drop in tourism, and their income.

June 30, 2008 — An American couple who live in the Zona Rio neighborhood of Tijuana and commute to San Diego for work tell me the drug-related violence has not come their way. "It's a whole different world," I'm told. "Where we live is La Jolla — nice. We walk our dog at midnight. A lot of Americans are here — no one is afraid." They think the reports of American tourists being in danger are "hype" but admit they do not go to "the bad side" of town. "If you're looking for trouble there,

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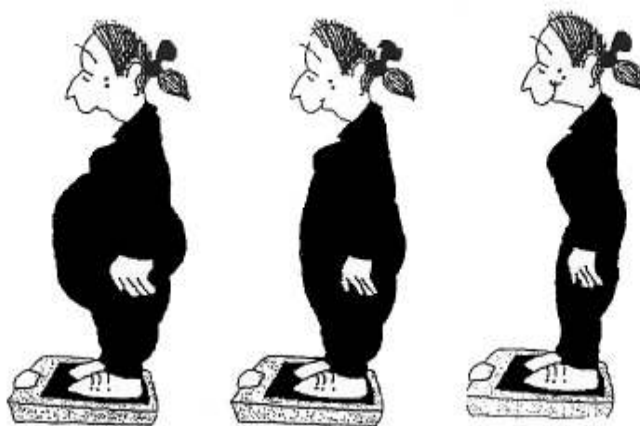
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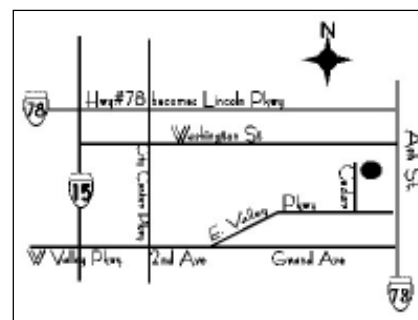
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insist it was just a snag. "Don't be afraid to report it," the agent says.

July 6, 2008 — Ken Ellingwood of the *Los Angeles Times* writes, "Mexico is considered the most dangerous Latin American nation in which to be a journalist, and one of the riskiest in the world.... Reporters have been seized, held for hours and beaten.... In a macabre twist on public

relations, journalists have been pressured to publicize decapitations or other violent acts. Drug gangs view such publicity as a way to scare rivals and enhance their own standing in the underworld."

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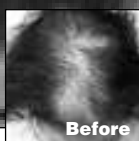
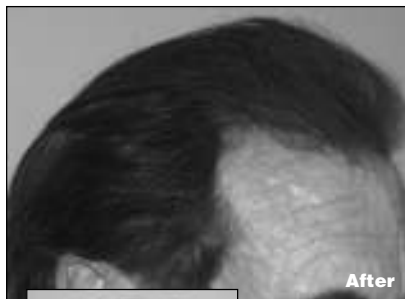
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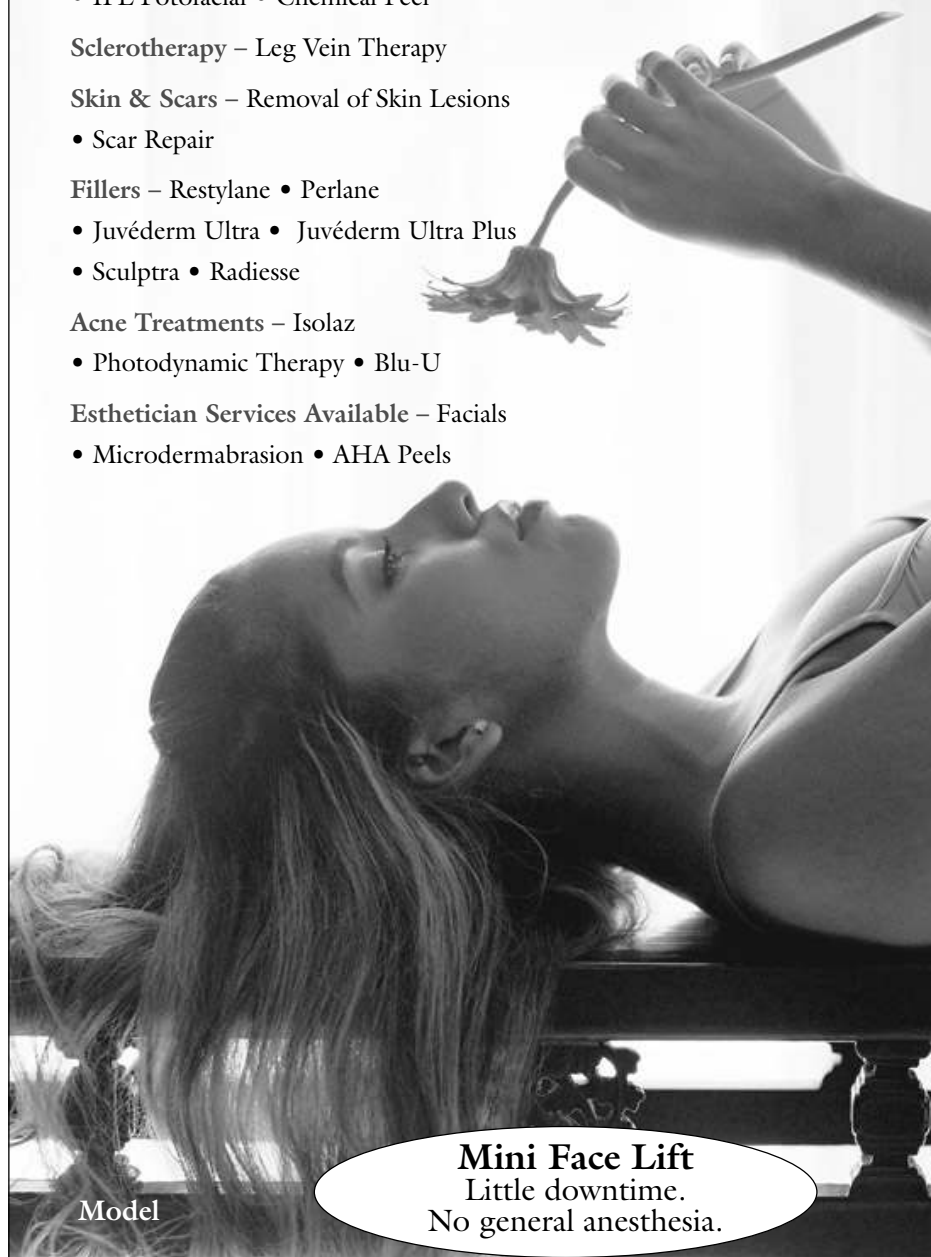
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via email

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After reading "Off-Road on Private Land" ("City Lights," July 24), I felt I had to respond. My sons and I have been off-roading at Ocotillo Wells for years, and I taught them to be responsible desert users. Two years ago I was speaking with an old friend who has a trailer in Ocotillo Wells and is out there almost every weekend. She told me that some "Iranian guy" had bought some property and was fencing off popular off-road sites. She related how her and her partner were tearing down the fences and vandalizing his property, and others were organizing to do the same. I was incredulous! This was a side of her I had never seen before. I asked, "So this guy *legally* bought land and is trying to protect it, and you're vandalizing his property to drive him out?" She got quiet with the sudden realization of how bad that sounded.

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Movie Review

Published July 23

Posted by clarkjohnsen on

July 28, 8:05 a.m.

First, a word about Duncan in general. When I visited San Diego nine or ten years ago and first picked up a Reader, I was impressed with the whole paper and especially by the movie reviewer. Not only that, but also included in that issue was a compendium of synopses of his past reviews, all very informative even in their shortened form, and all very amusing as well. I picked up a half-dozen

copies to take home to Boston.

In the two weeks I spend in San Diego each year, I always make sure to find at least three issues. Then, I discovered Duncan Shepard on line.

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he rapidly became my reference standard for all movie critics. In fact, let me second a comment I saw above: “Shepherd approaches his reviews as a writer as well as a critic. His opinion is not the final point of his message.” Exactly.

Plus, his list of four-star movies became my guide for future viewing.

Not that I always agree, either. Of *Hellboy* he wrote, “A jokey comic-book adaptation with delusions of grandeur.” “A great good time had I, twice” I would reply. And I plan on getting the Blu-ray. So there!

In conclusion, another comment above works for me: “You should not come to a review to be told what you want to hear. You read a review to have your opinion rivaled, to be intrigued or deterred by the movie in question - to learn... Fools do not want to be challenged.”

Posted by wef on July 28, 5:09 p.m.

I’ll just say this. When my G’ma died, I got a little bit of money and I knew she would want me to spend it in a special way, so I went out and bought all the 5 star Duncan Shepherd recommended movies available on DVD (Melville’s *Second Breath* comes out October 7th, 2008! Yahoo!)

After watching each one at least once, I have to say, the guy is an absolute genius at what he does. Agreeing with him all the time is not the point. He *knows* a great film that towers over most films ever made! So give him a break if he refuses to sell soft soap to movies that merely want to keep you entertained and do not challenge the artform, let alone move it forward.

(And I hope that was written in a way, ya’ll can understand! Now have another beer and go see *Batman* again!) :)

Posted by jeffersonlewis69 on July 29, 2:07 a.m.

I have put all of Duncan’s 5 star films on my Netflix list and I look forward to seeing them. I have watched many of them already and I really loved them. I just think that there has to be some room for a few good summer popcorn films like *Ironman*, *The Bourne Ultimatum* and *The Dark Knight*. My feel-

ing is that you have to look at a film for what it is and judge accordingly. If I was a theater critic and hated musicals, I would still have to get to know that particular form of theater and judge which musicals were good and which were bad. If I only put my personal opinion into my reviews, ALL the musicals would get black dots because of the fact that I hate musicals.

Some people go to the movies to be changed in some way, some go to escape their lives, some go to laugh, some go for an intellectual or spiritual experience, and a lot of people go for all of the aforementioned reasons at one point or another based on how they feel on a particular day. My problem with Duncan is that his reviews seem to be strictly based on his own established criteria for why he personally goes to see a film, which is fine if you are writing a blog on your website but not fine if you write for a publication that goes out to an entire city. Some people LIKE musicals and want to know which musicals are worth their time.

Posted by bronzebillions on July 30, 10:14 p.m.

I went and watched *Batman* last night. I find myself on the defensive after looking over Duncan’s review again. So I must have liked the movie over all. Most importantly, despite what Duncan suggests, I could see pretty clearly what was going on during the action scenes and found them to be pretty exciting. *Batman*’s kind of a lumbering hulk and doesn’t have a lot of variety in his arsenal of punches and kicks. I never thought I’d appreciate the obligatory action movie box-of-rocks camera technique but it kind of worked well in this movie, lending *Batman* some much needed dynamism without completely confusing the event sequence.

Thinking over Duncan’s comment as to whether the movie “simplifies and trivializes” its moral subject matter, I agree to a certain extent. The themes of terrorism and altruism dealt with in the movie certainly need to be represented in a way that’s more respectfully applicable to our current global crises. But it’s hard to imagine a mainstream

movie that delivers a world so sophisticated as that. I liked the ambiguous resolution of the conflict between anarchy and moral order. And I liked that that resolution was embodied in a figure that can’t possibly exist in real world society. If you’re gonna have a cop out at least dress it up in a rubber animal suit and have it drive off into oblivion on a tractorcycle. I mean a good superhero should always be pointed out in the end as an impossible solution.

City Lights

Published July 30

Posted by rickysays on July 30, 10:14 p.m.

I don’t understand all the opposition to the powerlink. The desert seems like the perfect place to generate solar power. Lots of open land getting cooked by the sun, just waiting to be utilized. It seems like environmentalists should be falling all over each other in their rush to endorse this. Instead I hear just the opposite. I don’t get it. It seems like using the desert for a solar farm and running power lines through open land are about the most benign ways to utilize land I can think of. If it’s the ugliness of your average high voltage tower, then make them nicer to look at. Take a lesson from the windmills in Palm Springs. We have to improve our power grid to improve our ability to distribute electricity, to make the best use of what different geographic regions have to offer. So what am I missing?

Posted by Bill91932 on July 31, 11:02 a.m.

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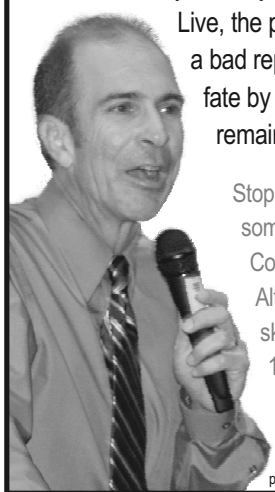
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A Night of Board Games

Some people will flat out tell you, “I don’t want anything too hard,” says Kathryn Smith. “With most people, you can just kind of tell what games they’d be good at. I had one crowd come in, and I knew they’d be good for Balderdash — they were creative and lively with their stories.”

Smith hosts a monthly “Board-Game Benefit” at Tea N More in Kearny Mesa, the next to take place on Friday, August 8. At each meeting, game players are asked to donate \$10 toward Heifer International, a non-profit organization that provides livestock

to poverty-stricken families around the world. Smith, who works as a statistician for San Diego Gas and Electric,

donated to the organization for five years before starting her monthly benefit.

“I especially liked that it seemed to be helping people help themselves, and it was long-term help,” says Smith. A recipient of a Heifer donation later gifts the first offspring of the animal they’ve received back to the organization, which is then given to another family.

“They had an example in a magazine of people who’ve done fundraisers on their behalf. One person does bike-a-thons, one chef does a dinner. For me, I like games.”

The most popular game at the monthly meetings, which has an average attendance of 15, is Taboo, a word-guessing game similar to the television game show *Password*. “We usually put maybe three people on a

team,” says Smith. Having three people instead of two lessens the pressure on each individual. Because the game takes place in a popular café, including “a fair amount of UCSD students,” Smith’s crew simply says the word “buzz” rather than using the loud buzzer that comes with the game.

Smith will often begin the evening with a game of Scattergories. In this game, players roll a 20-sided die that has a letter on each side. Players use the letter that comes up to begin as many words as they can think of that fit into a selection of categories. “I use Scattergories as a filler game because it’s very short — you can play for only 20 minutes.”

Most evenings feature one main game such as Settlers of Catan, a board game where players attempt to take over an island by building roads, settlements, and ultimately cities. A typical round of Settlers of Catan, devised by German dentist Klaus Teuber in the early 1990s, may run an hour and a half. “I definitely have to be careful — I wouldn’t bring a [longer] game like Monopoly,” says Smith.

Smith estimates that she has raised about \$800 for the charity. “What I usually do is ask people to write a personal check to Heifer because a lot of them don’t know me, and I don’t want to ask them to give me cash. If they do, and some of them do, I donate online the next day.”

Regarding her charity of choice, Smith says, “They recently got a \$42.8 million grant from the Bill Gates Foundation to expand in Africa. That makes me feel good, because you know [the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation] has done their research.”



Settlers of Catan

Smith likes the crowd her monthly benefits have drawn. “I get a couple regulars now,” she says. “One woman came...she was a mentor for Big Sisters, and she brought her mentee. One person works for the teenage shelter in Hillcrest. I had another high school girl — she was trying to organize a Heifer group at her high school. Many of them are already [actively volunteering or donating] in many ways.” Once a group of four showed up after seeing Smith’s ad on Craigslist. One donated \$100.

Though some are drawn by the charity, others come just for the games. Matthew Coombs, an accountant, discovered the group on meetup.com and attended his first board-game benefit last month.

“I was generally looking for any kind of meetup or something social,” says Coombs. He played Taboo and Settlers of Catan, the

latter of which he had played only once before. Coombs, in his late 30s, says most of the other game players appeared to be in their mid-20s.

Most evenings of game playing run until around 10:30 or 11 p.m., though on some occasions, says Smith, “We’ve stayed until midnight, when it’s gone really well.”

— Barbarella

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Mouth Watering! Director Ang Lee's *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman* is featured for the "OMA Culinary Cinema" series. Cinema Society of San Diego president Andrew Friedenberg introduces film with background on actors, director. Featured chef is Ting Tsai of Chin's Oceanside. Pre-film reception (5:30 p.m.), film screening (6 p.m.), dinner (8 p.m.). Reservations: 760-435-3721. Saturday, August 9, 5:30 p.m.; \$60-\$75. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

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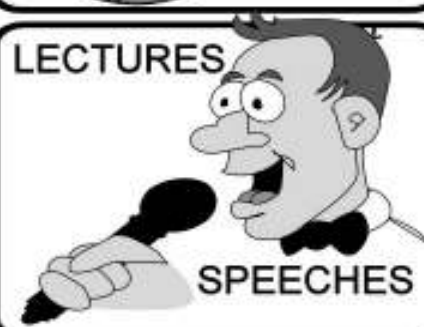
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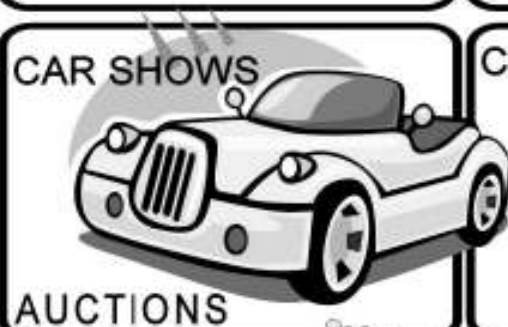
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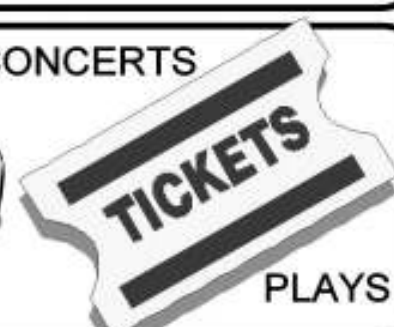
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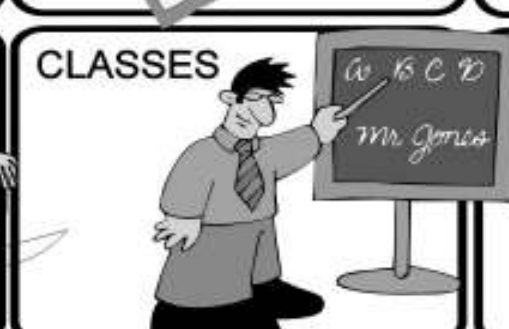
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LOCAL EVENTS

Movies at the Park Catch *Madagascar* during event hosted by Centre City Development Corporation at Petco Park's Park at the Park. Please bring donations of canned food for San Diego Rescue Mission and St. Vincent de Paul. 619-235-2200. Saturday, August 9, 7 p.m.; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego International Children's Film Festival Festival showcasing more than 100 short films from around the world made for children, teens. One-hour programs combine animated, live-action, and documentary short films clustered for different age groups. Filmmakers will attend, answer audience questions. 760-470-2481. Festival repeats August 23 at San Diego Library. Saturday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, August 10, 10:30 a.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Screen on the Green Outdoor film series continues with Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, and William Holden in *Sabrina* (1954). Screenings take place on east lawn, near Botanical Building and Casa del Prado. 619-232-7931. Thursday, August 7, 8 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Serving Up Spaghetti Westerns! Enjoy director Sergio Leone's *The*

Good, the Bad and the Ugly (1966), starring Clint Eastwood, when it's showcased for "mini-series" hosted by San Diego Italian Film Festival. 619-238-7559. Thursday, August 7, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Up for a Juicy Heist Thriller? Roger Donaldson's *The Bank Job* (2008) stars Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows, screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, August 11, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Picture This" Fiber artist Christie L. Dunning presents weaving workshop, teaching participants how to make a woven picture. Dunning works in a variety of media including fabric, photography, found objects, wire. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Thursday, August 7, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 7 and up. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

King Midas: The Golden Touch Big Joe Puppet Productions take stage through August 10. Next: *Ferdinand and the Bull* is performed in Spanish and English by Gaston's Puppets, August 13-17. Curtain rises at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, August 7, 11 a.m.; Friday, August 8, 11 a.m.; Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m.; Sunday, August

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Picnic, Saturday, August 9, Balboa Park.

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10, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, August 13, 11 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Love's Labour Lost Twelfth annual "Summer Shakespeare" presented by students of Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre. 858-481-1055. Friday, August 8, 7 p.m.; Saturday, August 9, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.; \$9-\$12. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

Thoroughly Modern Millie San Diego Junior Theatre season closes with this Tony Award-winning musical set in New York City in 1922, "filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men, and a villainous dragon-lady." For all ages. Performance on August 9 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Friday, August 8, 7 p.m.; Saturday, August 9, 2 p.m.; Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$13. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown White Dog Theatre Com-

pany production, August 7-31. This summer musical features an adult cast and youth cast. Enjoy production with adult cast on Fridays and Saturdays (7:30 p.m.), Sundays at 2 p.m. (no show on Friday, August 15); the youth cast takes stage on Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m., Sundays 6 p.m. Reservations: 760-405-3212. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; through Sunday, August 31, 2008, TheatrX, 155 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, August 9, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, August 10, 12:30 p.m.; Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Fairy Festival Experience "magical fun of fairy walks, stories," more. Children (2-12) invited to wear favorite fairy costume and join parade (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.). Learn to make flower wreaths and

magic wand, create a fairy house, a fragrant pillow. 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.; ages 2 and up. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Flow Rider Nights for Teens Board enthusiasts invited to "ride the wave" during nights "devoted to the...flow rider," a wave simulated attraction supplying a perfect wave every time, allowing body-board enthusiasts to show off skills. 760-940-WAVE. Sunday, August 10, 7 p.m.; \$4-\$6. Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

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

Love Bug Band Band introduces children to bug world by sharing great books and performing interactive, fun songs with lots of buggy information in lyrics. Audience participation encouraged. 858-573-5007. Thursday, August 7, 10:30 a.m.; Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Make an Eagle Glider Build simple balsa wood glider and learn parts of an airplane during family science day. Sessions lasting 45 minutes are included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, August 9, 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$6-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Oh Boy! Origami! Children 8-16 years old create a sea mobile origami with instructor Lisa Koide Halverson. Required registration: 619-232-2780. Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.; \$8. Ages 8 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Rockin' Family Fun Kidz Bop Live features "today's most popular songs, sung by kids for kids." Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS. Sunday, August 10, 4 p.m.; \$30-\$36. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Musicals! Village Church summer music and drama camp culminates in performances. Elementary-age camp presents *Rescue in the Night*, the story of Daniel in the lions' den by Alan Pote. Teen camp presents *Welcome Back Billy Best* by Jody Lindh and Joe Cox. Guests: San Diego Salvation Army Band (outside at 6:30 p.m.). Bring a can of food for Salvation Army food drive. 858-756-2441. Friday, August 8, 7 p.m.; Village Church, 6225 Paseo Delicias. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Wanted: Teen Writers, Artists, Performers Workshop with artist Ann Hamilton. Week-long intensive workshop incorporates spoken word, musical, performance art, culminating in series of recorded performance pieces led by the artist. Recommended for those 13-17. Class meets August 11-15 and August 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Reservations: 858-454-3541 x153. Monday, August 11, 10 a.m.; \$100. Ages 13 and up. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

A Midsummer Night's Dream Point Loma Actors present Shakespeare's play at Liberty Station. Performances take place on grassy promenade in front of fountain near Panera, Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, Tender Greens. Play is set in 1960s, includes audience participation. Bring blankets, chairs. 619-335-0221. Friday, August 8, 8 p.m.; NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road. (POINT LOMA)

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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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Aboujaoude is director of Impulse Control Disorders clinic at Stanford University School of Medicine. 619-236-5821. Saturday, August 9, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Just Call Me Mike Actor and activist Mike Farrell signs paperback version of his memoir, subtitled *A Journey to Actor and Activist*. The story “narrates his public struggle to be a responsible citizen of the world.” 858-456-1800. Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Modernism Rediscovered “Legendary” photographer Julius Shulman signs his new three-volume boxed set. “Shulman has been documenting modernist architecture in Southern California and across the globe for nearly eight decades.” RSVP: 619-744-9900. Thursday, August 7, 6 p.m.; De-

sign Within Reach, 393 Seventh Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Volk's Shadow Thriller author Brent Ghelfi signs, discusses his work. 858-268-4747. Saturday, August 9, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Bestselling Sci-Fi Author Orson Scott Card discusses, signs his latest collection of short fiction, *Keeper of Dreams*, with two stories set in the Alvin Maker universe. 858-268-4747. Thursday, August 7, 6:30 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Chinese Opera Presented in conjunction with “People, Prints, Politics: China 1920-1980” exhibition. 619-239-2001. Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Go See Goldbergs at the Galaxy! Suspense author — and incredibly funny guy — Tod Goldberg discusses, signs *The Burn Notice: The Fix*. He'll be joined by his brother, Lee Goldberg, author of original novel *Mr. Monk Goes to Germany*. Evening celebrates two USA Network show tie-in novels.

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What is the difference between an original tie-in novel and a novelization? 858-268-4747. Friday, August 8, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Hillcrest Comedy Headliner is Dangerous Dick, seen on *Last Comic Standing*. Stand-up comedians perform their own material, second Sunday of each month. 619-291-8221. Sunday, August 10, 8 p.m.; \$4. Ages 18 and up. Bamboo Lounge, 1475 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Ladies' Night à la "4x4" Culture's Edge performance series continues with dance, theater, spoken word, and music by “some of San Diego's most exciting female artists.” Concept is simple: a 4' x 4' stage and a ten-minute time limit. Pay what you can. 619-235-8466. Tuesday, August 12, 8 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Bluefoot Bar and Lounge, 3404 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Life in Costume Author Christian Esquevin discusses his latest book on Hollywood designer *Adrian*, who was head costume de-

signer at MGM Studios in '30s through '50s. Also discussed: Adrian's life with wife Janet Gaynor. Signing follows. Lecture only: \$15; prepurchase book and lecture: \$55; book and lecture, day of event: \$65. Required registration: 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, August 7, 6:30 p.m.; \$15. Ages 15 and up. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Midsummer Comedy Blast Comedy Under Construction improv sketch ensemble performs. 858-550-8088. Saturday, August 9, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Ages 16 and up. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Tales from a Storied Past Diane and Paul Welch, local authors of *Images of America: Del Mar Fairgrounds*, discuss “the storied past of the county fair and the Del Mar Racetrack.” Booksigning follows. 858-793-4316. Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Del Mar, 12835 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

LECTURES

“FamilySearch.org and FamilySearch Labs” These “newly updated and revised LDS genealogy websites” discussed by genealogy librarian Ann Montgomery for Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group sponsored by North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, August 12, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

“German Genealogical Research Questions and Answers” Reinhard Hofer, a professional genealogist from Bavaria, speaks for German Research Association. 619-276-4660. Thursday, August 7, 10 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

“Late Summer Plumeria Trimming and Shaping to Enhance Next Year's Blooms” Plumeria expert Bud Guillot speaks for Southern California Plumeria Society. 619-461-5942. Sunday, August 10, 1 p.m.; War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

“Malcolm Rogers and the Museum of Man” San Diego Museum of Man curators Phil Hoog and Garrett Knudsen speak for “Second Saturday” lecture series. Presentation highlights “Rogers' association with the Museum of Man, the historical context in which his studies took place and the important role his collections still play in archaeological research today.” 760-291-0370. Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m.; San Diego Archaeological Center, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

“Plant Propagation Made Easy” Learn techniques for preparing, storing, planting seeds

during class led by Connie Beck. Bring samples of plants and seeds you wish to propagate. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, August 9, 9:30 a.m.; \$30-\$40. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

“Sports at Lunch” Emmy Award-winning broadcaster Dick Enberg, who makes his home in La Jolla, discusses his one-man play, *McGuire*. Reservations: 619-699-2309. Wednesday, August 13, 11:30 a.m.; \$25-\$30. San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Power of Waves” Richard Seymour describes his research on how climate variability impacts “wave climate” of North Pacific Ocean for “Perspectives on Oceans Science” lecture series. Learn how scientists, engineers combine expertise to harness waves as source of renewable electric energy production. Required reservations: 858-534-5771. Monday, August 11, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

“The Secret Life of Cool-Season Crops” Horticultural consultant, writer Pat Welsh focuses on growing and harvesting winter crops for San Diego Horticultural Society in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Why are these crops actually easier to grow than their warm-season counterparts? Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, August 11, 6 p.m.; Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

“When Disaster Strikes: Wildfires 2007” Carlsbad Fire Chief Crawford and disaster preparedness team from Scripps Encinitas offer “look into the 2007 wildfires and lessons learned.” Expect information on how to prepare for

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future disasters and this year's fire season. 800-727-4777. Wednesday, August 13, 4 p.m.; Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, 1505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

Art Talk Yvonne Venegas and Kerry Tribe discuss their work, featured in "Memory Is Your Image of Perfection" exhibition. "Venegas uses photography to investigate sharpening social and economic contrasts in Mexico." Tribe works primarily with video, film, installation. 858-454-3541 x198. Thursday, August 7, 6 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Sculpture Demonstration Sculptor Lynn Forbes plans demonstration. 760-942-3636. Thursday, August 7, 1:30 p.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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 *All's Well That Ends Well* on Sunday, August 9; and *Romeo and Juliet* on Sunday, August 10. 619-23-GLOBE. Saturday, August 9, 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, August 10, 7:15 p.m.; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required

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

For a unique look at La Jolla — from the edge of the village's commercial center to 811 feet of elevation — try this obscure walking or bicycling route. Cyclists beware: there are some tough uphill stretches here, suitable only for bikes with very low gears or a willingness to walk the bike.

Seek out a parking space somewhere near the intersection of Torrey Pines Road and Prospect Street, and start from there. Go to Exchange Place and begin walking or riding southeast (uphill). Soon Exchange Place splits into Country Club Drive on the right and Soledad Avenue on the left. Take the latter. After one block on Soledad, go right on Al Bahr Drive. On it you follow a curious curlicue under and then over a gracefully curved, arched bridge. At the top of the curlicue, turn right on Crespo Street.

After a hairpin turn on Crespo, look for the intersection of Mecca Drive on the right. A worthwhile side trip up this dead-end narrow lane takes you higher to a startling dropoff offering airy and unobstructed views of La Jolla Bay and the North County coastline. Here you can

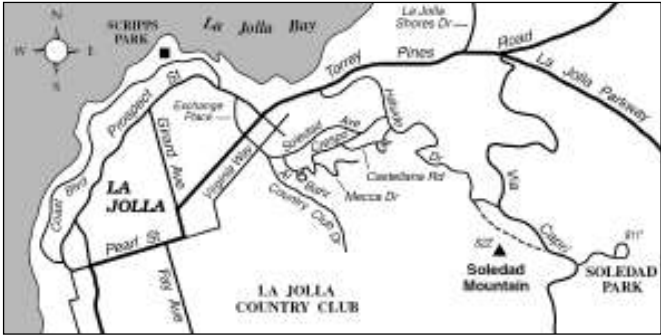
enjoy the same stupendous views afforded by some of La Jolla's finest homes.

Ahead on Crespo Street, look for the inconspicuous intersection of Castellana Road, where you veer right. Just ahead, you can visit a hidden overlook at the point where Puente Road, a stubby cul-de-sac, passes over Castellana Road on an arched bridge similar to the one seen earlier. From there, tall trees frame a view of tile rooftops and La Jolla Bay.

Next, back up a little and follow Castellana as it goes under the bridge and descends to meet Hillside Drive. Turn right on Hillside and follow its steep and winding course upward along the north slope of Soledad Mountain. When you reach



Soledad Park monument



Rue Adriane, which leads to Via Capri, simply keep straight on the old (closed to traffic) roadbed of Hillside Drive. In time you reach Via Capri, and from there you have only another five minutes of walking to reach Soledad Park. After many years of controversy, the white Easter cross still stands at the high point of the park.

Soledad Park's summit is what many people call "Mount Soledad," though a slightly higher summit just west, topped by broadcast antennas, holds the official title "Soledad Mountain."

After taking in the view from the summit, head back downhill, returning the way you came.

LA JOLLA TO SOLEDAD PARK

Climb from the bottom to the top of La Jolla, by foot or by low-gear bike.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 12 miles
Hiking/bike length: 6 miles round trip
Difficulty: Moderately strenuous

reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Birding the Marsh Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Reservations: 619-409-

5900. Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, August 31, 2008, Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Clean It Up Beach cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper. Meet on sand at end of Tamarack Avenue. 619-758-7743. Saturday, August

9, 9 a.m.; Tamarack Beach, Carlsbad Boulevard at Tamarack Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Coastwalk Sunset Hike Enjoy three-mile hike. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring flashlight for return hike. 858-722-2115. Friday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.; Mission Bay Visitors' Center, East Mis-

sion Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Composting Class Learn to create a less toxic yard, garden care, with backyard composting. Registration: 619-409-5900. Sunday, August 10, 10 a.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Got Summertime Blues? Look for tiny, blue fruits on elderberry trees during guided walks near Old Mission Dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 9, 8:30 a.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 9, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, August 10, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, August 13, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone, starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, August 9, 8 a.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Trail Repair Work Continuing in Paso Picacho Campground area. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 858-566-7399. Saturday, August 9, 8 a.m.; Paso Picacho campground, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park,

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LOCAL EVENTS

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Weeding and Planting Party

Help out with weeding in Old Town State Park's native plant garden. Bring: hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool, something to kneel on. Garden is found across Congress Street from trolley/train/bus depot, right next to parking lot. Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m.; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"Fandango, Music, Dance, and Poetry"

Pa'sumecha hosts event. 011-52-646-173-4307. Sunday, August 10, 6 p.m.; Plaza de las Artes, Miramar Street. (BAJA)

"Paintings Under the Stars by Diego Rivera"

Lecture by Gregorio Luke. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, August 8, 8 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

"Taurovinomaquia" Day promises bullfighting by matadors Leopoldo Casasola, Gastón Santos, and Los For-

cados Mazatecos; concert by Vicente Fernández; music and food. 011-52-646-178-3333 x11. Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m.; Rancho Los Dolores, Ensenada-La Paz Highway km 50. (BAJA)

Alejandro Garcia Virulo In concert. 011-52-664-685-1264. Friday, August 8, 9 p.m.; Saturday, August 9, 9 p.m.; El Lugar del Nopal, Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328. (BAJA)

Baja Jazz Festival Iraidia Noriega Trio, Gilbert Castellanos Sextet, Ensenada Jazz, Ache Colectivo, and TJ Groove Station perform. 011-52-664-685-3031. Saturday, August 9, 4 p.m.; L.A. Cetto Winery, at km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3, in Guadalupe Valley. (BAJA)

Chinese Food Festival Enjoy 60 food stands — each with more than 20 specialties and traditional dishes for sale, sampling — along with traditional desserts, candy, condiments. Original painting, photography, Chinese ink paintings, name translations, dragon dance, traditional tea ceremony, kung fu exhibition, regional music, dancing, fireworks. Free admission. 011-52-664-682-8744. Saturday, August 9, noon; Sunday, August 10, noon; Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

Iraidia Noriega In concert. 011-52-664-685-1264. Sunday, August 10, 8 p.m.; El Lugar del Nopal, Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328. (BAJA)

Nicho Hinojosa In concert. 011-52-664-633-4000. Wednesday, August 13, 9 p.m.; \$15. Camino Real Hotel, Paseo de los Héroes 10305, Zona Río. (BAJA)

Rey de las Rancheras Mexican ranchera singer and actor Vicente Fernández in concert. 011-52-664-633-4000. Friday, August 8, 9:30 p.m.; \$30-\$200. Monumental Bullring by the Sea. (BAJA)

Rock Concert Pastilla, Bye Sami, others take stage. 619-734-2333. Saturday, August 9, 5 p.m.; \$15. Box Underground at El Foro, on Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

"Gulliver Macaw's Celebration of Life"

Gulliver, an American-born blue and gold macaw, was stranded in South Pacific after a shipwreck in 2007. He's being released from USDA quarantine on August 7. Sybil Erden hosts picnic party before Gulliver travels to new home at Oasis Sanctuary in Arizona. 602-793-7967. Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m.; Pepper Grove, on Park Boulevard, just south of Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. (BALBOA PARK)

"Kindred Spirits" Exhibition of fine art by photographer George Friedman and painter Barbara Siegal, celebrating "the creativity of two people who have spent a life-

time together as artists and as husband and wife." See show through Friday, August 15 in Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery. 619-668-3280. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Mondays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Friday, August 15, 2008, Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Making Mosaics: Inspiration from Niki de Saint Phalle"

Mingei International hosts class for creation of mosaic inspired by work of de Saint Phalle for Second Saturday series. For those seven and older, as well as adults. Materials provided. Reservations: 760-735-3355. Saturday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 7 and up. Mingei International Museum — North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

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

"Optimal Illusion" This month's Thursday Night Thing (TNT) promises play with "power of memory, imagery, and subjectivity via a series of thrilling female-centric performances and activities" inspired by "Memory Is Your Image of Perfection." 858-454-3541. Thursday, August 7, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"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.

One hour prior to each performance, learn circus skills, see athletic performers getting "Circus Fit" and see animal open house (for all ticket holders). Tickets available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-8497. Thursday, August 7, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, August 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, August 10, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; \$16-\$82. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

(Pooch) Practice Makes Perfect

Helen Woodward Animal Center hosts dog surf clinics in preparation for third annual "Surf Dog Surfathon." Taught by Rob of San Diego Pet Training. Bring your canine pal and towel; boards provided. Be prepared to spend time in water with your dog. Reservations: 858-756-4117 x312. Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.; Dog Beach Del Mar, at western end of Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

African Crafts Trunk Show Show of African crafts promises tra-

ditional handmade objects imported from Africa by local entrepreneurs including Safia Ali (proprietor of Somalian Arts and Crafts) and Mary Nzai-Page (owner Tropical Heritage of import business). 619-239-0003. Friday, August 8, 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 10, 10 a.m.; Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Art in the Village 150 exhibitor booths with art in many media on display in village of Carlsbad (along State Street, Roosevelt Street, Grand Avenue). 760-434-2553. Sunday, August 10, 10 a.m.; Downtown Carlsbad, State Street at Grand Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Bilingual "Laughter Yoga"

Tickle your funny bone, release tension during yoga workshop presented in English and Spanish. Dress comfortably, arrive "ready to move and laugh." Chairs provided to those who prefer to sit. Donation. 619-420-5204. Monday, August 11, 7 p.m.; \$20. Chula Vista Special Events Center, 547 4th Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Charger Steve's Starz Carz Cajon Classic Cruise nights continue. Cruise nights offered on Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, August 13, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211 1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

CityFest 2008 The 25th annual Hillcrest CityFest Arts and Crafts Fair includes the Hillcrest Book and Literacy Fair, two stages with performances by Sue Palmer, Theo and Zydeco Patrol, Bayou Brothers, D.A. and the Hitmen, and others; many vendors, and more, along Fifth Avenue (from Upas Street to University). 619-299-3330. Sunday,

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Fiesta Del Sol San Diego 2008 This street “Festival with a Cause” celebrates “history, diverse cultures, and engagement of the people of San Diego.” Children’s village, music on two stages, mural painting, civic booths, arts and culture pavilion promising art-walk, art competition, live graffiti art, spoken word by Los Bilingual Writers, more; food, games. 619-696-9474. Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m.; Sunday, August 10, 11 a.m.; Logan Avenue, Logan Avenue between Evans and Sampson Streets. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Fishnet Follies Burlesque Brunch Enjoy “an intimate afternoon of jazz, live dance performances, vintage burlesque reels.” Show hosts the Hollywood Burlesque Tour 2: Bobbie Burlesque, Lili VonSchtupp, Scarlett Letter, Victoria Vengeance; and locals “a Bit o’ Burlesque” and Mynx d’Meanor. Cover includes mimosa. Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.; \$12. Ages 21 and up. San Diego

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Form and Function! Artists are transforming picnic tables on four days in Embarcadero Marina Park North (behind Seaport Village). “Eight standard, concrete picnic tables will be transformed into colorful, inspiring, imaginative visual creations as part of a public art project.” Proposals were selected through a juried competition. Artwork will remain for one year. 619-686-6222. Friday, August 8, 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.; Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Game On Board game benefit for Heifer International with variety of board games in noncompetitive setting. Donation. 619-204-8834. Friday, August 8, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Hillcrest More Super Sundays Hillcrest Association and Jill Johnson host art walk featuring local artists. Participants walk through a four-block portion of Hillcrest (from Normal Street to Richmond Street) to view art, enjoy entertainment, eat at featured restaurants. 619-299-3330. Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.; Hillcrest More Super Sundays, 1400 University Avenue at Normal Street. (HILLCREST)

House of Perú Lawn program of songs and dances at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

How Best to Elect a President? Present your ideas when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, August 7, 7 p.m.;

OUT & ABOUT

“OVER THE TOP!” Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, through Sunday, August 10, San Diego Sports Arena.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Kaleidoscope Explosion 2008 Designs in Shell Gallery celebrates 192nd anniversary of invention of kaleidoscope with exhibit in Plaza del Pasado Courtyard (just inside Juan Street entrance). More than 30 American kaleidoscope artists working in many media exhibit their work. 619-534-9412. Friday, August 8, 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 10, 10 a.m.; Designs in Shell Gallery, 2754 Calhoun Street. (OLD TOWN)

Lemon Festival Chula Vista celebrates its lemon-growing heritage with live entertainment on two stages, art displays, rock-climbing wall, community dance performances, lemon contests, carnival rides, vendor booths. 619-422-1982. Sunday, August 10, 11 a.m.; Third Avenue Village area, Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Mouth Watering! Director Ang Lee’s *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman* is featured for the “OMA Culinary Cinema” series. Cinema Society of

San Diego president Andrew Friedenberg introduces film with background on actors, director. Featured chef is Ting Tsai of Chin’s Oceanside. Pre-film reception (5:30 p.m.), film screening (6 p.m.), dinner (8 p.m.). Reservations: 760-435-3721. Saturday, August 9, 5:30 p.m.; \$60-\$75. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Orchid Auction Palomar Orchid Society hosts annual auction with all types of orchids, many in bloom now. Preview at 11 a.m., auction at noon. 760-732-0055. Saturday, August 9, 11 a.m.; Woman’s Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe Street. (CARLSBAD)

Survivor Beach The goal: to help raise cancer awareness, support cancer survivors. Participants will attempt to create longest line of surfboards by laying them in the sand nose-to-tail; line will start at Scripps Pier and extend towards La Jolla Shores. Help break last year’s record of 1133 feet! Heali’s Polynesian Revue performs traditional dances. 858-822-0023. Sun-

day, August 10, 8 a.m.; Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Great San Diego Hunt Prepare for ciphers, codes, buried treasure, evil adversaries, quirky gadgets, and adventure; race through streets of San Diego, solving riddles while competing against other teams on search “for fabulously tacky prizes.” Competitors follow an “ancient treasure map,” solve clues to find gold, win race. Actors are “planted” along course, to help (misdirect?) teams. Event starts by the water. 888-702-9039. Saturday, August 9, 2 p.m.; \$25. The Fish Market, 750 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Coastal Coffee Cruise This “simple, straightforward” 30-mile bicycle ride hosted by Knickerbikers includes ride up coast to Java Hut (just past Swami’s), with (probable) lunch at Rubio’s in Solana Beach (bring money). 858-272-4710. Sunday, August 10, 9 a.m.; Trophy’s in Costa Verde shopping center, 4282 Esplanade Court. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Padres Baseball Following a road trip with stops in New York and Colorado, the Padres host Milwaukee Brewers in Petco Park. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Tuesday, August 12, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, August 13, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Pelican and Sea Lion Kayak Discover many varieties of birds living in Mission Bay during San Diego Natural History Museum outing. Explore bay after introductory paddling lesson. Paddle by a great blue heron nesting site on way to a favorite area for sea lions. 619-255-0203. Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Marcos Blast Take 65-mile bicycle ride with Bicycle Touring Society riders. Bring money for lunch in San Marcos. 619-426-8192. Sunday, August 10, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Skate Demo Sun Diego Boardshops celebrate new store with demos by Volcom Skate Team in parking lot; following demo, all-star team of skaters hangs out inside shop to sign autographs. 619-399-7959. Saturday, August 9, 2 p.m.; Westfield Plaza Bonita, 3030 Plaza Bonita Road. (BONITA)

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

Taylor Hay Day Take part in 3- or 5-mile run/walk at Miramar Lake, followed by benefit concert featuring Stalker Dan Band and Run for Cover at Riley’s Music Lounge in Point Loma. Proceeds benefit nine-year-old lymphoblastic lymphoma cancer victim Taylor Hay. Saturday, August 9, 4 p.m.; Miramar Lake,



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LOCAL EVENTS

Scripps Lake Drive at Scripps Ranch Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

The Horses Are on the Track!

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meet continues through September 3. 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 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)

There's a Better Way Gas-Free Beach Day

Participants will ride bikes, take bus, or drive "veggie-fueled cars" to arrive at La Jolla Shores event promising mini-workshops on sustainable living including bike maintenance, veganism, demos of veggie-fuel conversion. 858-534-2311. Sunday, August 10, noon; Ché Café, 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C. (LA JOLLA)

Spreckels Cup Tournament

San Diego Polo Club action promised. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, August 10, 1:30 p.m.; \$5-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Velocity Summer Series 2008

These paintball events are "tailored strictly for beginner players," with five divisions of competition. Sign-ups: 7 a.m.; captains' meeting: 7:30 a.m.; play begins at 8 a.m. 619-871-8504. Saturday, August 9, 8 a.m.; Velocity Paintball Park, 1350 Warnock Drive. (RAMONA)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum

The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum

1095 Barona Road, 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps

Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain

OUT & ABOUT

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

San Diego Junior Theatre, Casa del Prado Theatre, through Sunday, August 30.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



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marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbe-gong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum

"From the Brown Mercury to SL8ER — A Glimpse of 100 Years of Surfing Culture in Southern California" celebrates influence of surfing on California lifestyle. Display features collection of unique surfboards, movie posters, record albums, vintage beachwear, assortment of photographs. Signifi-

cant surfing personalities from each decade are highlighted. 223 North Coast Highway, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center

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

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego

Glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Leg-

end, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. 413 Market Street, 619-237-1492. (DOWNTOWN)

Heritage of the Americas Museum

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library

Museum and library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family

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on exhibit. 2116 Tavern Road, 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

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

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

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

Museum of Making Music “The Violin in America: Old World Tradition, New World Sound” explores the transplanting of European violin-making traditions to American soil by 19th and 20th century immigrants, how communities in New World added innovation to tradition. Exhibition showcases significant violins from 1700s to present day. Closes Sunday, September 7.

“Gretsch 125th Anniversary” highlights instruments spanning the company’s rich history. Through Friday, February 20, 2009.

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

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

Olaf Wieghorst Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists’ American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst’s painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. 131 Rea Avenue, 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. 645 Main Street, 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum Museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum “Spirits in Stone — Art and Animals from Africa” features sculpture by acclaimed Shona sculptors, as well as masks, jewelry, and baskets; all the artwork is for sale. Exhibit includes “an open enclosure with African lizards,” exhibits of various African insects, fish, frogs, snakes. Through Sunday, October 12.

“Water: H₂O=Life” explores culture, history, and future of water. Exhibit includes hands-on activities, live animals, “captivating imagery.” Through November.

“Aerial Portraits of the American West: Photographs by John Shelton” closes on Sunday, November 2. Shelton is author of *Geology Illustrated*.

Current “giant-screen film” is *Ocean Oasis*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (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)

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

home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Boulevard, 619-239-2100. (BALBOA PARK)

Wells Fargo History Museum Museum features a working agents’ office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House. 2733 San Diego Avenue, 619-238-3929. (OLD TOWN)

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"Baseball Goes Pops with Dave Winfield" Padres legend Winfield hosts salute to America's favorite pastime with a ballpark's worth of baseball music with conductor Robert Thompson and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9. (DOWNTOWN)

It's SummerFest Time! "SummerFest Commissions: Music of Our Time" presented when La Jolla Music Society's musical extravaganza continues with concert of selections by Huang Ruo, Kaija Saariaho, Christopher Rouse, Steven Mackey. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Birch North Park Theatre

(2891 University Ave), 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 8. (NORTH PARK)

Fourth Annual International Youth Symphony Concert features performances by promising musicians from 15 different countries with students of the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory. Program includes renditions of Mozart's "Symphony No. 35" and the "Symphony No. 4" by Beethoven. 619-233-3232 x115. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 8. Also at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive), Crill Recital Hall, 8 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (ESCONDIDO, POINT LOMA)

Classical Guitar Concert Villa Music welcomes classical guitarist Christopher Mallett in concert, playing works by Benjamin Verdere, J.S. Bach, J.K. Mertz, Dusan Bogdanovic, Nikita Koshkin. Program includes "several original compositions for solo guitar." Reception follows. Donation; proceeds benefit Villa Musica Scholarship fund. 858-405 2691. University Lutheran Church (9595 La Jolla Shores Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, August 10. (BALBOA PARK)

"Russian Kaleidoscope" Listen for pieces by Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov, Taneyev during La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest 2008 concert on Sunday, August 10. Next: "Brahms II — Unrequited Love," promising compositions by Joachim, R. Schumann, Brahms, Clara Schumann, Tuesday, August 12.

Spend "An Evening with Vladimir Feltsman" on Wednesday, August 13, and take in selections by Mozart, Schnittke, and Mussorgsky. Festival includes coaching workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Sherwood Auditorium

OUT & ABOUT

IT'S SUMMERFEST TIME! Classical pleasures through Sunday, August 24.

(SEE CLASSICAL MUSIC)

rium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 3 p.m., Sunday, August 10. (LA JOLLA)

"Pops Goes Classical" Favorite works by Mozart and Handel performed by San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt for Summer Pops concert. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 10. (DOWNTOWN)

"Pops...and All That Jazz" Fifth annual pops concert on green planned by San Diego Chamber Orchestra, led by Jung-Ho Pak; guests include "local legends" Dave Scott and Bill Watrous. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic dinners. 800-988-4253. Grape Day Park (321 North Broadway), 7 p.m., Sunday, August 10. (ESCONDIDO)

British Concert Organist International Summer Organ Festival continues with concert by David Briggs. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 11. (BALBOA PARK)

Expect Unusual Music! Concert of virtuoso duet music for lute



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and violin from 18th-century German Baroque period promised when Baroque lutenist Robert Barto joins violinist Victoria Marino in recital. Program boasts duos by Sylvius Weiss, Bernhard Hagen, and J.S. Bach from unpublished manuscripts, performed on period instruments. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 11. (LA JOLLA)

mit information online at SDReader.com by clicking on the events section.

GALLERIES

"A History of My Feelings" Opening reception for Adam Justice Luther exhibition, guiding "us through a history of emotion as only he can portray it." Show closes Friday, August 29. RSVP: 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite F-109). 6 p.m., Friday, August 8. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Artifacts" "Encore" reception for new studio and exhibit of work by artists Joseph Bennett, Brad Burkhardt, Lauren Carrera, Larry Caveney, Patricia Frischer, Jim Pearson, others. Show closes Tuesday, August 26. 619-972-3727. Artifact Art Studio and Gallery (2234 30th Street). 5 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (SOUTH PARK)

"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 & Frame (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite 103). 11 a.m., Saturday, August 9. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Figuratively Speaking" Opening reception for exhibition of work created by 16 contemporary fiber artists, inspired by the human form. Reception promises performance by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater company member Annie Boyer, who has choreographed an original work based on a quilt in the exhibition, *Red-work Figures*, by Maggie Rozycki Hiltne. 619-546-4872. Visions Art Quilt Gallery (NTC Promenade,

Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100). 5 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (POINT LOMA)

"Influences" Artists' reception for members of West Coast Drawing and "guest artists influential to their art." Exhibit closes Sunday, September 14. 858-598-1200. Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). 6 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (MISSION VALLEY)

"New York Muse" Meet artist Jamali during reception. 858-459-0836. Madison Gallery (1020 Prospect Street). 6 p.m., Thursday, August 7. (LA JOLLA)

"Project 57" Opening reception in honor of Charles "Chuck" Leslie Walker, benefiting Lewy Body Dementia Association. The many featured artists painted on a 5"x7" wood panel. Entry fee for reception: \$10. Closes Saturday, September 6. "Sub 1K" Gallery features works priced under \$1000; the "Alley" is filled with works by more than 30 artists. In addition, more than 16 artists have work on view in 14 artist studios. 760-781-5779. Distinction Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). 6 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (ESCONDIDO)

"Unsung Algorithms and Musicals" Closing reception for Les LeVeque and Canadian visual/video artist Ho Tam's "The Yellow Pages." Tam's "pivotal video" reflecting on identity politics and other projections and runs in continuous loop; LeVeque's videos play in main gallery on four monitors. 619-501-0879. 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (NORTH PARK)

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

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printer's pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 5.

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

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

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

The "Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio" are likely from a 19th-Century edition of Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits are ongoing. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Memory Is Your Image of Perfection," was curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucia 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 Vene-

gas. 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, Septem-

ber 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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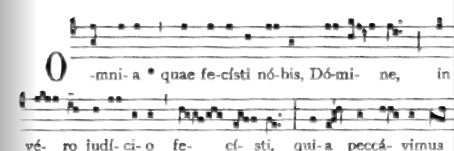


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Hip-Hop Away “The Jumping Turtle is a mainly metal place,” says rapper Bryan Mason of the San Marcos venue. “They are

get to keep \$10.”

Mason says the artist’s take bumps up once you sell 50 \$10 tickets. (“Then you get to keep a dollar a ticket.”)

Mostly because Mason doesn’t agree with the club’s pay structure, he recently booked his own show at the Cow Shed, another San Marcos music venue.

the Cow Shed is that it is 21 and up,” says Mason. “The Jumping Turtle is a bar that lets in underage kids all night.”

Jumping Turtle entertainment director Joe Troutman says since late February the club has had “...an agreement with the sheriff’s department” that has allowed those under 21 to stay in the bar past 10 p.m. as long as they arrive before 10 p.m. He says the San Marcos City Council supported the policy.

“We have multicolored wristbands which show who is over 21,” says Troutman, “and you get a red X on your hand if you’re under 21. And I have a lot of security. We keep an eye on it really well.”

Troutman agrees with Mason that hard rock has become “...our niche. But we try and be well rounded.” He says he would be happy to have hip-hop more often than once a month, “If we find a [promoter] I’m comfortable with.”



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TYPICAL TURTLE FARE

Mason, meanwhile, says he will go back to play the Turtle “...because it’s the only spot I know of in San Diego County where [hip-hop artists] can play at for an all-age crowd. You can do house parties, but they always get rolled on by the police.”

— Ken Leighton

It Worked for the Three Tenors... Local hip-hop artists Kayo, Play B, and Young Mass are joining

forces as the Three Rappers.

“We’re doing it mainly because there is a lack of unity [in San Diego],” says Kayo.

“We got Bloods and Crips all performing on the same bill,” says Kayo. “I mean, in Dago, you got a lot of pimping and gangbanging, so that is definitely a part of the Dago style. But with the city and its artists putting the BS to the side for events like this, we’ll be on in no time.”

“San Diego is very game-filled,” says Young Mass. “Getting money is definitely one of the building blocks of what makes our sound; [it’s] very aggressive music. San Diego hip-hop has been overlooked for so long, being overlooked has become a part of our musical style.”

“Our mission is to start with local releases and compilations,” says Play B of the trio’s recording aspirations. “We know it is possible to thrive without having music videos, *Billboard* hits, or major-label support.”

In addition to planned concerts, the trio has recorded together on songs such as “Dago City Ballers” (which is a new version of Young Mass’s song “Blue Sky”) and “Angel.”

The Three Rappers appear tonight at the Static Lounge for a “Daygo Unity



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KAYO, MASS, PLAY B

Concert” and tomorrow, August 8, at Brick by Brick’s “Road Warriors of Summer” show.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Defiling Jack’s Place

Twenty-nine years ago this week (8/5/79), Jack Murphy Stadium hosted Blue Öyster Cult, Cheap Trick, UFO, Pat Travers, and Shakin’ Street. To launch the all-day show, promoter Marc Berman battled the fire department

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paying national headliners thousands of dollars. I wish they were that cool with hip-hop.”

Mason, who has performed as “Jedi,” “Bionic,” and “Booster,” says the Jumping Turtle devotes one Thursday a month to hip-hop.

“They give you \$10 tickets to sell. You get to keep 50 cents of every ticket you sell after you sell 20 tickets. If you sell 19 tickets and give them \$190, you get nothing; if you sell \$200 worth of tickets, you

“We had over 100 people, and they were mostly college kids,” says Mason. “Everyone had a great time. There was not one fight. We had a hula-hoop contest, which was supposed to be for the girls but some of the drunk guys got in it too.... Ray, the owner, is cool. He let us keep the [\$5-per-head] door [charge].”

Mason says after he paid expenses (fellow rapper Jason Getz, a DJ, the hula hoops) he walked with \$600.

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over attendees being restricted to the stands. The regulation had been circumvented for a 1976 ZZ Top concert by constructing stairs from the field to the plaza level. However, this caused the Sports Arena to sue San Diego on the grounds that the City had promised “no competition” upon the arena’s construction.

For the August ’79 event, the City installed temporary ramps up to the stadium’s plaza level, reasoning the Sports Arena couldn’t sue

plasma the day before, I scored a ticket and walked in just as all 50,000-plus attendees were shouting the chorus to Travers’s hit “Boom Boom (Out Go the Lights),” which KGB was playing at least twice per hour at the time. UFO had just lost Michael Schenker, but they did a decent set that included “Doctor Doctor” and “Too Hot to Handle.”

Cheap Trick’s *Dream Police* album was about to be released, and they debuted “Need Your Love” and “I Know What I Want” from that record. They stole the show from headliners BÖC, whose laser show had recently been legislated out of existence for purportedly being dangerous.

Nearly 100 people were arrested (many in the parking lot, for trespassing, scalping, drugs, and being drunk in



DREAM POLICE – LOOK OUT!

unless the stadium built permanent equipment for competing events. The concert stage was built in sections on movable rollers, again to avoid “permanent fixture” accusations, at a cost of around \$25,000.

I spent the night before the show sleeping in a bulldozer amid parking-lot construction being done near the stadium. Thanks to \$15 earned by selling blood

public) and around 300 cars towed away during the concert, according to local newspaper reports. There were also complaints from nearby residents about the fireworks at 11:30 p.m., measured at around 100 decibels. (Local law forbade anything above 40 decibels after 10:30 p.m.)

“Considering the size of the rock concert, however,”

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said a noise-abatement official at the time, “we did not find the noise levels universally unacceptable.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Organically, If You Will

Acoustic guitarist Shawn Rohlf has played Sunday mornings at the Hillcrest farmers’ market for 11 years.

“It’s the most difficult gig of the week for any musician,” says Rohlf, who’s fronted the 7th Day Buskers for six years. “In one case, a band member showed up late with no instrument. He went back home to get it. Ends up, he went to the wrong house because he forgot he had moved two weeks earlier. Finally, he arrived back at the market an hour later with a completely different instrument than the one he normally plays. He apparently didn’t own a key to his new house and just grabbed whatever he could find in the garage....”

“Having to teach [new bandmates] the fine art of setting up the EZ Up tent can be comical. I know many of the folks waiting in line to get

a crepe find it quite amusing to watch it happen.”

Recently, Rohlf’s 7th Day Buskers lost some personnel.

“We recently decided to put that band on hiatus,” says Rohlf. “Since then, I have been inviting a variety of different musicians to sit in



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SHAWN ROHLF, A MORNING MAN

with me, and just as the Buskers came to be, there is a new group, forming sort of ‘organically,’ if you will.”

— Dorian Hargrove

Now Listen Up “Dance, like words, is a form of expression, a way of

explaining who we are,” says Adelaide of the Shimmy Sisters, a belly-dancing duo she formed in 2006 with her sister Leilainia. “A dance can tell stories in a language that is sensory and more abstract than the human brain can break down.... Through the dance, one can speak and say things that may be too personal, deep, or [too] buried to make out in words.”

The Shimmy Sisters perform monthly at Portugalia in O.B., with the Middle Eastern-flavored band Danyavaad backing them up with electric sitar and tribal drumbeats. Performances include swordplay, glowing hula hoops, stilt walkers, yoga contortionists, live snakes, “fire fingers” (flaming fingernails, essentially), and occasional live psychic readings.

“Originally,” says Adelaide, “as a rite of passage, mothers taught this dance to their daughters, a gift of the heart. Furthermore, dance

feels good; we love and enjoy it as a gift to others and ourselves. Opening and dancing from the heart helps



THE SHIMMY SISTERS

posture, self-confidence, and our capacity to love....”

Danyavaad is completing a ten-song CD package that will include an instructional DVD with belly dance and sitar lessons.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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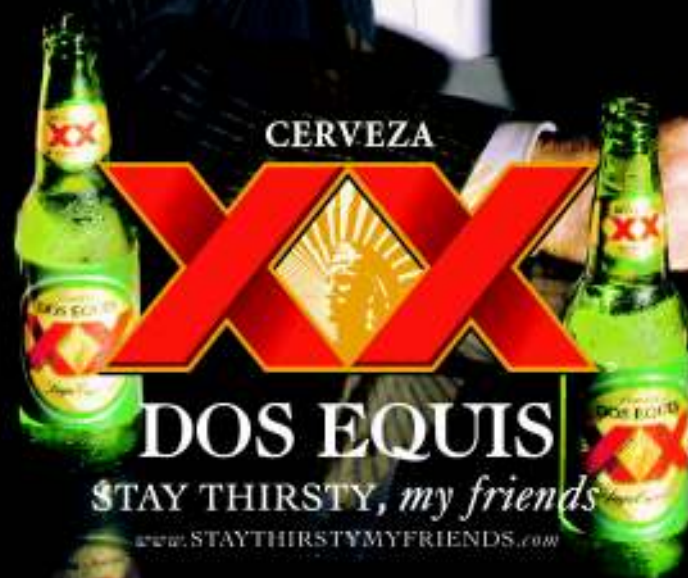
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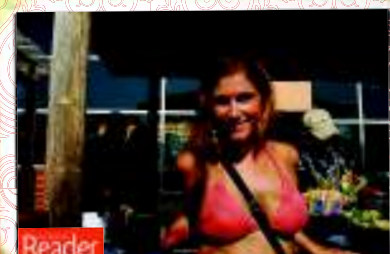
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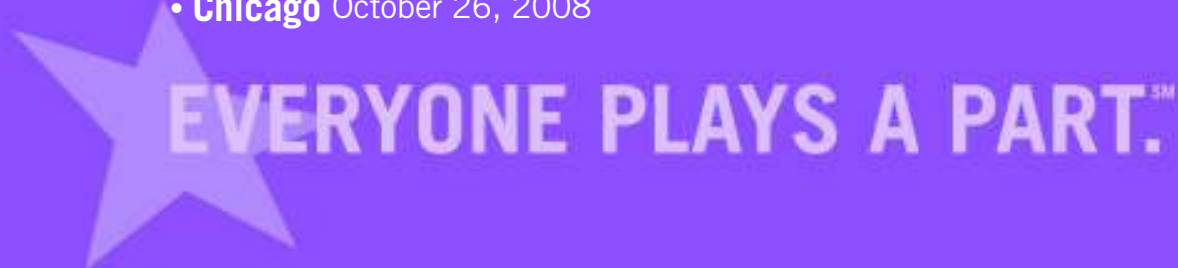
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This Week In Music

Thursday 7

Peruvian-born Felipe Coronel is Harlem hip-hopper **Immortal Technique**. I.T. raps politik, calling out U.S. concerns in South America and the Middle East on his latest, *The 3rd World*. Check the track "Bin Laden (Tell the Truth)" for his bent. The rap landed him on Al Jazeera news, allowing the activist a world forum to discuss American homeland ills and foreign policy. I.T. and his "first lieutenant," DJ G.I. Joe, demonstrate battle rap at Belly Up tonight. **Diabolic**, **DJ Artistic**, and **Da Circle** round out the recommendable beats bill.... North County's **Matt Currier & the Exfriends** make up at Casbah tonight. Check their Space takes for new City Salvage disc *Joy of Life*, easily one of the tastiest indie-pop collections to come outta here this year. **Rafter** and Coventry, England's **Don't**

Move set the stage.... Bar Pink (née Pink Elephant — they dropped the pachyderm from their moniker) books experimental folkies

Manuok and **Drew Andrews**.

Andrews has signed to Chicagoland label Minty

Fresh, which'll release debut

Only Mirrors in the fall. In the mean, get to Merch Lackey for '08 Euro-tour e.p. *I Could Write a Book*.... Couple Sac-town trios, the prog-y **Ihabial** and powerpop-y **Lite Brite**, are nabbed by Chasers. Local indie kids the **Lanterns** and **Witt** open the sets.... **Banner**, **Dr. Acula** (get it?), **Showbread**, the **Hotness**, and **Seconds from Disaster** fill a bill at Soma.... While SoCal punks **Agent Orange** drop on Canes, with **Critical Me** and the **Uprising**.

Friday 8

San Fran covers band **Me First and the Gimme Gimmes** promise to play nice at House of Blues. The Gimmes rewire radio pop and rock to crunchy punk riffage and machine-gun vocals. Give a listen to their Space takes of Simon & Garfunkel's "The Boxer" and John Denver's "Country Roads." Ouch. They're out to tout new Fat Wreck record *Have Another Ball*. Mimosa Beach hardcore novelties **Black Fag** and Hollywood hits the **Teenage Frames** open.... Del Mar Racetrack's Four O'Clock Friday freebie stages NYC electronica rockers the

Bravery. The quintet's out behind *The Sun and the Moon Complete*, a rehash of '06 offering *The Sun and the Moon* — "All the same songs but a completely different album" *I hate your face! Your stupid stupid face!* Local supergroup the **Nightmares** split a Bar Pink bill with Boston's **Muck and the Mires**. Both bands rock the garage-revivalist tip.... Casbah's got early sets by **Josh James** and **Corey Chisel** Friday night. After that, you got your **a.m. vibe**, your **Transfer**, and your **Fever Sleeves**.... L.A. 'lectronicats **Ultraviolet Sound** and **Electric Valentine** plug in at Beauty Bar.



ME FIRST AND THE GIMME GIMMES AT HOUSE OF BLUES

where **View Masters** click their really last final set. With the **Muslims** and the **Sess** in support, it's on like Donkey Kong.

Saturday 9

Like ampm, babies, too much good stuff Saturday night: Omaha rocktronic quintet the **Faint** bring crit-hit dance jams disc *The Fascination* to Soma. Ex-Blood Brothers **Jaguar Love** set it up.... We're brown and down and coming to your town. Costa Mesa's **Manic Hispanic** cater Casbah to Mexi-flavored punk. Recommend a listen to the reissue of Manic's eponymous debut *The Menudo Incident* for a primer. With **Authentic Sellout** and the **Crime**. At 11:30 Casbah time there's a Faint after-party featuring **Depressed Buttons** (Joel and Todd from the Faint). It's a free set with your Soma stub, \$5 w/out.... ThingamaBob! The **Bob Marley Roots Rock Reggae Festival** hits the infield at the Del Mar track. Show features Bob's boys **Ziggy** and **Julian**. **Common Sense** kicks it off at 4p. There's also a beer brouhaha boasting 50 different drinks. Free admit with paid track tix.... Since yer already up there, **Steve Poltz and the Cynics** and **Sara Petite** get acoustic at Belly Up.... Don't like the strummy hummy stuff, get your "powerviolence" on, as Bay Area bad boys **Vitamin Piss** stream into Ché Café alongside **Spring Break!**, **Cheap Art**, **Restrained**, and the **Separation**.... Back downtown, Chasers stages IDM soul bros. **Jamuel Saxon** with **Hockey**, **Silverleaf**, and **Blue Skies for Black Hearts**.... But the gig to get to, ya'll, is the trick triple bill at Tower Bar,

Sunday 10

Silent Comedy screens after **Or the Whale** and **Hotel St. George** check in at Casbah. Vaudeville rockers Silent Comedy are on a Left Coast swing behind their s/t e.p. — this band is chock full of chops. Show the SanDago sextet some love.... Punk-rock assassins **Sirhan Sirhan** take out Bar Pink.... Hip-hop MCs **Nas** and **Talib Kweli** visit House of Blues.... There's foetry for those in the knowetry at Belly Up, featuring **Natalie "the Floacist" Stewart** and **Latanya Lockett**. **DJ Sachamo** spins round sets.... They say you want a **Plastic Revolution**. Beauty Bar delivers. **Gunpowder Sunset** kicks it off.... Raga Brits **UB40** will be in town for a few, spillin' "Red Red Wine" at Humphrey's Sunday and Pala Monday.

Monday 11

With *Blood and Guts* and *Happy Rain*, the **Lanterns** light up Casbah's Anti-Monday thang. With **Apes of Wrath** and **Laserwolf & Thunderbolt**, whose promo we simply can't not print: "Short children's songs played out of amplifiers by three mens with the combined musical for-

ceitude of a water buffalo vs. a hippo-fucking-potamus, with a flange, mostly in the key of A, and often about bad-ass shit" "Band whore" Travis Trevisman's **Tape Deck Mountain** looms at Beauty Bar. Check out his Space takes from debut e.p. *Sparks*. So not bad.

Tuesday 12

A boy named Kim and his band the **Fabulous Thunderbirds** park it at Anthology for two nights. Kim Wilson and the 'Birds've been doling their "Texas-tuned butt-rockin' blues" for nie on 35 years. Go get you some. And try the short ribs.... Round the bend at House of Blues, **Fast Times** takes the main stage while **Passenger** plays the Voodoo Room.

Wednesday 13

Which Doobie you be? He was their singer and pianist for a stretch of hits — *You don't know me but I'm your brother* — **Michael McDonald** rocks the ivories and belts that dusty baritone on Humphrey's bayside.... *Beware of the Dog*, as rapper **Shad** (Bow Wow) **Moss** kicks it at House of Blues. He's a big dawg now, dropping the Bow Wow and due to drop a new Sony disc, *Pedigree*, later this year. Hometown heavies



OCTOPUS PROJECT AT CASBAH

the **Dago Braves** go first.... The eight arms of Austin quartet **Octopus Project** come together at Casbah. The electronic-pop act is out after last year's *Hello*, *Avalanche*, and they're fresh off last week's Lollapalooza. **Meho Plaza** opens.

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Hot Mess

"I constantly laugh and crack jokes about people with no fashion sense. I really can't help it."

I've always enjoyed music and singing," says singer/songwriter Jodi V, "but I grew up in a religious household, so singing anywhere else but at church was not an option." Her first public performance was at age seven with her rendition of "These Words I Sing for You," a bilingual song composed by her father for her mom. She sang for a dozen friends and family members on her neighbor's porch.

"At the age of 18," she says, "I was given a bit more freedom, so I took advantage by collaborating with local hip-hop artists and producers that I met through mutual friends."

While singing hooks for rappers and producers in exchange for studio time, Jodi posted her own four-song demo on MySpace. One of the rap groups she performed with also has a MySpace page, which they used to send a "friend request" to Rotation Music, a record label based for over 20 years in Laguna Beach. Label heads weren't impressed by the hip-hoppers, but they *did* like the photo of Jodi V they saw on the rappers' MySpace.

"I was approached through MySpace by [label owner] Allan Gomez," says Jodi. "He offered to help me release my first album." Distributed by label heavyweight Universal, Jodi V's provocatively titled debut *Seed of Love* is set for release September 9.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

"I'm bumping Colbie Caillat's *Coco* CD for the moment. Her voice is extremely soothing, and I can relate to a lot of her songs."

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

"*The Sweetest Thing* is the funniest chick flick ever, but no one will watch it with me because I always rewind it to my favorite parts at least five

times in a row. There's also *The Notebook*. C'mon, you know you love it, too. And probably *The Wizard of Oz* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, though I admit they're a little creepy. They're for those days when I'm in a silly mood."

LISTS

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TWO FAVORITE WEBSITES?

1. *MySpace.com*: "You can find old friends, new friends, old lovers, new lovers, family, and music. You

can even get signed by a major record label!"

2. *YouTube.com*: "Staying up on Saturday night until two in the morning watching videos is way better than a potential DUI."

THREE GUILTY PLEASURES?

1. "I constantly laugh and crack jokes about people with bad fashion sense. It's mean, but I really can't help it."

2. "Being late. I like my five extra minutes."

3. "Eating a lot of Mexican candy. I had an ulcer two years ago from it, but I just can't stop."

BRUSH WITH FAME?

"I got to see Xzibit, MC and host of *Pimp My Ride*, backstage at one of his concerts. I thought it would be cute to ask him to 'officially pimp me,' but he refused. He must get that all the time because he seemed pretty annoyed."

LAST BOOK READ?

"Well, I'll admit that, ever since MySpace, I haven't been reading too much. *How to Write a Hit Song* is probably the last book I read. It demonstrates and breaks down hit songs so you can learn what works."

WHERE DO YOU HANG OUT?

"I love the Turf Club on the corner of C and 25th Street. It's a bar-and-grill where you cook your own food on one huge grill while talking to com-



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Jodie V

plete strangers. There's also 'Intervention,' Sundays at the Hard Rock Hotel, which is a cool spot to party it up during the day. There's always a beautiful crowd."

YOUR PERSONAL MANTRA?

"Time heals everything, so don't give in or give up.' I came up with this one day, and I repeat it to myself whenever I'm having a weak moment."

BEST "I WAS SO BUZZED" STORY?

"I have way too many stories...I'll keep it short and PG rated. After clubbing one night I let my friend push me around in a shopping cart. It was hilarious — until he hit a crack and I flew out. I was wearing a skirt, so it was a hot mess!"

TERRIBLE JOBS?

1. "I worked at a kiosk in the mall selling portable

karaoke machines. It sucked because I had to sing all these horrible songs, and I always seemed to run into someone I knew."

2. "The worst was this clerical job I had at a funeral home. I was paid \$7 an hour to type up death certificates. Surprisingly, I was also responsible for ushering and singing at the funeral services, making casket sprays, driving the company limo or coach whenever the reverend showed up hungover, pulling out dead people from the fridge for ID viewings, and even — yikes — putting makeup on them."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"I constantly get told that I come off as intimidating or snobby, but the truth is that I'm sweet and very interested in what you have to say." ■

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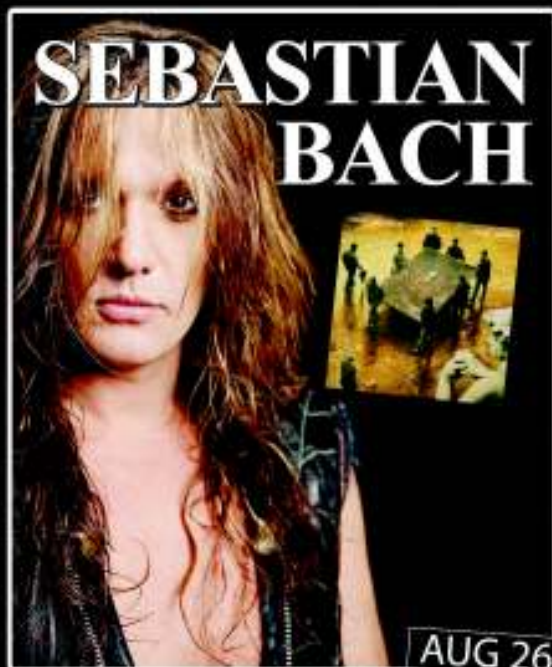
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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m., *Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — Larry Carlton. Jazz guitarist. \$26-\$32. *Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — The Midnight Ramblers. A Rolling Stones tribute. \$14-\$18. *Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Toni Redd. CD-release show with Reel to Real. R&B/jazz/soul. \$14. *Tuesday and Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m.

— The Fabulous Thunderbirds. Blues/rock.

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Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Jim Lair and Warren Bryant. Contemporary jazz/global music.

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Wednesday, 8 p.m. — No Go Know. Indie rock. \$5.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Immortal Technique. Hip-hop. \$20-\$22. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Rub-A-Dub Friday. Live reggae music. \$5. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Steve Poltz & the Cynics. With Sara Petite. Soul/pop/rock. \$18-\$20. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Rob Corona and Laura Roppé. Dual CD-release party with the Clay Colton Band. Country/rock/pop. \$8.

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Thursday, 6 p.m. — David Burnett. Jazz.

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Friday, 8 p.m. — Canibus and Dylan Dillinjah. With Random Luck, I & I, Main Flow, Young Mass, Play B., and Kayo. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Mary Magdalan and Inprana. Alternative rock/metal. \$15.

Sunday, 6 p.m. — Acoustic Alliance. With Astra Kelly, JAC, Derek Duplessie, Leldon, and more. Acoustic/folk/pop. \$8.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Garrison Starr and Derren Raser. With Lauren DeRose & the Kates. Folk rock/pop/indie. \$10.

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Sunday, 2 p.m. — Roots Vision. Reggae.

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Monday, 8:30 p.m. — Lanterns and the Apes of Wrath. Indie/pop/rock. \$5.

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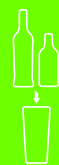
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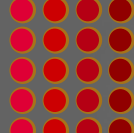
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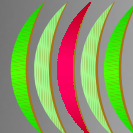
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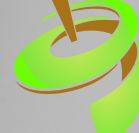
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Calendar MUSIC

Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Octopus Project and Meho Plaza. Experimental/pop. \$10.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Vitamin Piss, Spring Break!, Cheap Art. With Restrained and the Separation. Hardcore/punk/metal. \$6.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1141. *Friday* — The Bravery. Indie rock/electro. *Saturday*, 3:30 p.m. — Ziggy Marley. Roots Rock Festival with Common Sense and Julian Marley.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. *Friday, Saturday* — Liquid Blue. Electro pop/rock.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Bill Watrous. With Dave Scott and the Mesa College Big Band. Jazz. \$10. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Anthony Smith. With Latanya Lockett, Walt Williams, Glen Fisher, and Jesse Charnow. Jazz/funk. \$10. *Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Allison Adams Tucker. CD-release show. Jazz/Latin. \$10-\$15. *Monday*, 7:30 p.m. — Danya Stephens. With Josh Nelson, Harish Raghavan, and Justin Brown. Jazz. \$10.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. *Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Chet & the Committee. Blues. *Saturday*, 6:30 p.m. — The Farmers. Roots rock/Americana.

Ellen Browning Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla. *Sunday*, 2 p.m. — The Westwind Brass. "Classical pop plus" for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea. 858-454-1600.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown. *Friday and Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — "Baseball Goes Pops with Dave Winfield" Padre legend Winfield hosts salute to America's favorite pastime with a ballpark's worth of baseball music with conductor Robert Thompson and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75. *Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — "Pops Goes Classical" Favorite works by Mozart and Handel performed by San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt for Summer Pops concert. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Useless Idols and Unknown Motive. With the Guze and the Demeanors. Punk/rock/ska. \$7-\$9.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — All-Girl Western!. Judy Taylor and the Wild Oats play Western, Cajun, and rock and roll for First Thursday Concert. 760-839-4329.

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

Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. *Sunday*, 5 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks. Rhythm and blues.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Not a good sign, I suppose, when tales of drug abuse crop up in the third paragraph of a press release — and when thrown such a bone, most of the rock press will take the bait. Aside from *Rolling Stone's* declaration that **Year Long Disaster** is one of the top-ten bands to watch in 2008, details of YLD's Hollywood-size booze, crack, and heroin problems lead most of the stories about the band. These details (and an obscure quote from the late avant painter Salvador Dalí) are offered up as if drugs alone could be inspiration enough to start a rock and roll band. In this case, perhaps it has.

If Motörhead and W.A.S.P. spat out a

child, it would sound a lot like Year Long Disaster. YLD is not a blast from the past so much as they are new energy on an old subject. **Daniel Davies**, son of Kinks founder and odd-ball guitarist Dave Davies, founded the power trio in 2003 following a drying-out period. The band was an instant hit with the indie underground rock community. They released an EP and hit the road; a proper record deal was waiting for them when they returned to their home base of Los Angeles.

Year Long Disaster has since been the perfect opener for acts like Turbonegro and Velvet Revolver and the Foo Fighters. On stage they are an explosive romp through the sex-drugs-and-rock-and-roll phase of pop-music history, couched within fresh songwriting. YLD is the poster child for a generation of listeners too young to have



YEAR LONG DISASTER

been there for the first go around. The whole harder-rock thing is immensely popular in Europe and experiencing a resurgence on these shores. It's high time we caught up with our past.

YEAR LONG DISASTER, Beauty Bar, Tuesday, August 5, 10 p.m. 619-516-4746. \$5.

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. — Citizen Band. Americana/bluegrass/country. *Sunday*, 12:30 p.m. — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock. *Wednesday*, 5 p.m. — Christopher Dale. Acoustic/pop/rock.

Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994. *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* — Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. A blend of jazz, Celtic, and Latin music.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Me First & the Gimme Gimmes. Punk/pop. \$12. *Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Robin Thicke. R&B/pop. \$32. *Sunday*, 6:30 p.m. — Nas and Talib Kweli. With Jay Electronica. Hip-hop. \$42-\$67. *Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Passenger. Acoustic/folk/alternative. \$8.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Bow Wow. Rap/hip-hop/R&B. \$30.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Criminal Funk. '80s dance music. \$5. *Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — Rockola. Classic rock. \$12. *Saturday*, 6 p.m. — Plato Soul. Covers/standards/dance. \$5.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Peter & Gordon. With Gary & the Pacemakers and Gary Lewis & the Playboys. Rock. \$50. *Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Jordin Sparks and Jesse McCartney.

Pop/R&B. *Sunday*, 8 p.m. — UB40. Reggae. \$59. *Monday*, 7:30 p.m. — David Sanborn and Lee Ritenour. Jazz. \$50. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Paolo Nutini. Acoustic/soul/rock. \$30. *Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Michael McDonald. From the Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan. R&B/soul. \$80.

Island Sports and Spirits: 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-3456. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — West of 5. Covers classic to modern rock.

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Janie's Cocktails: 656 E Street, Chula Vista.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Hear No Evil. Alternative.

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 — Strike Twelve and
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and the Bomb Pops.
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Friday — Victory of Reason and
Oridium. Metal/hardcore.
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Sunday — Calibra. Metal/hardcore.
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Time. Various reggae bands
perform.

The Kensington Club: 4079
Adams Avenue, Kensington-
Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
Thursday — Brimstone Howl and
Los Sweepers. Garage/blues/rock.
Friday — Vitro and Roxy Jones.
Garage/rock/experimental.
Saturday — Desert Diamonds,
Knives, the Jury. Rock/garage.

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.

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 Brokers. Blues/soul/rock.

Le Papagayo: 1002 North
 Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-
 8252.
Sunday, 6:30 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343
Adams Avenue, Normal Heights,
619-282-0437.
Thursday — Eric Brendo. Indie
rock/psychedelic.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Five Times
August and Josh Damigo.
Acoustic/pop/alternative. \$10.
Saturday — Lisa Sanders and
Friends. Acoustic/Americana/jazz.

The Lumberyard Shopping Center: 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 619-987-1277. *Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. — Keith Jacobson. In the central courtyard, between St. Tropez Bakery & Bistro and Bubby's Gelato. Smooth-jazz saxophone.*

The Marquee: 835 25th Street, Golden Hill.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Bushwalla, Michael Tiernan, Kenny Eng. With A Beautiful Noise. Acoustic/folk rock/pop. \$5.

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

The Metaphor Cafe: 258 East 2nd Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-1882. *Saturday, 7:30 p.m.* — The Howls and Longstay. With Midnight Hour and Austin Nicolai. Indie/rock/pop \$5.

Mission Bay Deli: 1548 Quivira
Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5055
*Sunday, 2 p.m. — The Robin
Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz.*

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Or, the Whale — that's how they write it — is a seven-piece band from San Francisco with some country and folk instruments (banjo, acoustic guitar, pedal steel) mixed in with distorted guitars, drums, some vintage-sounding keyboards, and other rock elements. Two men and two women sing, sometimes solo, often in harmony — whether it's tender, folky harmony or rock-style wailing. The lyrics are literate. There's a song about pioneer psychologist William James, and the band name, of course, comes from *Moby Dick*. Tying in with that 19th-century aesthetic, the band members often pose in vintage clothes for sepia-toned

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Flashback. Rock.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — American Rock Experience. Rock.

North Coast United Methodist Church: 1501 Kelly Street, Oceanside.
Sunday, 3:30 p.m. — The Tom Morrow Band. Big-band music of the '20s through the '60s. 760-439-4099.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Feeling of Hate and Manic Diffusion. With the Goomies. Rock/alternative/funk.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Dave the

publicity photos.

So on first glance or first listen you could easily write off Or, the Whale as a clone of the Decemberists or a lot of other bands on the indie scene today. That would be a mistake, because there's something about Or, the Whale that warrants closer listening. A closer look, too.

You can see and hear what I mean in the Or, the Whale live videos on YouTube. The band members sway and shamble on stage in a kind of spontaneous dance. Every song starts out a little sloppy and lumbering, but a little more than halfway through, suddenly the song will take off as the band starts rocking out. The guitars and drums sound great, the pedal steel sounds beautiful, and all of the vocals seem to get



OR, THE WHALE

louder and more powerful and emotional. You'd be a robot if you didn't find yourself a little moved by it. I don't know how they do it...they get better and better as each song goes on.

**OR, THE WHALE, The Casbah, Sunday,
August 10, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.**

Patrick's II: 428 F Street,
Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday — Blue Four. Blues/soul.
Friday — Michele Lundeen & Blues
Streak. Blues/soul.
Saturday — Alan Iglesias &
Crossfire. A tribute to Stevie Ray
Vaughan.
Sunday — Chet Cannon & the
Committee. Blues.
Monday, Tuesday — Taryn Donath
& Mo-Jo Rising. Blues/soul.
Wednesday — Delta Heat. With
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Friday — Flock of '80s. Covers '80s hits.
Saturday — Rhythm & the Method. Acoustic/blues/rock.

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 — Rock Forever Entertainment. Features live bands every Saturday night.
Wednesdays, 9 p.m. — Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.
Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m. — Bclub'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.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.
Sunday, 1 p.m. — Barbara Jamerson & Two Deep. Jazz/R&B.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
Sunday — Gene Perry y Afro Rumba. Latin/jazz/salsa.
Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

The Sky Box Sports Grill: 4805 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-274-7269.
Saturday, 5 p.m. — LySDexia. Classic rock.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — The Banner, Dr. Acula, Showbread. With the Hotness and Seconds from Disaster. Punk/hardcore/electro. \$10.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Faint. With Jaguar Love and Shy Child. Electro rock. \$25.

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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Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 2211 Pan American Road, Balboa Park.
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Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. — The Coronado Big Band. Swing and jazz for "Twilight in the Park" summer concert series. 619-239-0512.
Wednesday — The Cool Rays. Rock for Twilight in the Park summer concert series. 619-239-0512.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
Sunday, 4 p.m. — Kidz Bop. Kids perform songs from the popular CD series. \$30-\$36.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862.
Fridays — Trainwreck.
Saturday — The Disco Pimps.

Static Lounge: 634 Broadway, Downtown, 619-544-1609.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Young Mass, Kayo, Play B. With Fore' and the Cherry Chuck Gang. Hip-hop/rap.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: 1221 Broadway, El Cajon, 619-447-5665.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Friday — Leather Nun America.

Metal/rock.
Saturday — Mississippi Mudsharks. Blues/punk/roots.
Tuesday — Trent Hancock. Acoustic/pop/indie.
Wednesday — Pushin Rope. Country/punk/bluegrass.

Tio Leo's Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Saturday — The Jack City Blues Band. Blues/rock/swing.

Trisler's Wine Bar: 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, Mission Valley, 619-298-1501.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Keith Jacobson. Smooth-jazz saxophone.

Trolley Barn Park: 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida Street, University Heights.
Friday, 4 p.m. — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Boogie-woogie and swing for Summer in the Park concert series. 619-297-3166.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — Crush. Covers/standards at the Main Stage bar.
Saturday, 4 p.m. — Firefly. Classic rock at the Main Stage bar.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards at the Main Stage bar.

Vista Library: 700 Eucalyptus Avenue, Vista, 760-643-5100.
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Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. *Friday* — Vegetation. Reggae/soul/rock. *Saturday* — The Crown City Rockers. Hip-hop/rap/jazz.

UPCOMING SHOWS

1st Street Bar: 656 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0233. *August 16* — The Gold Dust Band. *September 13* — Misty & the Mobys.

4th & B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. *August 16* — Mack 10. *September 2* — Ice Cube. *September 6* — Xavier Rudd. *September 16* — Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds. *October 1* — Gogol Bordello.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. *August 16* — Dazed & Confused. *August 23* — The Lou Dog Trio.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. *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 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, September 13* — Larry Coryell. *September 19* — Hiroshima. *September 23* — Solas. *September 24, September 25* — The Average White Band. *September 26* — The Eve Selis Band. *September 27* — Livingston Taylor.

Balboa Park Club: 2150 Pan American Road West, Balboa Park. *August 23* — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-

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Barefoot Bar and Grill: 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Beach, 858-581-5960. *August 16* — Charlie Imes.

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August 21 — Mad Martigan.

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August 21 — Moontucky Risin and Rhythm & the Method.
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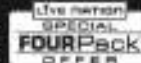
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August 28 — Orangello.
August 29 — A Shattered Hope and Bullets over Hollywood.
September 6 — Bamboo.
September 12 — Sherm the Band, Bucket of Fish, Unknown Motive.
September 13 — So Long Davey.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.
September 4 — Cahill and Delene.
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December 4 — Peter Sprague.

The Flying Bridge: 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151.
August 15 — Sounds Perfect.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
August 15 — Fiffin Market.

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August 20 — Brooklyn & Bradley.

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September 19 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living: 331 East Elder Street, Fallbrook.
August 22 — Anton Mizerak and Michael Mandrell.

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 14 — Charlie Zaa.
August 15 — Zebrahead and Buck-O-Nine.
August 16 — The Circle Jerks.
August 17 — Dramarama.
August 17 — Matt Pryor and Chris Conley.
August 19 — Toots & the Maytals.
August 19 — A Billy Joel Tribute Show.
August 19 — Edwin McCain.
August 21 — Van Hunt.
August 22 — Broken Social Scene.
August 22 — Sondre Lerche.
August 23 — Eddy Grant.
August 26 — Nevermind.
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 14 — Black Rebel Motorcycle Club.
September 18 — The Fratellis.
September 22 — Lila Downs.

October 1 — Lagwagon and MxPx.
October 3 — James.
October 4 — Mindless Self Indulgence.
October 16 — Jorge Celedón & Jimmy Zambrano.
October 17 — Led Zepagain.
October 19 — Streetlight Manifesto.
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 16 — Viva Santana.
August 16 — West of 5.
August 20 — The Robin Henkel Band.
August 29 — Rockola.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
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.

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

JP's Pub: 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-2509.
August 29 — West of 5.

Janie's Cocktails: 656 E Street, Chula Vista.
August 15, August 16 — LySDexia.

Java Jones: 631 Ninth Avenue, Downtown.
August 15 — Inigo Figuracion and Ron Greitzer.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.
August 19 — Brave Citizens and One Hot Minute.
August 21 — Angelic Dimension, Trips, Jason Getz.

Koehler Kraft Boat Yard: 2302 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-222-9051.
August 20 — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **A Scribe amidst the Lions**
Song: **"Wet Bird"** (from the CD *Sunken Cities*)
Heard By: **Richie Lauridsen**, Golden Hill



Richie

It's not my cup of tea; however, the band is technically proficient. That song kind of lacked some direction. The emphasis on dynamics kind of hurt them as far as producing a coherent track, but then again maybe that's not what they are trying to do. The song begins with this strange musical introduction with ambient noises that someone like J. Spaceman or Brian Eno would get stoked on. Then all of sudden you're in the middle of the '90s with Appleseed Cast, Jimmy Eat World, Planes Mistaken for Stars, and other bands with similarly sounding long names. The guy has a really high voice that got me thinking about Rush or homeboy from Mars Volta. It's a little bit unintelligible.

Artist: **Architect Sketch**
Song: **"Bulgarian Robbery"** (from the CD *Communication in Cases for Which No Other Form Is Applicable*)
Heard By: **Amanda Brinkman**, Golden Hill



Amanda

I thought it was okay. I would say it was definitely influenced by Pinback and that college rock sort of stuff. I thought of *Head on the Door* by the Cure when I heard it, so maybe a mixture of that and Pinback. It was strictly instrumental. I think that with vocals it would have become more mainstream, but because it didn't have vocals it was a little bit more unique. There weren't any weird instruments in the mix — it was pretty standard and very repetitive. It was kind of spacey and jammy. I think it sounded like [Tetris] video-game music. For awhile I was trying to think of how to rearrange furniture in my house so it would disappear bar by bar.

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Artist: **Charlie Imes**
Song: **"On an Island"** (from the CD *On an Island*)
Heard By: **Corey Wallace**, San Francisco



Corey

It's not anything that I would generally listen to, but for what it is, I dug it. I'm on vacation, and it's good vacation music. It's better than other crap that's out there today. I think he sings about the same themes as Jimmy Buffet. Jimmy Buffet is probably a lot better [of a] songwriter, but I think this guy has got a good voice. I wouldn't say Jimmy Buffet has an especially good voice. Basically, it's just guitar and a dude singing. He's not trying to be tough or too pretentious or anything. Lyrically, it's about leaving the city and just getting away from everyday life: "You and me, that's where we'll be, on an island out in the sea."

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
October 4 — The Farmers.

Le Papagayo: 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-8252.
August 27 — Freefall.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
August 14 — Amy Kuney and Miggs.
August 15 — Courtney Bowden.
August 17 — The Robin Henkel Band.
August 27 — Nathan James and Robin Henkel.

Mandeville Auditorium at 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.
August 24 — Indian Ocean.

The Marquee: 835 25th Street, Golden Hill.
August 15 — The Wrong Trousers, Caleb Jude Green, Astra Kelly.

August 22 — Fiffin Market, Pullman Standard, Aaron Bowen.

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.

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

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
August 15 — Critical Me.
August 16 — One Inch Punch and the Empire State.

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August 16, September 13 — Mariner.

Old Town State Historic Park: 4002 Wallace Street, Old Town.
August 16 — The Morning Glory String Band.

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.
October 31 — Jason Mraz.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
August 27 — John Fogerty.
August 28 — Poison.
September 13 — JACKfest II Undercover.
September 17 — Kid Rock.
September 21 — Ana Gabriel.

September 27 — Anita Baker.
October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
August 14 — The Bill Magee Blues Band.
August 15 — The Nik Simon Band.
August 16 — Shari Puorto and the Rhythm Addicts.
August 17 — Ronnie Lane & the Twisters.
August 18 — Nathan James & Ben Hernandez.
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August 20 — Blue Four.
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September 13 — Hear No Evil.

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September 15 — Judy Collins and Leo Kottke.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon.
August 15 — Bill Magee.
August 22 — The Coolrays.
August 29 — The Variations.
September 5 — The Mar Dels.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.
September 6 — Bob Dylan & His

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October 24 — Great White.

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August 15 — Aaron Blyth.
August 16 — Stepping Feet.
August 22 — Da Groove.
August 23 — 6one9.
August 30 — The Jones Revival.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown, 858-570-1100.
November 10 — Alanis Morissette.

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August 31 — Nova.
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Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Road, Santee, 619-465-1730.
September 25, October 23 — LySDexia.

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August 26 — Charlie Chavez y Su Afro Truco.
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August 16 — Knights of the Abyss and Burning the Masses.
August 17 — Heavy Heavy Low Low.
August 23 — A Dull Science, Hello Marquee, Let Live.
August 24 — Anthony Green, Good Old War, Person L.
August 28 — Stick to Your Guns and Winds of Plague.
August 30 — The RX Bandits and Portugal the Man.
September 4 — White Chapel and



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SUMO FOLLIES

by Josh Board

I made the mistake of trying to go to a party in the Hillcrest area during the Gay Pride Festival. Not that there's anything wrong with that...other than road closures and parking problems!

My girlfriend and I found our location and someone was leaving as we pulled up. When I saw a pedicab with two heavy-set women starting to roll backwards, I jumped out and helped push them up the hill.

A couple of guys whistled and hollered about how good my legs looked. The ladies in the pedicab laughed. I said, "I'm glad you're enjoying the fact that I'm being treated like a piece of meat back here."

When we walked up to the "Thanksgiving in July" party, we couldn't believe the length of the table. It was probably 800 feet long.

My girlfriend felt guilty that we showed up without any food. The email invite said that they'd supply the main course and suggested that guests bring side dishes. I asked what I could bring, and they told me not to



worry about it.

When we overheard a few people complaining that there was no apple pie, my girlfriend ran to the store to pick one up, along with a few two-liter sodas.

While she was gone, I saw a couple playing "horse" at a basketball hoop. The woman, Sandy,



Top left: Sumo wrestler on the streets of Pennsylvania and Richmond;
Top right: Connor, founder of Thanksgiving in July, near
bottom/middle of the pile, on the Moon Bounce.

She was busting her outside shot, and every shot I made, she matched. I had to pull out my

away and made one. She got her second letter.

When she missed a shot from the baseline, the ball rolled into a canyon and landed in a cactus. When I retrieved the ball, I encountered a swarm of bees. I told Sandy about the bees, and she said, "Well, better you than me. I'm allergic to bees." I said, "I'm not allergic, but it doesn't mean I like being stung."

A few guys were throwing a

"I'm the senior keg master. This is the junior keg master. That's why he has this high-powered water gun."

was smoking the guy. After they played a few games, I asked who won. Sandy said, "I did. Do you think you can beat me?"

big shots. I went onto a driveway behind a car and shot it over the backboard. She couldn't make that. I went about 50 feet

football nearby, and I asked them if I could borrow their ball. I did a trick shot where I had the basketball in one hand and a football in the other. I put both into the basket, which ended our game. Sandy said, "You're lucky I've been drinking all afternoon."

I could smell cotton candy in the air. It reminded me of being at a fair. I found out that the hosts had rented a machine. Someone said, "It only cost \$55. And \$5 for the tubs of stuff to make it. Each carton makes 70 sticks." As one woman made herself one, she said, "It's not as good as I remembered."

I asked Connor about the party permit. "It was easy to get. The only thing we couldn't have was a dunk tank. We had to notify the fire department and agencies like that. We had to get signatures from the neighbors. It wasn't permission from them, so that was weird."

I looked around and wondered how the neighbors would get out of their driveways with tables in the street. And there was a blow-up "Moon Bounce"

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I saw a guy in a blow-up sumo-wrestler costume and remembered overhearing a woman who had spotted him earlier that said to her friend, "I think some guy is wearing a big turkey outfit. It reminds me of when Paul Simon wore one on *Saturday Night Live*."

The sumo wrestler had trouble negotiating the front gate, but when he finally made it out, he challenged someone to a wrestling match.

As he tried to climb into the Moon Bounce, he fell. The kids were smart and had scattered from the area. When he tried to climb in a second time, he fell over the side and landed on a bunch of balloons that popped. The crowd had a good laugh at him. On his third attempt, it was the Moon Bounce that popped. As it was deflating, one guy explained how to re-inflate it. He used a lot of technical terms, and someone said, "You sure know a lot about Moon Bounce." The guy replied, "Well, in college we used to get them. We broke a few when we put too many people in. They cost thousands of dollars."

Lauren, one of the organizers, was handing out shirts with "turducken" logos on them. When they insisted I wear one, I went to the bathroom to change and wash up. I saw photos

of a rubber duck on the wall in various countries. Lisa said, "Oh, that's Arty. He's a bit pissed about us serving the turducken."

Guests continued to show up with side dishes. One woman brought Jell-O shots in the shape of the U.S. with the blue and red states represented.

Near one of the kegs, a guy said, "I'm the senior keg master. This is the junior keg master. That's why he has this high-powered water gun." Someone walked up and asked, "Where's my cup?" I informed him that there were markers to write your name on your cup. He said, "I had my name on it. I just can't remember where I put it. My cup needs a GPS device."

I glanced over and saw that the guys throwing the football had gotten creative. One made a catch and dove into the Moon Bounce. When he threw it back, the other guy made his catch after jumping onto the table. I wondered if anyone would think it was gross that his foot was on the table.

A few parties were dressed as pilgrims, and there were others dressed as Indians. One Indian girl was shooting arrows at people. When she had trouble with her shot, a guy next to her said, "I can put an apple on my head. Maybe that will help."

There was some dispute as to how Thanksgiving in July got started. This was the third year they'd done it and it was their biggest, with more than 100 people. Connor and his band the Re-rees had been together since the eighth grade. He said, "I had the idea. We couldn't really spend Thanksgiving together because some would go back to Virginia and another went back to Portland. A few went back East. We thought we'd just do it in July, when all of us were in town."

More cotton candy was passed around. I commented that all the leaves on the ground reminded me of Thanksgiving, but the cotton candy reminded me of a carnival. Adam told me about a carnival in North Dakota. He was ten years old, and a guy working a ride was singing "Paradise City" but changing the words to "big titties." Adam said, "I was only ten. I don't think this guy realized, or even cared, that kids could hear him singing these lyrics."

A few guys at the party had ridden their bikes to San Diego from North Carolina. It took them 45 days. Patrick said, "Well, we cheated a little bit. We took a bus part of the way. We did end up riding well over 20,000 miles."

When we sat down to eat, the band played the national anthem and every-

one stood up. I asked the person next to me, "Is it disrespectful that you have the feathers in your hair as the anthem plays?" He said, "I'm from Baltimore. It's an Orioles thing."

As we ate, we were given continuous updates on what food was left — "There's half a duck, a few turkey legs, and lots of chicken."

I glanced over at the people in line for seconds. A rap song by Biggie Smalls was playing. A bald white guy was bobbing his head to the tune, and my girlfriend leaned over to me and said, "Do you think he's really into this song or is he just happy that he's going to be eating more turkey?" ■

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North (Park) Sea

When the Linkery moved north and Sea Rocket took over its former quarters, I could barely contain myself. Seafood in North Park, less than ten minutes from home via my favorite scenic “Secret Freeway” (Pershing Drive, through Balboa Park)? And not just any seafood, but ultra-fresh seafood caught mainly locally — including sea urchin — served with equally virtuous local produce? Yes! They didn’t have to beg for my attention: Four weeks after the opening I was impatiently emailing the owners to ask: “Are you ready for prime time yet? If not yet, then when?”

They said they weren’t. They were still learning where to buy fish, whom to buy it from, how to cook it best. Another five weeks along, and their choreography still needs work, but the food is coming right along. When I heard that my implacable acquaintance, foodie princess Ariana (a glam blonde version of Anton Ego of *Ratatouille*), was eating there regularly and raving about the cooking, I figured they were as ready as they needed to be.

Now, if you care deeply about service, decor, and comfort, lop off at least a half-star from the rating. But Sea Rocket offers some extremely fine dishes (particularly their sea urchin presentations), and it’s such a sincere, ethical, ecologically minded (and affordable!) restaurant, bringing a desirable menu to a hungry neighborhood, that in this review I’m mainly going with what’s on my plate.

So let’s get the problems out of the way — bury Caesar before we praise him. What we have here, same as at the old Linkery, is an architectural noise machine: high ceilings; uncarpeted floor; big windows; a busy, open kitchen with the clang of pots and pans; and naked wooden tables and chairs. (Many of the tables are bar-height, too, which can be a problem to the mobility-challenged, the height-challenged, acrophobics, or flunk-outs of the fifth-grade PE course in Monkey Bars 101.) Somewhere there’s music (how high the moon), but whatever it is, it’s swallowed up in the ambient echoing *yadayada*. Adding aesthetic insult to auditory injury, the walls are painted a sludgy shade of “welfare green” — not the vibrant green of ecology but the depressive shade of “Ye who enter here, forsake all hope” municipal bureaucracies. (Odd, how other departments are typically also painted in different ugly colors, but welfare offices and juvie hall always seem to be this precise green. Maybe it’s the cheapest color.)

As for service, the staff are all friendly and nice, and I’m sure they’ll do well in life once they get their degrees and move on to their real professions, but meanwhile, they need a stronger choreographer to direct their moves. The kitchen is working frantically to turn out dishes, but if you stand near it for a few minutes, you’ll hear distress cries of “Who’s getting this?” and “Which table for the fish stew?” You don’t



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

get to keep your server for the whole meal; evidently the owners have chosen the “let’s all pitch in and raise the barn” mode of operation, and that means that your table can (and probably will) fall off the radar at some point. Eventually, you will probably get what you ordered. (I must say, though, that the slip-ups were minor compared to disasters my posses suffered at both our meals at nearby Urban Solace.)

Ariana, who has been known to torture professional waiters for perceived minuscule missteps, puts up with this hip-pie-dippie do-si-do, but while I haven’t succumbed to her degree of enchantment, I quite enjoyed most of what I ate, and even adored a few things.

Sea urchins are strong draws here — served “live” and raw in the shell, or in a bisque. (If you’re passionate about them, call the restaurant before you go to see if they’re available that night.) Truth is, once the top half of the shell is cut off and the blobby brown liquid inside drained away, leaving only the delectable sex organs, the urchin isn’t really “live” anymore. Its tentacles may still wave by reflex, only because the creature’s nervous system is too primitive to realize that its tiny soul has already passed on to the great kelp-bed in the sky. So go ahead and enjoy the sweet, soft meat spooned straight from the shell. (If you don’t do it, a local lobster will.) The bisque, too, is served in halved urchin shells. The soup is creamy and rich, with wonderful flavor, but you’d better not lift the spiky “bowl” to your lips to drain it to the dregs. If you want your emptied shells, they’ll give them to you. (They make beau-

tiful household ornaments. For a couple of weeks, they’re also pretty good at scaring off cats from newly seeded garden beds. Cats look at them, hunch their backs, hiss, and run away. In the sun, the spikes will eventually fall off, making mulch and leaving delicate white shell bowls behind.)

Drawing from a Greek sea-side classic, fat, long, local sardines are skewered on bamboo and grilled with a rub of lemon zest and oil, served with greens and a fine, sensual salad of Lompoc lima beans with olive oil. It’s really easy to slide the flesh off the bone-structure of the sardine. If you like rich, fatty fish, you’ll love these, and so will your “good cholesterol” count. A yummy sardine or two should just about wipe out last Sunday’s eggs Benedict.

“Steamers” (Carlsbad aqua-farmed mussels or clams) come in a zesty white-wine broth, along with hearty, flavorful Cardamom Cafe bread from the new bakery just around the corner.

That appetizer proved unexpectantly redundant that evening. We ordered an entrée of Fisherman’s Stew, which was supposed to include clams, squid, and fish, as well as mussels. It was all mussels that night, like Ahnold. (They’re great, sweet mussels, but I’d been looking forward to eating calamari cooked some way other than the ubiquitous deep-fried rendition, which seems to have supplanted all other squid applications.) But the stew’s tomato-based sauce was delicious, in the way of great Italian grandma home-cooking, assuming Grannie came from the Mediterranean coast. The sauce was

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rich and fresh, not too thick or dense, with plenty of garlic, onions, and herbal undertones — classically Ligurian and irresistible.

Seared scallops featured jumbo diver scallops aquacultured in Baja (most likely the chubby *mano de león* subspecies), served with a few soggy zucchini slices and “smoked” mashed potatoes. We couldn’t taste any smoke, but we appreciated the ample butter in the spuds. The scallops were sweet and fresh, cooked with care to perfect tenderness. To repeat from earlier reviews: Baja scallops may not have the subtle, sexy undertone of Maine scallops, but they’re much more reliable, always sweet, with no danger of jet-lagged flavor loss.

The Lynnester had already scouted Sea Rocket and had sampled a fish du jour with vegetable pistou on her earlier visit with Ariana. The attraction,

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per the menu, is “a ratatouille-style mixture of seasonal vegetables.” Lynne loved it her first outing but was disappointed this time around with the vegetable mix, which wasn’t as exciting or perhaps not as adeptly cooked. Obviously, Sea Rocket is still having consistency problems. The fish was yellowtail (last time it was halibut). It wasn’t bad but was slightly oversalted and slightly overcooked.

By dessert “our” waiter had grown scarce, so we grabbed whoever was around. All the whoevers were pleasant and accommodating, but we’d long since finished our coffee (very good French press, an Italian dark roast from Caffé Calabria) by the time our ricotta cheesecake with berries showed up. It was marginally okay — lean, dryish, kind of homey and amateurish. Later yet came our empanada stuffed with peaches and

rhubarb. “This empanada dough is way too thick and doughy for fruit,” said Lynne, accurately. “It tastes like it’s made for beef and onions,” said Ben. Right again. The dough for Argentine-style *empanadas de horno* (baked empanadas) is tougher and much less buttery than pie or tart crust, and here it was rolled out too thick. It’d be better, in a dessert, to use the very short and rather difficult dough for Chilean-style *empanadas de hoja* (fried empanadas, in which the dough separates itself into thin, buttery layers, like strudel or croissants). That could be a knockout, not a knockoff.

Basic question: Will I go back? Of course I will. I envision Sea Rocket as a terrific neighborhood restaurant in the not-too-far future, once the kinks are worked out. It’ll probably always be too noisy

for me (unless they spring for some sound-baffles and carpeting — hey, starting today, everybody go to Sea Rocket every week and drench them in money so they can redecorate!), but the food’s already universally interesting, and some dishes (e.g., the sea urchins and those divinely simple grilled sardines) are exceptional. Of course, I don’t mind a bit that the restaurant is openly devoted to the methods and mission of the slow-food movement. At the risk of seeming insufferably earnest: Global warming, soaring oil prices, salmonella from unsourced factory-farmed tomatoes and peppers — these are just a few scary signs of what a pleasure-

less, fast-profit-centered ethos has brought us to. No accident that slow food and locavore cooking are gaining currency at this moment. They’re good for the planet, good for our bodies — and, wow! They taste great, too.

Rather than include a chef interview this week, let me suggest that you visit the restaurant’s website and click “blogs.” You’ll find videotapes of diving for urchins, fishing for bass, and hunting great white whales, along with vast amounts of owner Dennis’s prose, from which you can learn everything you want to know about Sea Rocket, sustainable seafood, the difficulties of opening a restaurant, and more. ■



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'Yippee! It's okay to eat burgers again!" This is our neighbor Lisa. She's yelling it from the balcony of her apartment.

Us burger-loving burghers, Carla and I, gather 'neath her balcony.

"Burgers are back!" Lisa says. "Really. Grass-fed."

"Burgers fed on grass?" Carla asks.

"Cattle — fed on grass," Lisa says. "Which means they aren't stuffed with corn. That's what the Burger Lounge uses. In Kensington. I've just been. These burgers could actually be good for you!" Then she mysteriously adds, "Thank Bill Kurtis — *Little House on the Prairie*."

I'm about to ask what da heck she's talking about when Linda's cell phone starts blasting out "Hello, Moto. Hello, Moto..." She gives a little "for you to find out" grin and disappears inside.

One thing I do know: Lisa's into organics. It's kept her out of burger joints for the longest time. And as it happens, I'm headed Kensington way, after popping into San Diego State. I'm interested, and so's Carla. "Why don't you try it?" she says. "It could be our secret to a healthy life."

So, at San Diego State I board my stretch limo — okay, the #11 bus — and jump off ten minutes later smack-dab in deepest Kensington. Just beyond the liquor store, Glenn's Bottle House, I spot a wood-and-aluminum sign: "Burger Lounge."

It's new, but in a not-so-new building with two levels of arched passageways. Down here on the sidewalk, half a dozen tables with white umbrellas stand empty, except for one. It's early, around 5:00, Friday afternoon. A lone customer sits hunched over, holding a pretty awesome-looking burger in both hands. He looks worried. Like, is he man enough to take

this thing on?

"They good?" I ask.

"First time," he says.

Inside, it's a different story — I have to join a line waiting to order. The place looks fresh, cool, like it was designed to feed Kensington's understated middle-class carnivores. White walls, mostly, with orange stripes scootin' round the place. Chestnut-brown-stained concrete floor, a dozen counter stools, milky acrylic tables, rainbow-striped Formica chairs, and lime-green and brown settees.

'Course, I should be studying the wall menu, not the walls, except it's pretty simple, and if you're here for burgers, there is only one choice. It's the grilled Lounge Burger, with "Tallgrass" grass-fed beef, plus the usual: bun, lettuce, tomato, raw or grilled onions, melted cheddar or American cheese, and a plot of "house-made" Thousand Island dressing. Costs \$6.95.

That's it, except for a turkey burger or a veggie "quinoa" burger (each \$6.95) and "crispy chicken tenders on a stick," with BBQ or ranch dipping sauce (also \$6.95) — plus a couple of \$7-\$8 salads. But come on, who's not here for the grass-fed beef?

I order my Lounge Burger from Jessica at the register. "Cheddar or American?" "Cheddar." "Raw or grilled onions?" "Grilled." "Anything on the side?"

Oh, right. This is what all the "premium" burger places are doing now: making the fries a separate order. Good marketing ploy. "Twice-cooked" fries are \$3, or a cardboard pot of half-and-half fries and onion rings is \$5. Okay, \$4.95. But they say one's born every minute. So I'll be a sucker. I order the half-and-half. Right now my burger's costing \$12. Gonna have to be good.

By the time Jessica has brought it all out,

the place is bulging with people and the line's out the door. All the sidewalk tables buzz with Friday-night fervor. Here inside, a guy and a gal sit down next to me. Matthew and Kristina. He's a sound engineer, she's an artist. He's ordered onion rings (\$3.95), she's ordered the veggie burger and a Bundaberg ginger beer (\$2.95).

"I've been vegetarian," he says. "But Kristina's got me on to fish, to give me more energy. Except, no fish here, so I'll stick to onion rings."

Jessica brings my burger on a white, squarish china dish. Aha. Kind you'd see in a sushi joint. The burger patty is one big chunk, squarish, too. I chomp in. There isn't any one distinct flavor — except good and meaty. Mostly, it's juicy. Ooh. So juicy. Very sexy. The slippery grilled onions help, and so does the bun, baked from their own recipe, they say. It tastes a little yeasty, of molasses. That's good.

Tall guy named Sky — coincidence? — brings my tower of fries and onion rings. I have to ask, "Are these burgers really good for you?"

"Well, the meat all comes from the Red Buffalo Ranch in Kansas," he says. "The cows roam the prairieland, 10,000 acres. It makes a difference to the meat. It's definitely much healthier. Lower in cholesterol, higher in vitamins, 25 percent higher in protein than the grain-fed cattle they raise in feedlots."

Huh. The more I hear, the more I like. Turns out the Red Buffalo Ranch is owned by Bill Kurtis, the crime-TV investigative guy (*American Justice*). And guess what? His ranch was once the home of Laura Ingalls Wilder, who wrote *Little House on the Prairie* and all the other "Little House" books. So that's what Lisa was talking about. Whatever, Kurtis has been converted to the grass-fed-beef idea of cattle roaming free. Got involved with a couple of geneticists. Seems they tracked down some of the few cows left bearing genes that



Sky

hadn't been screwed up by the corn-feeding craziness that's reigned since WWII. In Montana, they found a "pure" herd of cattle descended from *Mayflower*-era English breeds. Result? Cattle producing meat that's much nearer to the ideal balance of omega-6 fatty acids ("bad") to omega-3 ("good"): one to one. Other meat can be more like 10, even 20 omega-6 to 1 omega-3. It's killing us with the wrong fats. But just as eating cold-water fish like mackerel helps reverse that, says Kurtis, so can meat from cows who spend their lives simply doing what comes naturally — eating grass, getting exercise.

Whew. Hamburgers as health food? I stumble out onto Adams. Man, that'd be so-o cool. Who doesn't hate the sight of cattle packed into stinking yards, being pumped with antibiotics and hormones just to make them grow fast and be less chewy on our plate. I head home to report the good news. What's next? The FDA advising, "A grass-fed burger a day keeps the doctor away"? ■

The Place: Burger Lounge, 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929; also at 1101 Wall Street, La Jolla (858-456-0196), and soon (around August 11) at 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado (619-435-6835)

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BEACHES

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Bully's La Jolla 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very '60s. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut eight ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It does a hang-ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a

Southern Low Country accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size.

The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

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Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of the Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts,

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Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Baja, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian upon request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Baja, 664-685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare,

from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Baja, 664-684-8882. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the *cabichucho* (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café; on the strada or little cozy

corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrivederci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W.*

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gra-

cious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venture-some than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W.*

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Here, you're in a Latino-chic world, but don't be afraid to order simple things, like shrimp or beef tacos. Larry Auman, the owner-chef-artist, makes you feel you're in Mexico City or Veracruz with his masks and yellow-wash walls and those awesome, interesting tacos. The Caesar salad is wonderful, too. Try it with mahimahi or shrimp. Also look for specials like Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef) or Yucatán seafood stew with salsa, habanero, and ginger on black beans and rice. For all the folk-industrial glamour, we're talking Latin-American comfort food. This cantina is what San Diego should be: bicultural. Bring both languages. Open noon to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or “the other white”) meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a pre-cooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s’ pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-3474. There’s something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain’s Northern California facilities, so when

the menu refers to a “local” species it merely means it’s from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The Ichiban Hamachi (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W.

George’s on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger’s on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger’s rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It’s still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices

— although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster martini,” oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — N.W.

Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you’ll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a “peace blossom,” or boarding his Italian “*treno della pace*.” Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped Neat-loaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through

Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

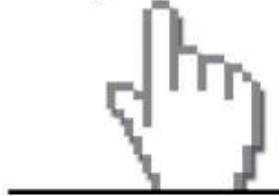
Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This long-standing, comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for flavorful, seasonal California cuisine with adventurous touches of Asia and Mexico. It’s way beyond what most neighborhoods would expect. Well-known local chef Hanis Cavin (a big, low-key guy) proves an alpha griller, ensuring that every bite is cooked precisely until it’s done, not a second longer. Almost everything is more than tasty. Most desserts come from upscale sister-restaurant Laurel, although the house-made choices are fine, too — no baby-food sweets here. Wine list is adventurous with lots of affordable choices; full bar. Small parking lot attached. Always a few dishes for vegetarians and a vegan entrée. Reservations recommended. Dinner nightly. “Early-bird” three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive. — N.W.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill’s Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film,

Strip Club is the Gaslamp’s big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It’s loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf’s, they’re still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantism. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinner nightly, open until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Ital-

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ian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Dinner buffet Monday and Thursday. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned Pho Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest en-

try from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrees. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crepe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling

What the Chef Eats

HOMEMADE PASTA SAUCE WITH SAUSAGE

BY MATT GARDNER, OWNER

Bronx Pizza, Hillcrest

Every Sunday is pasta day, so that's probably my favorite thing to make. I make my traditional pasta sauce with sausage. I start it in the morning because you gotta let it simmer all day. Usually it's my wife and six-year old daughter for dinner, and my in-laws from Mt. Helix come every other week. Nicky "Shoes" Cotrona used to always

come for pasta when he was alive. He was originally from Calabria, Italy, and taught me everything I know about pizza. A lot of the recipes at Bronx Pizza are his. He was a character from back when there really *were* characters. I miss him. Fat Tommy used to come too, but he got into all kinds of trouble. He got into so much

trouble in San Diego that he had to go back to New York. My brother is visiting from New York. He's a homicide cop there, and he'll be here for dinner on Sunday. We'll have a riot.

INGREDIENTS

Sauce

¼ cup of olive oil

1 small onion

2–3 cloves garlic



mushrooms and peppers (optional)

2 cans (28 oz.) of whole peeled

pear tomatoes

1 small can of tomato paste

1 cup of wine

salt and pepper to taste

rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woelsle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on "Bistro Wednesdays" when simpler food is served. — N.W.

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sumomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the

corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wall-

paper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B.

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avenida Place, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised.

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NORTH COASTAL

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring worldwide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M.

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HOW TO DO IT
It's really basic. You start off in the morning and put olive oil in a large skillet

over medium heat. Add onions and garlic, and if you like, add some mushrooms and peppers. Then I stir in two whole cans of peeled pear tomatoes and one small can of tomato paste. Mix well. Add in the wine, salt, pepper and oregano. Then stir in the Parmesan cheese until melted. Really, you can add in whatever you have

in the fridge. Let it simmer all day long in a covered pot or skillet.
To cook the sausages, add them to a large, heavy skillet over low high heat. Let cook for 5–7 minutes on each side before turning them, or about 20 minutes total. While sausages are cooking, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and

add pasta. Cook pasta according to directions. Drain and dress with sauce. Top with sausages, and serve.

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Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere “pho joint,” this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of prewar Saigon — and the owners’ daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching Westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of ground shrimp on sugar cane so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and Star of the Sea curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam’s own “33” brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W.

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882.

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Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Market occupies an odd location, way out in the boonies of far-east Del Mar, but it’s worth seeking out. The menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs chef-owner Carl Schroeder (formerly at Arterra) finds at the local produce market (Chino Farms) and from the nearby seas. Despite the ambitious food and prices, vibes are

neighborhood restaurant — people are having a good time here, and so will you. For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good, with no letdown. At our visit, boneless beef shortribs, North Atlantic monkfish, bluenose bass, and venison chops were all imaginative, with perfectly sized portions and intriguing sides. Appetizers may include celery-root soup, Maine lobster salad, bleu-cheese soufflé, and a strudel of forest mushrooms and artichokes, all of them scrumptious — but the menu could be completely different when you visit, so be prepared. This is truly seasonal, local cuisine, and hurray for that. Dinner nightly. Reservations essential. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W.

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita

bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey burger. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ruth's Chris Steak House Carmel Valley 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an av-

erage bottle price of \$70 and reasonable markups. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D.

SOUTH BAY

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 East Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut), and tom yum (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious panang coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the sate, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave-but-tender farang taste buds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Thai Cafe — Coronado 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217. Tourists may not take this little open-sided kiosk restaurant at Coronado's Ferry Landing seriously, but this has to be some of the best-prepared Thai food in the county. It's all laid out buffet style in chafing dishes. You can sample



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Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 4 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY

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Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Place, Inland Border Towns, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby, then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for "The Works" omelet. It's loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut vegetables in it that you won't need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Downtown Café 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought-iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war and Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom iHunter omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — *E.B.*

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American Teen — Nanette Burstein’s documentary on the daily lives of Indiana high-school seniors.
(FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 8/8)

Baghead — Four struggling actors, plus an unsteady camera, repair to a remote Big Bear cabin for a weekend, to write themselves a film much like the one we’re watching: a shoestring relationship thing that develops into a thriller thing. For the four actors (Ross Partridge, Steve Zissis, Greta Gerwig, Elise Muller) and for the brotherly writing and directing team of Jay and Mark Duplass, it serves the purpose of an audition tape. The paying customer, unable to give them a job, is apt to feel he has given more than enough. 2008.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/7)

The Bank Job — “Based on a true story,” or anyway on a true bank job, the knock-over of Lloyds Bank, Baker Street, London, 1971. The filmmakers, headed by the veteran Australian-born director Roger Donaldson and screenwriters Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais, have taken advantage of the cloak of mystery that still surrounds the case, to concoct a salacious hypothesis that can’t be disproved, other than by common sense. The British Secret Service, by this scenario, was the prime mover behind the raid, desirous of getting their hands on compromising pornographic photos of



Hell Ride

Princess Margaret — yes, Princess Margaret, cavorting with dark-skinned natives in the Caribbean — held in the safe-deposit box of a blackmailing Black Militant. But the way it goes down (as we say in the underworld), it is self-refuting. The notion that MI5, from a safe distance, and through a coerced middle-woman, would farm out the operation to an unknowing gang of petty criminals, novices at bank jobs, is ridiculous on the face of it. Ridiculous because of the high probability (assuming the

novices could pull off the job in the first place) of its turning out exactly as it turns out on screen: the hot photos ending up in unpredictable hands. If a team of filmmakers can’t find a true story that’s any truer than this, they need to keep looking. Or better yet, start from scratch. The almost farcical complications, if taken with sufficient grains of salt, are diverting enough. And the Seventies period has its pleasures, not just the usual haircuts, bellbottoms, plaids, etc., but all that forgotten Black

Power stuff, and most particularly the rolled-back level of technology: a simple jackhammer, a concrete-penetrating blowtorch, some walkie-talkies, and an amateur ham radio that chances to pick up the back-and-forth between the robbers in mid-job. A refreshing change, all that, from the computer-age hocus-pocus of *Ocean’s Eleven*, ...*Twelve*, ...*Thirteen*, and their ilk. Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows, Stephen Campbell Moore, James Faulkner. 2008.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC

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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.
● (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/8; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Bustin’ Down the Door — Historical documentary on surfing in the Seventies, narrated by Edward Norton, directed by Jeremy Gosch.
(GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/8; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/7; LA PALOMA; OCEANSIDE 16)

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 em-



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blematic 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 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)

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,



The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

Terence Stamp, and James Caan; directed by Peter Segal. 2008.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

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; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 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 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; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Hell Ride — Writer and director and co-star Larry Bishop officiates a shotgun marriage of the biker film and the spaghetti Western: a pig-in-shit frolic. Executive-produced by Quentin Tarantino, Keeper of Low Standards. With Michael Madsen, Eric Balfour, Vinnie Jones, Dennis Hopper, and David Carradine. 2008.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/8)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg rejoin forces, nineteen years later, for a fourth archaeological adventure. Ford, with his big-cat purr of a voice, remains an amiable fellow; and if he’s a bit jowlier beneath that crumpled face (like a wadded-up piece of paper retrieved from the wastebasket and mostly smoothed out again), and if he occasionally throws in a disarming grumble or groan in recognition of his advancing years, he nonetheless keeps pace with the physical action, or else his director cleverly covers for him during it, so that he shows no such signs of wear and tear as would demand any added suspension of disbelief beyond the several tons suspended already in the prior adventures. Spielberg, for his part, eager to show that *Munich* burned no bridges, any more than *Schindler’s List* or *Amistad* burned any, is still a superior technician. Superior, that is to say, to Michael Bay, Simon West, Brett Ratner, Roland Emmerich, Renny Harlin, John McTiernan, Jon Turteltaub, among other wannabes; and the relentless action scenes are always impressive in their engineering while never being in the least believable or involving. (A fencing bout conducted in side-by-side jeeps at top speed unfailingly focusses our attention on the filmmaker rather than on the fencers.) In the end — in the accumulation — the action grows more than a little tedious. Spielberg’s technique is superior not only to others’ technique but also to his own taste. A good long time, needless to stress, has gone by since the previous Indy adventure, and the new one can’t be content to try to top just that one. It has to try to top, in addition, *The Da Vinci Code*, the *National Treasure* hunts, the Lara Croft adventures,



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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)

A Jihad for Love — Documentary on homosexuality in the Muslim world, written and directed by Parvez Sharma. (KEN, 8/8 THROUGH 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.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE 1N)

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

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With the recent recognition at the Cannes Film Festival for courageous and eclectic works like Matteo Garron's *Gomorra* and Paolo Sorrentino's *Il Divo*, Italy is running strong in the film department this year. The SDIFF will present a selection of new Italian cinema in October, screening small gems unavailable in the U.S., like Vincenzo Marra's *Vento di Terra*, Stefano Mordini's *Provincia Meccanica*, and Enrico Pau's *Jimmy della Collina*. Hence, attendance is a must! In anticipation of the festival in the fall, I'd like to suggest three films that have become staples of Italian cinema courses in U.S. colleges, all three capturing the changing features of Italian society: Gabriele Muccino's *L' Ultimo Bacio* (*The Last Kiss*), Ferzan Ozpetek's *Le Fate Ignoranti* (*His Secret Life*) and Marco Tullio Giordana's *The Best of Youth*.

L'ULTIMO BACIO (Italy) 2001, Palace Films
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Caterina in the Big City

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In its first year, SDIFF showed a remarkable range of films. For those who want to expand on their Italian-film list, I would definitely recommend: Silvio Soldini's *Bread and Tulips*, Paolo Virzi's *Caterina in the Big City* — excellent companions to SDIFF's previously screened *Agatha and the Storm* and *Ginger and Cinnamon* — Giuseppe Piccioni's *Light of My Eyes*. These films star women of different generations at a cross-road in their lives. *Bread and Tulips* is the story of Rosalba, a typical Italian stay-at-home mom who decides to visit Venice on her own and stumbles on her true vocation in the process. *Caterina in the Big City* presents the tribulation of a high school teenager newly arrived in Rome. *Light of My Eyes*, the most intense of the three, is about the developing relationship of an unlikely couple: a lonely driver and a single mom.

BREAD AND TULIPS (Italy) 2002, Sony Pictures
List price: \$24.96

CATERINA IN THE BIG CITY (Italy) 2005, Eagle Video
List price: (Import only)

LIGHT OF MY EYES (Italy) 2001, Film Movement
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tic-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 song-book, 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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Man on Wire — Documentary by James Marsh on Philippe Petit's funambulist stunt atop the World Trade Center in 1974. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/8)

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.
★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/8; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor — As if this "franchise" were not already junked up (and joked up) enough, it now adds Asian martial arts, Shangri-La, computer-animated yeti, a snowy avalanche in place of a sandstorm, a three-headed dragon, a terra-cotta army, and more. Will the thrills ever commence? With Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello (taking over the Rachel Weisz role, British accent and all), Luke Ford, John Hannah, Jet Li, Michelle Yeoh, and Isabella Leong; directed by Rob Cohen. 2008.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Pineapple Express — Crime comedy with Seth Rogen, James Franco, and Danny McBride, directed by David Gordon Green. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR

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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. Tempetuous 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.
● (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Shadow of a Doubt — The story of an adolescent girl's pampering affection for her pet uncle (both are called Charlie), and of her vengeful about-face when she discovers he's the notorious "Merry Widow Murderer," is, so they say, one of Hitchcock's personal favorites among his movies. Not a bad choice. The direction is typically tricky and overemphatic in the suspense machinations, but there is some honest observation of small-town ways (due partly, no doubt, to the script by Thornton Wilder, and partly to the location work around Santa Rosa, Ca.); and there is some genuine psychological complexity in the Teresa Wright (or Little Charlie) character. With Joseph Cotten and Hume Cronyn. 1943.
★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/7 AND 8, 8:30 P.M.)

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 — Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera, Blake Lively, and Amber Tamblyn regroup under a new director, Sanaa Hamri. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/8)

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 your 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

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.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Last Mistress — Adaptation of a mid-19th-century novel by Barbey d'Aurevilly, 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, her lover's fiancée. If Argento's evident breast implants and 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 her *Romance*, *The Fat Girl*, *Anatomy of Hell*, and they're 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, filtered through the sensibility of a capital-R Romantic, has almost a documentary instructiveness. Fu'ad Ait Aatou, Roxane Mesquida, Claude Sarraute, Michael Lonsdale. 2008.
★★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/8; KEN, THROUGH 8/7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/8)

Mamma Mia! — The Catherine Johnson stage musical brought to the screen under its stage director, Phyllida Lloyd: a roman-

PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO 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 di-rected by Kari Skogland. 2008. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Swing Vote — Neo-Capra political fable (the cusswords are a large part of the “neo”) about a Regular Joe in Texico, New Mexico, who, through a Byzantine conspir-acy of events, holds the single decisive vote in the Presidential election, subjecting him to round-the-clock media scrutiny and per-sonalized campaigns from both parties. The shiftiness of the candidates seems fair enough (even if the balance of coverage fa-

vors the Republican incumbent), and the embodiment of the American voter in an apathetic uninformed nincompoop (Kevin Costner in his most affable folksy mode, notwithstanding the character’s peccadil-loes) seems fair enough as well, but at some point the didacticism starts to outweigh the entertainment and credibility. Moral of the tale, after a traditional climax of public mortification: Get out and vote! With Madeline Carroll, Paula Patton, Kelsey Grammer, Stanley Tucci, Dennis Hopper, and Nathan Lane; directed by Joshua Michael Stern. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-CONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 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)

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 Har-lan 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 pe-diatrician, hounded by a remorseless hit squad, can call in a favor (i.e., troop sup-port) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophilic 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 vic-tim. All along the way the storytelling em-ploys withholding and delaying tactics whose effect is more annoyance than sus-pense; 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 Hoff-man, 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-busi-ness attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessive-compulsive cop on the case (exasperated, for example, at his un-derling’s carelessness in differentiating be-tween 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)

The Wackness — Summer vacation after high school and before college: a romance blossoms between a teenage dope peddler and his classmate client, and a bond of friendship forms between the former and the latter’s father, a crazy mixed-up psychi-atrist. The action is set back in 1994, but that’s no excuse for the colors fading al-most to ashes. And while Olivia Thirlby is appealing as the girl, Josh Peck isn’t the most credible friendless virgin, a social pariah despite his superficial attractiveness (in a too-cool-for-school sort of way, sleepy-eyed, slack-jawed, froggy-throated)

and despite his flourishing candy store. Ben Kingsley’s strangeness as the psychiatrist is more the strangeness of an actor than of a character, the strangeness of an affected, abstracted manner and a stifled, indefinite accent. With Famke Janssen, Jane Adams, Mary-Kate Olsen, and Method Man; writ-ten and directed by Jonathan Levine. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

WALL-E — Relentlessly sentimental sci-ence fiction about a cute anthropomor-phized “male” robot — a rattletrap con-traption 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 indestruc-tible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped “fembot,” whom he follows up to a moth-er ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like hu-mans. 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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)

The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **Swing Vote** (PG-13); **WALL-E** (G)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

Bustin’ Down the Door (Not Rated); **Han-cock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G); **The Last Mistress** (Not Rated); **Mongol** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Em-peror** (PG-13); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **Indiana**

Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:10, 7:05, 9:50; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:45, 9:55; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (1:05, 4:05) 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:05, 7:15, 9:30; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:50); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:15, 10:20; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. (12:40, 1:15, 1:45, 3:10, 4:05, 4:35, 5:45) 7:10, 7:45, 8:15, 9:45, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 1:15, 1:45, 3:10) 4:05, 4:35, 5:45, 7:10, 7:45, 8:15, 9:45, 10:20, 10:50; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20, 5:05) 6:40, 7:35, 9:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 5:05, 6:40, 7:35, 9:35, 10:00; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:35) 7:00, 9:40; **Wanted** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)

The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Mongol** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **The Sisterhood of the Travel-ing Pants 2** (PG-13); **Step Brothers** (R); **Swing Vote** (PG-13); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Brideshead Revisited (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:50,

8:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:50, 8:00; **Mongol** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 7:00; **The Stone Angel** (R) Fri. 4:30, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 4:30, 9:40; **Tell No One (Ne le dis a personne)** (NR) Fri. 2:10, 5:00, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 8:15; **The Last Mistress** (NR) Fri. 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

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Mira Mesa 18

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An Affair to Remember (Not Rated); **Shadow of a Doubt** (Not Rated)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

American Teen (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:10, 11:10) 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:50, 5:00, 6:10, 7:20, 8:30, 9:45, 10:50 Sun. (10:10, 11:10) 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:50, 5:00, 6:10, 7:20, 8:30, 9:45; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 2:35, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40 Sun. (11:50) 2:35, 5:20, 8:00; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 12:50, 2:10, 3:25, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**

(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 11:20) 12:40, 2:00, 3:20, 4:40, 6:05, 7:40, 8:40, 10:15; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35 Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:25, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:55 Sun. (10:00) 12:25, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:10) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:35 Sun. (10:10) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30; **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:55, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Pineapple Express (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:45; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 9:45; **The Dark Knight** (Pg-13) (12:15 3:30) 6:15 7:15 9:30 10:30; **Mamma Mia** (Pg-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Step Brothers** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:15; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45)

5:15 7:30 10:00 *No 7:30 Thu 8/7; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG 13) (10:30 1:15 3:45) *No 10:30 Sat 8/9; **Sushi Pack** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Jour-ney to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **Sex and the City** (R); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Step Brothers** (R); **Swing Vote** (PG-13); **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

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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 di-

rected by Andrew Stanton. 2008.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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-rid-dled 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 — Six

years after the termination of the TV series (ten years after the mid-run movie), 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. The case that draws them back into the fold is not all that far out of this world, not all that far out of the workaday police procedural: an abducted female

(R) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:40

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1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Planet Earth: Fresh Water** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 12:20, 12:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:05, 5:30) 7:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:35, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 12:20, 12:40, 2:10, 3:40) 4:05, 5:30, 7:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:35, 10:55; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:55; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:55, 10:45; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:35); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:30, 5:15) 8:10, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 5:15, 8:10, 10:50; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. (10:40, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 4:20, 4:50) 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00) 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 8:00, 10:45; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:35) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:35, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 10:00; **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:05p.m.

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)
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The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 1:15, 1:50, 2:15, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 10:25, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 1:15, 1:50, 2:15) 4:55, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 10:25, 10:50; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:25, 3:55) 7:40, 10:05; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 11:30; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:25) 7:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:25, 7:55; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 11:10, 11:40, 1:30, 2:00, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 6:55, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 11:10, 11:40, 1:30, 2:00, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 6:55, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:00, 10:35; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. (10:50, 11:20, 1:40, 2:10, 4:30, 5:00) 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 11:20, 1:40, 2:10) 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:40; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 8:05, 10:10, 11:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 8:05, 10:10, 11:10; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 4:00) 7:25, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 4:00, 7:25, 10:20; **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to**

Believe (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:00, 11:00

SANTEE

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10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



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FBI agent and a pedophiliac defrocked priest who might or might not be psychic. 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 ultimately will 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 extraterres-

trial life or supernatural entities. And that's a relief. This modest entertainment, under the authoritative direction of series creator Chris Carter, 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, the ex-priest 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.) Though you might almost wish that the movie had wiped the slate clean and started over with baggage-free characters, the passing years have added an attractive weariness, a romantic 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, at present it's Sisyphus. With Billy Connolly and Amanda Peet. 2008. ★★ ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

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Puttin' on the Blitz

"If a risky play only runs four nights, by the time anybody hates it, it's gone."

Every show starts with a stack of papers," says Duane Daniels, founder of the Fritz Theatre, "words on a page, from the script to production demands, and they're just the tip of one humongous iceberg" — including, for the producers of the Fritz Blitz Festival of New Plays, cell phones always ringing and, they estimate, thousands of emails.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

EMAIL TO THEATER COMMUNITY 7/15: "This is Duane Daniels: You're receiving this email because you have helped the Fritz in the past. THANK YOU. Can you please help us find: 8-10 flats (4 X 8, or any other sizes you have); 3 door units (with doors preferably); living room furniture (couch, chairs, reasonably good shape)."

For 15 years, Daniels and his company have staged the largest new-play festival on the West Coast. They accept submissions from all over California (over 1500 since its inception) and mount 10 to 12 each year: that's 2 or 3 plays a week for four weeks — new ones, uncharted territory. Unlike other festivals, this summer's showcases "the Best of the Blitz," popular shows from years past, including Steven A. Lyons's *Peaches En Regalia*, Kim Porter's *Liferaft Willie*, and Craig Abernethy's *State of the Art*.

EMAIL 7/3: "The park bench is ON LOAN from MiraCosta College. So please, no changes to the bench as received — no paint, no screws, no nails, or anything else. Thanx."

Daniels and his coworkers are always on the move. Along with reading scripts, they cast (over 100 actors audition each year), choose directors, rehearse ten shows, construct sets. The process requires the energy of a triathlete — and this year more than that, since the dates got moved up a month at the last minute. Originally scheduled to begin August 28, the festival opened July 31 — and may be the last Blitz ever.

EMAIL 7/3: "Each Tuesday for four weeks at 10am we move our shows into the building: putting up flats and spiking. Around noon, electricians hang and focus lights. Set work continues, but it's darker. Around 2, Ginger [Harris, who designs lighting for the festival] takes charge. About 5, the lighting tech segues into actor-proofing the stage."

The Fritz held its inaugural show in 1991 on

Seventh Avenue between J and K. Back then it was an old industrial section: run-down brick warehouses and smashed car windows glittering on badly lit sidewalks and gutters. Today the storefront space would be a foul ball away from Petco.

By 1994, the Fritz had earned a reputation for doing edgy, honest theater. It introduced San Diego to many of today's hottest playwrights: Nikki Silver, Suzan-Lori Parks, Donald Margulies, and Paula Vogel. But the idea for a new-play festival, Daniels admits, "was as much about putting butts in seats as it was about art." No matter what they offered, the Fritz couldn't sell a ticket between July and August. The theater had no air-conditioning.

In the spring of 1994, Daniels was house-sitting for friends on Texas Street. He, Bryan Bevell, and Karin Williams — the Fritz triumvirate in those days — held a "board meeting" in the Jacuzzi. Bevell got an idea: a festival of, say, ten new plays from ten minutes to two hours long. They'd need 40 to 75 local actors to cast the shows. Add local directors and designers, and the Fritz could build an audience on just the creative team's friends.

The idea was for a fundraiser, but the immediacy of new work also grabbed them: a festival of "what's coming out of California's word processors right now." The first year they received 50 submissions and staged 11 scripts. Ginger Harris, who designed lights during the Blitz's early years and often since, realized at once that the project was crucial: "These writers had nowhere else to submit work, or no theater with the, let's say, 'imagination' to bring it forward."

The quality of plays and productions, Daniels admits, hasn't always been there, especially at first. "We've had our hits and misses. I tell the company, 'You don't know great theater until you see bad theater.'" But over the years, as the Blitz became known, more viable playwrights, with off-off-Broadway credits, offered their latest, among them Josefina Lopez, Doug Field, and Melanie Marnich. And the Blitz has been a springboard for unknown playwrights as well.

Kristen Lazarian's *Push* was so experimental no one would touch it. The two-acter has 18 scenes. Act One presents the first halves of 9 scenes. Act



Duane Daniels

Two gives the second halves of the 9 scenes in the same order: 1A in Act One, 1B in Two. The Blitz staged the piece in 2006. Theatre 40 in Beverly Hills will mount *Push* this September.

EMAIL 6/18: "The budget's an intangible. If we have money, we spend it. If we don't, we don't."

The Fritz found staging shows with short runs to be liberating. "We could take huge risks," says Daniels, "the kind you couldn't if you ran four to six weeks. If a risky one only runs four nights, by the time anybody hates it, it's gone."

They also found they could use theatrical styles other than their own. "We don't do *Come Blow Your Horn*, but we haven't gone WAY out there either." Karl Gajdusek's *Dr.'s F's in the Terminal Ward* fits the second category. Matthew Wilder, an always-inventive director, gave this sensual drama about Frankenstein an elongated physicality, bloody effects, and nudity. "It probably wouldn't have sold during a long run," says Daniels, "but for four performances it was a brief smash hit."

EMAIL 7/17: "I would like to get a master cast list started.... Also, we have postcards [for advertising]; it'd be great if you could pass your cast members a stack and ask them to please distribute them wherever."

The Blitz has been a launching pad for actors as well as plays. Peter J. Smith, who appeared in several festivals, had a regular role on the TV series *West Wing*. And Daniels has become, he says with a wry grin, a "celebrity guy." Along with performing over 2000 times in *Triple Espresso* at the Hahn, he had an ongoing role as Mr. Clemmons,



2006 script submissions

principal of the high school in *Veronica Mars*. Last week, he took time out from myriad Blitz duties to meet his fans at Comic-Con. ("I got my first fan letter when I was 45," says the 48-year-old. "If it takes 45 to get my next? That's not doing too well." Actually he receives many, and from around the world.)

EMAIL TO A VOLUNTEER 6/21: "You'll work with us on crew for week one: rehearsals 6-10 (earlier if you're avail). Did I mention this is a volunteer position? Don't worry, they all are!"

Between 2003 and 2006, the Blitz had a guardian angel. The late Craig A. Mueller, a retired airline pilot, bought 500 tickets for students to see the festival. His annual donation helped the Fritz break even. Mueller died last September. Without his contribution, the festival cannot continue. Advertisements announce that this year's will "absolutely, probably" be the last Fritz Blitz.

"It's most likely quittin' time," says Daniels, "for several reasons. In a way, we've moved on. Bryan [Bevell]'s gone. Candis [Paule, casting director] has a busy career and growing family. And I live in L.A. But if it were financially feasible, are you kidding? We'd love to continue."

Daniels is — and is not — resigned to ending the festival. Keeping busy, he confessed, hasn't blocked an impending sense of loss, the size of which he can't yet fathom.

"It's a tragedy," says Ginger Harris. "I can't imagine that the most important new-works festival around could just die! Duane gave so many their first chance, especially young people who can

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really write, like Kevin [Armento]. He does dialogue like Mamet and scenes like Orton. And he's 22! Kim Porter won a McDonald [Marianne McDonald Outstanding Playwright Award] in 2005 for *Munched*. For a theater community to call itself healthy, it needs big equity houses and community theaters and experimental companies AND places for new plays to develop! But if the Blitz dies, who's going to stage urgent work like this?"

EMAIL FROM DANIELS TO STAFF 7/28: "*The Blitz has been with us a good long while. Producing a hundred and something shows every August since 1991, you really get to know a lot about the people you work with. It all begins when a playwright gets inspired. Pen to paper. Paper to artist. Somebody has to start the process. The Fritz Blitz is a tribute to all of those hundred and something somebods.*" ■

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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.

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Altar Boyz

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the musical comedy spoof about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last night of their national "Raise the Praise" tour. Nick De-Gruccio directed.

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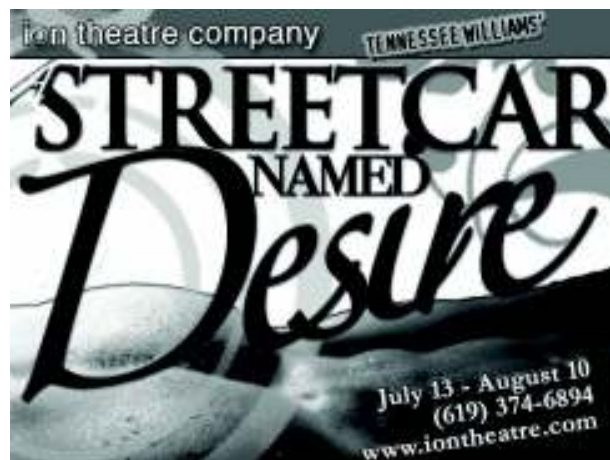
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Cole Porter's musical classic, about antics aboard the S.S. *American*, gets an outdoor staging at the Kit Carson Amphitheater. Songs include "I Get a Kick Out of You" and "You're the Top."

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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 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 ex-



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press 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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New Village Arts presents the Reduced Shakespeare Company's popular speed read through the Bard's oeuvre: every play gets covered as well as some of the sonnets, and *Hamlet* sprints by in 43 seconds. Rob Salas directed. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

The Fritz Blitz: Best of the Blitz

For 15 years, the Fritz Theatre has staged the largest festival of new plays on the West Coast. Each year 50 to 75 local actors perform 10 to 12 new scripts. The results have

varied, but there've always been gems and discoveries. This year the Fritz concludes the Blitz ("This is it. Quittin' time. The end. Probably...") with the greatest hits of the last 15 years, including works by Pema Teeter, Ruff Yeager, Tim West, Tom Swimm, plus Kevin Armento's popular *Bets and Blue Notes* and Craig Abernethy's inventive *State of the Art*. Each receives a full production, guided by some of San Diego's finest directors. For a list of specific plays, days, and times call 619-544-1000 or go online at fritztheatre.com.

Worth a try.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 3 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 24.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Moonlight Stage Productions presents Andrew Lloyd Webber's first musical, the story of Jacob's favorite son and the jealousy of his brothers. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 10.

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 short-cut, 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 rel-

ishes 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 Harmon's Caius, a French doctor in an aqua jacket, malaprops amusingly. Deborah Taylor, Charles Janasz, and Sloan Grenz enhance scenes. And Bruce Turk, as Frank Ford, turns a minor character into a Falstaff-sized, green-eyed dupe.

Worth a try.

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvitational 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 THEATRE, 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.

Nemesis

Compass Theatre presents Phil Johnson and Mike Sears's "outrageously immature comedy" about "a crazed world of manic men, pathetic losers, and the women who

nurse them along." Cynthia Stokes directed.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 24.

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 THEATRE, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY. 858-679-8085. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 10.

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 took such offense in 1986. 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 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.** **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. 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 Philistines 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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Pretty Fire

In one sense, Charlayne Woodard has lived to prove a doctor wrong. She was born premature, she says in her solo piece: one pound, eight ounces and "blue-black." She wasn't supposed to live, a doctor said, and if she did, she'd never be "normal." In five scenes — which move from her birth (and her grandfather appealing to an authority higher than MDs) to age 11 (when she discovers her singing voice) — Woodard's solo show proves the doctor both wrong and right. She lived, but she isn't "normal." She's blessed with artistic gifts as an actor, singer, and storyteller. *Pretty Fire* (the ironic title refers to one of

America's most hideous sights) grows in narrative drive as Charlayne grows. The earlier sections could use tightening, and the piece in general unfolds like a 90-minute script expanded to two hours with an intermission. At the Lamb's Players Theatre one can't fault Tracy Hughes for the slow spots. She gives her all in every scene, a tour de force combining her rich singing voice with eloquent silences (when faced with racism and brutality for the first time, she almost seems to implode; and during these moments the spellbound audience is hear-a-pin-drop mute). Hughes creates at least a dozen characters so sharply crafted it's as if you've known them all along. Kerry Meads's precise, almost gymnastic direction ranks among her best work. Robert Smyth's spare two-level set includes a seashell-shaped fan, like 25 times of a huge bamboo rake, on the rear wall. Nate Peirson's lighting illuminates the fan with cascades of rain-drops then burns an ugly fire.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7.

The Receptionist

Adam Bock's Kafkaesque comedy is tricky to talk about, since everything depends on what you don't know. It takes place in the reception room of the "northeast office" of some sort of company (what kind is the tricky part; let's just say they don't make widgets). We witness daily office life. Edward Raymond, the boss, talks about letting healthy fish go and eating only the damaged ones (who receive a painless bleed-out in his loving hands) and how "everything out there is eating something." His second-in-command, Lorraine, complains about her ex, a narcissist from whose ardent self-regard she can't quite disconnect. And poor, harried Beverly, the receptionist, carries on several conversations, and handles several crises, at once, while rarely completing a sentence. Bock's sharp dialogue combines crisp patter with steep nonverbal gulfs, which the Cygnet Theatre production always stresses to good effect. Wearing Jeanne Reith's somber charcoal business attire (which gain meaning as the 80-minute show evolves) and ably directed by Sean Murray, the cast catches the play's contrary tones with precision. Melinda Gilb's a hoot as

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Beverly, chameleon of various attitudes, depending on the moment. Jo Anne Glover turns Lorraine (played as a dumb blonde in the original) into an amazingly dimensional creation. Excellent work. Sean Cox is appropriately slick as the aptly named Mr. Dart, and Dale Morris expertly makes Edward Raymond seem one of the world's kindest bosses. Sean Fanning's photorealistic office has such a lived-in quality it must have been there before they built the theater. And Eric Lotze's lighting shifts from institutional neon to bold, expressionist Axis of Evil effects.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. 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.

Worth a try.

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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 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.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 3 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 24.

Shivaree

OnStage Playhouse presents William Mastro Simone's drama about a sheltered hemophiliac and his neighbor, an itinerant belly dancer. Teri Brown directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 9.

Sight Unseen

The Old Globe Theatre stages Donald Margulies's intriguing drama about an artist, headed to England for a retrospective of his work, who takes a personal inventory. Esther Emery directed. SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART, 1450 EL PRADO, BALBOA PARK. 619-232-7931. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7.

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 in-

consistent 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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sionary Theatre production is outstanding. Director Igor Goldin has staged the musical before, and it shows in the precision of scenes, in his choreography, and in the confidence of his ensemble cast. Accompanied by pianist Amy Dalton and percussionist Nathan Hubbard, they break into rousing WWII buddy numbers in Act One and more plaintive, torchlike songs in Act Two. The design's so simple — screens, like upright trampolines, move and change locales — it's eloquent. There are no weak links in the ensemble, but two performances stand way out. Tom Zohar shines as Stu; he sings and dances with pizzazz and combines vulnerability with a quietly fierce courage. Decked out in Jennifer Brawn Gitting's stunning costumes and Missy Bradstreet's voluminous wigs, Amy Biedel plays a dozen women, sings wondrously (especially the haunting "Blue Twilight"), and alone is worth twice the price of admission.

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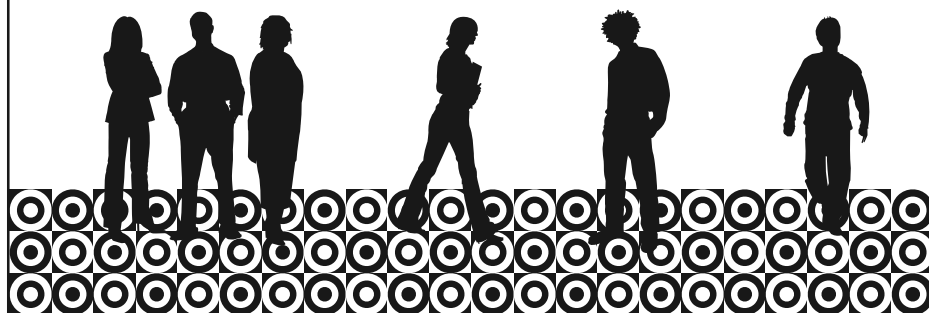
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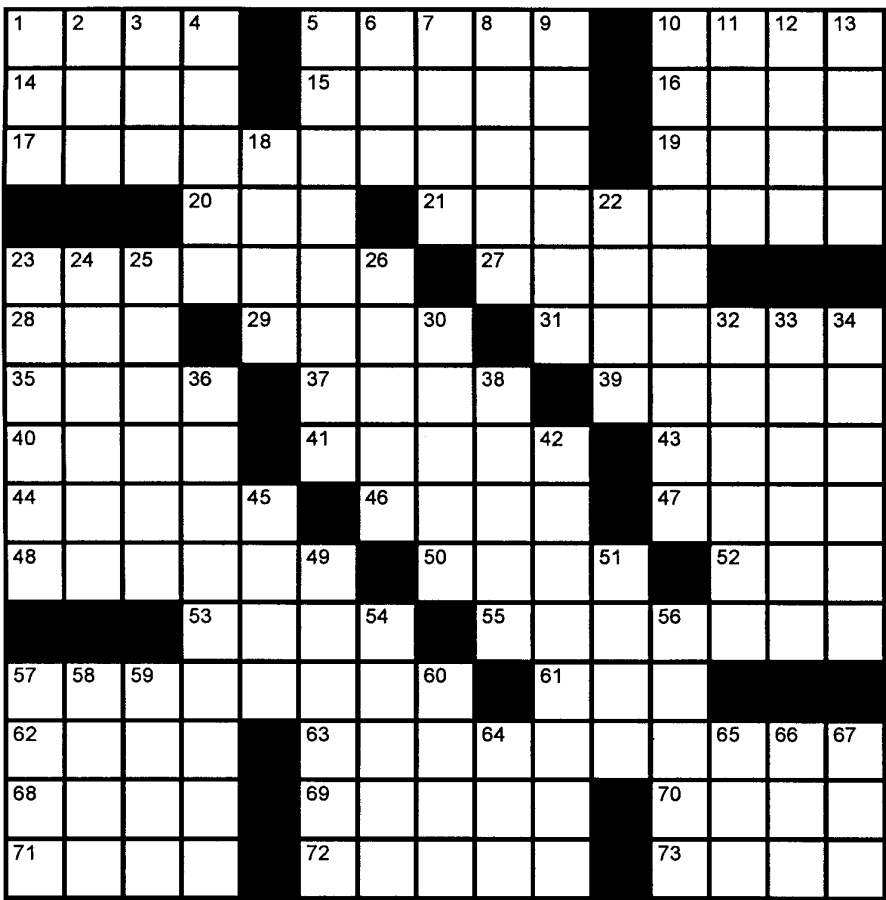
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- Opera excerpt
 - Fouls (up)
 - Falls off
 - Astronomer Sagan
 - Offer up a viewpoint
 - River to the Caspian Sea
 - What Tonto, a Roman numerals lover, wrote on a cake for his partner's 50th birthday?
 - Richard of "Runaway Bride"
 - Gambling locale: Abbr.
 - Loaded
 - Some caretakers
 - Bump off
- Chemist's suffix
 - "Any day now"
 - The Braves' div.
 - Stressed type: Abbr.
 - "That's too bad"
 - They may be involved in busts
 - "Footloose" actress Singer
 - Spears' "Oops! ... I _____ Again"
 - Jazz phrase
 - _____ fours
 - Comic Carvey
 - Challenge for an atty.-to-be
 - Make even shorter
 - Elegance
 - Clip-_____ (certain sunglasses)
 - "Dies _____"
 - Literally, "traveling companion"
 - "Time in a Bottle" singer
 - The "A" in ETA: Abbr.
 - "Not good!"
 - Puzzle constructor's pledge to 17-Across, 10-Down and 36-Down
 - Spanish surrealist
 - Quench
 - Winter blanket
 - Loafing
 - One who digs hard rock?
 - Muscle quality

Down

- Make a scene?
- Cry from the bleachers
- Rage
- Apportion
- Use one's passport, say
- Network absorbed by the CW

- At hand
- Play with clay
- Pulpit delivery
- What people said about a famous playwright when he was laid up in bed?
- _____ Rabbit
- Reveal
- Iditarod transport
- Road map array: Abbr.
- Half of half-and-half
- Anchor man?
- Chant
- Rip into
- Not flimsy
- Four-time French Open winner Rafael
- Novelist Lurie
- "Me, too!"
- "For shame!"
- What the Commodores called one of their bandmates before he got older and went solo?
- It may be congested
- W-2 receiver
- Commuter line to Penn Station
- "Little Red Book" ideology
- _____ Disney
- 2006 spinach invader
- Coined word?
- Actress Dench
- "_____ no ideal"
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Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 7. "a2g4d4a2e2a0a2 do x 8."
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 7. "I like being a winner."
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 7. "You gonna pull them pistols or whistle Dixie?"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 7. **Karen Davies, San Carlos, 7.** "David, get a haircut!"
☛ **D. Faulkner, University Heights, 7.** "Bike riders aren't unbalanced."
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 7. "In-laws Big Brian, Big Glen, Monica, Scotty. Hi Joaquin."
☛ **George L. Jackson, Ocean-side, 7.**
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 7.
Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 7. "What a gas"

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 7. "Hi Ronnie."
Ron Meyer, Santee, 7. "One week and counting."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 7.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 7. "Oh no - it's coming, the Big 50!"
Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 7. "JG - you are what I never knew I always wanted."
Jim Odell, Vista, 7. "This time ok? Falling into it ruined my day."
Julie Osburn, North Park, 7. "Feed your brain."
Marc Rutter, University Heights, 7. "From Campus Ave to Campus Point or bust!"
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 7. "Thanks to Daphne for her help again. She's wicked."
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 7. "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 7. "Never knew 1C is active duty beats 4F."
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 7. "The Pallid Bust of Pallas."
☛ **Dan Baggett, North Park, 6.** "Happy August! XOXO Will."

H. J. Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 6. "Oy vey, what to say?"
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 6. "Grandma says Welcome to San Diego, Marie."
Phil Cashman, University City, 6.
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. "So much beer, so little time."
Amna Cornett, Mission Hills, 6. "Oops! Overconfidence!"
Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 6. "Dentists rule!"
Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 6. "NF — Good luck in LV —"
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 6.
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 6. "Happy 50th birthday, Rose. Mahalo."
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 6. "I need my T-shirt."
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 6. "Chloe is the best dog ever!"
Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 6. "SLP in da hizzy!"
Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 6.
C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 6. "T-shirt please in XXL to RIP."
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 6. "Happy Thursday, Gus Fleming!"
Rudy E Stegmann, Santee, 6. "Hello to Bobby, Tisha, Adam, Marissa, Jared, and Tiger Coyle"

Jessica Romero, Chula Vista, 6.
Shirley E Bolden, College Area, 5. "I love to be challenged."
Leslie Chase, Campo, 5. "Team-work! Thanks Bill!"
Carlos Cruz, Mira Mesa, 5. "My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you."
William Cushing, RB, 5. "Ron, thanks for all your help."
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 5. "I just love doing cross-words!"
John L Drehner, North Park, 5. "I want to see a mom and pop steel mill."
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 5.
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 5. "I think I should have done last week also."
Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 5.
Janet Goff, Cardiff, 5. "Greetings: Micah, Willy and the J-Team."
Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 5. "One day I spent a month in Texas!"
Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 5. "Gimme da shirt."
Martha Klages, Encanto, 5. "These are fun."
Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 5. "TYVM 4 the T-shirt!"
Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 5. "Remember when Coco's was good?"

☛ **Marc Lanotte, San Marcos, 5.** "Who let all this riff-raff into the room?"
Anna McCutcheon, Down-town, 5. "www.paintwithdan.com"
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 5. "My sweetheart Minnie needs her name in print."
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 5.
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 5.
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 5. "Parce que le beouffy."
Jerry S Anders, Scripps Ranch, 4. "What the heck is a Cotwo?"
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 4. "Aha! Carbon dioxide emis-sions."
Martha Awdziejewicz, Claire-mont, 4.
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 4. "Love to all."
Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 4. "No more snail mail! Just the fax!"
Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 4. "Welcome back Sarah."
Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 4. "Send Kevin Towers to Portland for a second round draft choice."
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 4. "This one's for you Sue. Fourth time's the charm?"

Joe Griffin, Crest, 4. "Kapa'a Joe in da house!"
Bill Griffin, Crest, 4. "One small step for Bill; one giant leap for Google."
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 4. "Congrats Kristen on your condo purchase."
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 4. "Go Bodo!"
Jim Koziol, UTC, 4. "Hi Lukie, Jiminy and Timothy."
Ronald Long, San Diego, 4. "Go PSU"
Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 4. "Is it raining yet?"
☛ **Mary Arana, Encinitas, 4.** "What happened to last weeks entry? Hi scrabble players."
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 4.
Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 4.
Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 4. "Bacon!!!"
Jennifer Rabner, Escondido, 4. "Cats rule!"
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 4. "Hugs and kisses to my loving family: Kimberly, Spencer, Reese."
Dave Small, San Carlos, 4. "Twicky!"
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 4.
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 4. "P-town 4 life!"

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

☛ **Jeff Van De Moere, Banker's Hill, 4.** "The boom, the bip, boom-bip, cuz's rule."
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 4. "Old cats rule."
Barry Newman, Escondido, 4. **Brian W Beadle, Clairemont, 3.** "If you like blues guitar, check out indigenousrocks.com."
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 3. "Thank Bush and the horse he rode in on."
E T Cage, Carmel Mtn., 3. "Still Google free"
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 3. "I look forward to the Reader puzzle."
Ben Cooper, Clairemont, 3. **Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 3.** "Reader miscounted; this is my fourth. I've got proof!"
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 3. "Third time's the charm."
Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 3. "If I da known soona, I da been a contenda."
Andre Diehl, MA, 3. "Get out of the way! Let Casper drive!"
Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 3. "Does a chicken have your lips?"
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 3. "Go, Chuhgahs, Go!"
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 3. **Rand Feura, Santee, 3.** "Oh, Wilk. You've done it again!"
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 3. "3 for 3, Mr. Evans"
Carmen Jacobo, Clairemont, 3. "Yea, I finished it."
Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 3. "Need a backup T-shirt to puzzle in."
David Koza, East Village, 3. "Hi Laura and Eric, and now Micah!"

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 3. "Beer is evidence God loves us!"
James La France, Escondido, 3. "John 17:16 NOTW"
Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 3. "Jesus proclaimed peace to all far and near!"
Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 3. "This is how you use a fax machine, Poopoo Head."
☛ **Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 3.** "Need sleep to do puzzle. Puzzle won't let me. ARGH!"
Tony Radna, Hillcrest, 3. "Hi Renee, Zeke, Gus and Mikey the cat."
Alan Richards, San Diego, 3. "Julie Gleason's new address: Heaven."
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 3. "A puzzle with cocoa can't be al bad."
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 3. "Big Bear will never be the same without the Roadhouse."
Jessica Smith, UTC, 3. "This is my 5th time in the Reader for the crossword. 5th!"
Edward J Swain, Downtown, 3. "Arma virumque cano"
Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 3. "Doug, aka Eileen, get a leg up. Are you stumped?"
Tom White, University City, 3. **Mike and Karen, North Park, 2.** "You will believe a cat can fly"
Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 2. **Ray Batenich, North Park, 2.** "Did I make it in time with snail mail?"
Shad Bee, South Park, 2. "Dylan, I gotta have more cow-bell!"
Chris Byzewski, Linda Vista, 2.

Rick Carter, Santee, 2. **Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 2.** "Hi Geny and Solo. We love you all!"
David Castillo, Bay Park, 2. "Hi B.J. and Jake."
Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 2. "Hi Limu!"
Mike Deliman, Santee, 2. **Traci Dobby, Gaslamp, 2.** "I am a winner!"
Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 2. "Hi to J and J"
Silke Evans, Mission Valley, 2. "Hi Cassidy and Brittany"
Berta Higgins, Pacific Beach, 2. "Read a book!"
W Hodgson, Escondido, 2. "I have 3 Reader T-shirts. Nanner nanner."
Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 2. "Hiromi rocks Billy"
Tan Tan Huang, Mission Valley, 2. "Steve, stop whining - you're a team captain."
Cindy Jonio, Chula Vista, 2. **Nicolette Jurevics-Richards, La Jolla, 2.** "I'm still smart."
Melissa Menard, Escondido, 2. "Any Champion and Mark Simmers are the coolest people around!"
Shirly Stafford, Carlsbad, 2. **Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 2.** "Palestinians have a nation; they changed its name to Jordan."
Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 2. "woot woot!"
Claudia Nordquest, Carmel Mtn., 2. "Gracie loves Robert (and vice versa)"
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 2. "Piece of cake"
Anna Owen, North Park, 2. "Poolside in Jamul! Beer me! Hey Jessica and Sven!"
☛ **Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 2.** "Nub you Honey Bunny."

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 2. "Hey! Stop using exclamation points!"
Larry Roberts, La Mesa, 2. "Baba loves Baba"
Christopher Robinson, Rancho Bernardo, 2. "I love Trinaise!"
D Schick, Oceanside, 2. "Why me? Why not me?"
N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 2. **Carol Simpson, Pacific Beach, 2.** "I love these!"
☛ **Mariana Garcia, Chula Vista, 2.** "Thanks John and Jim. You guys are great at this."
Eddie Spaghetio, Coronado, 2. "TOKA143! Recherche! Chodzny do lozko, moj znajomy! Yikes! Niebezpieczenstwo! CIUM21."
Bill Stevens, Bay Park, 2. "Si fractum non sit, noli id reficere."
Shawna Strickland, Santee, 2. "I would rather be at Disneyland!"
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 2. "Happy Birthday Herb - everyone's favorite at the Encinitas Cafe!"
Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 2. "Big Daddy rules!"
James Thomas, Downtown, 2. "My wife Maryann hopes I win a T-shirt. Large."
Marissa Torres, San Marcos, 2. "Happy 68th birthday, Noni."
Victoria Tripple, San Diego, 2. "The height of civilization."
Patrick Trotter, North Park, 2. "Two in a row. We rock, Jane!"
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 2. "I did it again!"
Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 2. "Give til it hurts, then keep on giving."
Selena J, Cardiff, 1. "Remember Karma Pat."
Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 1. "I lulloomo."

Rob Welder, El Cajon, 1. "I I win a T-shirt I'll wear it daily."
Erin Yeager, Carlsbad, 1. "EDGY is a handsome devil . . . Allons-y!"
☛ **Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 1.** "First time entry."
Kim and Nate, La Mesa, 1. "The LML welcomes back the Chargers! #10"
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 1. "Thanks Jayne. Hi Priscilla, David, Amy. I love Vondis Jr."
Greg Thomas, Ocean Beach, 1. "I'm finally famous."
☛ **Mark Gleed, Hillcrest, 1.** "The contest if void. Start again . . . Now!"
Robin Lundgren, Kearny Mesa, 1. "Yah! We finished it Irma. Go DFA!"
Michelle Hay, , 1. "Debt-free. Amazing."
☛ **Gillian Schulman, Cardiff, 1.** "Russy? I think I'm famous now. Astounded are you?"
Carol Georges, Pacific Beach, 1. "This was fun!"
Darnell Brown, Lakeside, 1. "Shimmy shimmy Coco Puff"
Mary-Margaret Villa, , 1. **Bonnie Akey, Ocean Beach, 1.** **F E Cooper, La Mesa, 1.** **Jim Chris, , 1.** "If it ain't free, it ain't for me!"
Karen Stanmyre, Rancho Bernardo, 1. "Go Chargers!"
Grace Borchert, Chula Vista, 1. "Luv those puzzles."
Elvern Orr, Coronado, 1. "Ole!"
Carrie Jones, Cardiff, 1. "Ethan is the coolest!"
D Asencio Jr, Ramona, 1. "Woo Hoo! Done!"
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 1. "Finally!"
Annie Frusti, , 1. **Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 1.** "It's

better to burn out than fade away."
Walter Desmond Jr., Point Loma, 1. "Astounded?"
Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 1. **Al Stumpfhauser, Oceanside, 1.** "Happy birthday Autumn."
Glenn Hong, MA, 1. "Hello Jess"
☛ **Joe Harris, Spring Valley, 1.** "Kevmo: Batman's a scientist!"
Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 1. "Are you concrete sequential?"
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. "Love to win a Reader T-shirt."
Bruce Bell, South Park, 1. ☛ **Kathy Law, La Mesa, 1.** "I emit nothing. Love ya Bill."
Max Lawrence, North Park, 1. "Hey John!"
David Chen, UTC, 1. "Hakuna matata!"
Sande Penuliar, Mira Mesa, 1. "Love you. Love Ko!"
Hazel Villasin, La Mesa, 1. "Get that corn out of my face!"
☛ **Cathy Pennington, Downtown, 1.** "I think I solved this one. Hi everyone!"
Max Calhoun, Vista, 1. "Madonna with Meatballs"
Angela Estes, Spring Valley, 1. "Kiss, kiss, hug, hug, big kiss, big hug, little kiss."
Anne Hinton, , 1. "Thanks Roger."
Tom Klein, Pacific Beach, 1. "Cindy and June, you're never out of our hearts."
Henry Romero, , 1. "Good start to my favorite month."
Connie Rittichier, Poway, 1. **Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 1.** "Hey, You!"
Oliver Alvanado, El Centrol, 1. "Imperial Valley Tata!"

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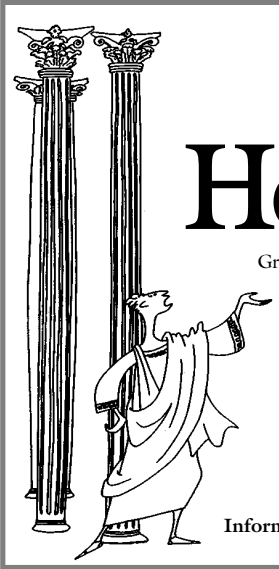
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I have two choices. Can I pick two? I like Superman because he's an alien. He's on the outside looking in on humanity. Even though he was raised here, it's like he's an outsider. And I'd have to also pick Wonder Woman because she's a strong female character. She flies her own plane. She was also a princess.

Brian Murphy
Security
Downtown

My favorite...I'm not as into superheroes. I grew up in Ireland, where they aren't nearly half as popular as they are here. The films do okay, but not the comic books so much. So if I pick a favorite, it's probably going to be Batman. And that's based on the movies I've seen, not from reading comic books or anything.

Ashley Greene
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My favorite is Night Wing. He was the first Robin from Batman and Robin. They had a falling out, and he became his own person. It was a coming-of-age thing. That might be why I liked it. He was the first of three different Robins and by far my favorite.

Raul Faria
Bartender
Las Vegas

I like Spiderman. He doesn't kill the bad guys. And it must be hard not to. I'm sure it would be a lot easier if he could just terminate them. I guess a few different superheroes don't kill. Some of the Marvel guys will eliminate a bad guy. I do enjoy the comics a lot more than the TV and movie versions.

Julie Thomas
Promotions
San Diego

I like this one superhero, but I can't think of her name right now. It's right on the tip of my tongue. She's not one of the more popular characters. Oh, well, I can't think of her name, so I'll just go with Wonder Woman. I have to say one of the women characters, and she's the only other one I can think of right now. The one I wanted to pick was a Marvel character. She just wasn't that popular.

Dani Richardson
Waitress
Carlsbad

I'm not the biggest superhero fan. I know everyone around my work likes Batman most. I don't think that's just because of the movie being out right now either. I like the fact that he doesn't have all those powers that the other superheroes have. He's a regular average Joe that's fighting crime.

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your servants in the world
should be
Your servants in the world

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take comfort that we are yours
should be
take comfort that we are Yours
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Convoy Street ,
should be
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a small, curly haired woman
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a small, curly-haired woman

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a grater, a backhoe
should be
a grader, a backhoe
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This may be
should be
These may be
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should be
he should let us know
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Mt. Woodson castle
should be
Mt. Woodson Castle

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trickles down to organizations
should be
trickle down to organizations
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“\$ please” (\$20)

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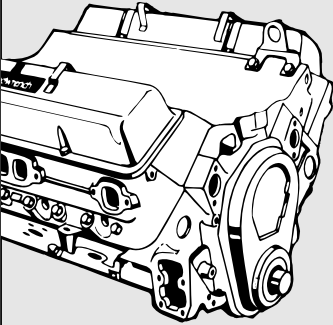
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— The European Union allows fruits and vegetables to be sold only in prescribed sizes and colors; 35 pages of regulations include specifications for 250 varieties of the apple and rules that cucumbers must be straight and bananas curved. In June, British marketer Tim Down complained that he was forced to discard 5000 kiwi fruit because they were 1 millimeter in diameter too small and one-fourth of an ounce too light. (It is illegal to give them away, as that would undermine the market price.) “Improvements” in the EU system continue, according to a July *Washington Post* dispatch from Brussels: Despite 10 pages of standards on the onion and 19 amendments, the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture recently issued a report urging further refinements, using 29 pages and 43 photographs.

Great Art!

— Artist Michael Fernandes’s exhibit in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in June caused a commotion because it was merely a banana on a gallery’s windowsill, and Fernandes had it priced at \$2500 (Cdn). Actually, Fernandes changed bananas

every day (eating the old one), placing progressively greener ones to demonstrate the banana’s transitory nature. “We [humans] are also temporal, but we live as if we are not,” he wrote. Despite the steep price, two collectors placed holds on the “work,” requiring the gallery’s co-owner, Victoria Page, to get assurance from callers. “It’s a banana; you understand that it’s a banana?”

Police Blotter

— Police, including SWAT officers, were called to an apartment in Mesa, Ariz., in June after neighbors reported a fight between a man and woman that included yelling and breaking things inside. When they arrived, they found only a 21-year-old man, conducting the fight by himself, alternating a high-pitched voice with a low-pitched one. He was referred for a medical exam. — Need for Speed: (1) Ontario’s recent law against street-racing snared two noteworthy drivers in April: a 26-year-old man who was cited when he passed a marked police car while doing 178 km/hr (106 mph) and the driver of a garbage truck, racing at 112 km/hr (double the posted speed limit). (2) A 3-year-old girl was seriously injured

in Huntsville, Ala., in May in a collision caused, said witnesses, by a speeding contest between two men, both employees of Comcast Corp., driving company vans.

Government in Action!

— In May, the school board in Barrie, Ontario, notified Children’s Aid Society to intervene with mother Colleen Leduc and her daughter Victoria, 11, because of suspected sexual abuse, angering the conscientious Leduc, who until that point had taken extraordinary measures to protect the girl, who is autistic. Upon investigation, it was revealed that the suspicion came from a teaching assistant who said her psychic had told her that a girl with a “V” in her name was being abused by a man aged 23 to 26. Leduc now refuses to trust Victoria to public schools because “they might want to take out a Ouija board or hold a séance.”

Teachers Out of Control

— (1) Fifth-grade teacher Susan Romanyszyn, 45, was arrested in Bucks County, Pa., in January and charged with 17 counts of threatening bombings and gun violence after she was assigned to

teach fourth grade, instead. (2) Sixth-grade teacher Roshondra Sipp of Jackson, Miss., aroused parents’ ire in May for forcing the class to vote on who among them would be most likely to die young or get pregnant while still in school or get HIV or go to jail. Then, Sipp posted the results, enraging parents whose little charmers made the lists.

Creme de la Weird

— “[A] person with a sneeze fetish can find erotic pleasure in those few seconds,” according to an April ABC News report, when “the eyes close as the body prepares to forcefully expel air,” but “experts are stumped as to why.” An Internet “sneeze fetish forum” allows members to wax rhapsodic (“She has the cutest sneeze ever”) and recall pleasurable experiences (such as the thrill of discovering that one’s new college roommate has allergies and will be sneezing frequently), and many use language and suggest visions that mimic sexual behaviors.

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She was breaking up with me for something that was not my fault, punishing me for something for which I had no control: a tragedy, an act of God.

She had had a miscarriage. The pregnancy was intentional, not the kind of “accident” many of our friends had — and like her first child was when she got pregnant with her ex-husband when she was 20.

She and I had known each other for seven years and had an off-and-on thing. Things got serious when she told me that she wanted to have another baby because her daughter was 12 now and, according to her, “needing me less, the way teenagers do.” Kelly had always

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wanted a large family, but circumstances and economics had not made it feasible. She was almost 35 and believed that if she was going to have another child, now was the time.

I wanted to procreate as well. I was hearing the male bio clock, and it was ticking loudly. I glanced at couples and singles with their newborns and toddlers in public and wondered, *When will I have that?* So when she suggested that possibility, as well as a possible marriage, I was excited.

She was surprised. She thought I would back away, as

other men in her life had.

According to her, men always thought she was trying to trap them into something. “I’m happy!” she kept saying over the next five months. “I’ve never been this happy!”

Conception came easy. “I’m Myrtle the Fertile Turtle,” she said. She knew the child was a boy. She said that he came to her in a dream. He also visited me in a couple of dreams. When it was confirmed by an ultrasound that the baby was a boy it only strengthened the metaphysical and spiritual sensations we had been

experiencing.

It all came crashing down when she miscarried. In the hospital room, she looked like a stranger to me. She looked 100 years old. She had cried and cried until she couldn’t cry anymore.

I tried to touch her, to hold her, but she rejected me. She hit me in the chest. “You bastard!” she yelled. What did I do? She hit me again, this time in the face — a punch in the mouth. I tasted blood. “Get out of here,” she demanded. “Get the hell out!”

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Two orderlies showed up. I was told that it was best that I go. The nurse said she would give my “wife” a sedative.

Kelly said later, “I know this is not fair, and I’m sorry, but it’s how I feel. I can’t see you anymore. It’s too painful. When I see your face, I imagine what his face would have looked like. His hair...I know he would have had your hair. I can’t do this.”

She changed her phone number and wouldn’t respond to email. Every day I had to stop myself from going over to her house and demanding better treatment, a better explanation. I understood her emotions; I felt the same sense of loss. But I didn’t want to give up. Many couples had made it through this tragedy before.

I was angry — angry at her for doing this, angry at the universe for taking the baby away. I felt betrayed by her and betrayed by God. I was angry with every person I saw in public who had an infant or small child.

Everywhere I went I saw parents and children. It seemed that a lot of the parents were in their late teens or early 20s. Many of them looked unhappy — they looked stressed, trapped, confused. I surmised that their young lives had changed with the birth of a baby, and now their hopes and dreams were derailed, replaced with economic worry and all the burden of being a young parent.

I looked at them with envy and resentment. Here were these people who did not seem to be happy about being a parent.

Two months later Kelly sent a text message: “Eye mizz u.” Then she called. She wanted to get together. She wanted to talk. She was still quite depressed but said, “I’m dealing with life better.”

We met for lunch at our favorite restaurant in Del Mar. We had a few drinks. She was drinking fast. It was meaningless talk — we were avoiding the obvious. But I could see it in her eyes: I knew she was going to break down soon, and so would I.

The food arrived, but we didn’t touch it. I reached over the table and grabbed her hands. We started to cry. The people around us gave quick, embarrassed looks. We didn’t care.

“Let’s go,” I said.

“Where?”

“Anywhere.”

“I can’t do this,” she told me.

“I wanted to find out if I could. I had to know, and I know I can’t. I’ll never be able to.” She couldn’t even look at me. She stared in the

opposite direction, her arm out, keeping me away. Then she ran out of the restaurant and jumped into her car as if she were in an action movie, fleeing from the bad guys.

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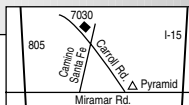
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Thirty Years Ago

Three weeks ago *The Unhappy Gays* — the 12th book written by Reverend Tim LaHaye, president of Christian Heritage College in El Cajon — was released in religious bookstores across the country.

LaHaye, who is pastor of the 2200-member Scott Memorial Baptist Church in El Cajon, besides being a longtime critic of Farrell's church, is firmly aligned in favor of the Briggs Initiative, which is slated for the November ballot. If it passes, the Briggs Initiative will allow school boards to fire teachers who are homosexuals.

—CITY LIGHTS: "LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT,"

Neal Matthews, August 10, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Shapiro and his fellow councilmembers have reason to worry that their coastal haven is being overrun. Before I-5 was built in 1967, 30,000 cars traveled through town daily on Camino Del Mar. The freeway soon absorbed all but 5000 of these vehicles, but the traffic has now surged back up to 27,000 trips per day.

—CITY LIGHTS: "THE CAMINO THEORY," Paul Krueger, August 11, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

My best friend's girlfriend tries to make herself an object of deference by pretending to know more than everyone else. On a recent drive to Mexico, she stated that my putting on sunscreen was unnecessary because ultraviolet light could not penetrate the car's window. I say she's full of Tijuana sewage.

Sorry. Glass absorbs ultraviolet rays in the UV-B range (roughly 280 to 320 nanometers). I do hate to say it in print, but this time the know-it-all is correct.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice,

August 11, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

The Secret Garden, a warm-up of the Frances Hodgson Burnett chestnut, is a good children's movie. A good movie for children and also a movie good for children. A good movie, I mean, that additionally and incidentally happens to be a good one for young ones. (Well, I know what I mean.) Good for them in the sense that it is a good introduction to concepts of the inner world and the outer world, living and dying, growth and stuntedness, courage and surrender — besides a good introduction to the artistic presentation and development

of these concepts: why shouldn't children's movies be as good artistically as anyone else's?

—MOVIES: "BACK TO KINDERGARTEN,"

Duncan Shepherd, August 12, 1993

Ten Years Ago

Wasn't it just a few weeks ago when McGwire was forecasted to hit 74 home runs this year?

McGwire never said he'd break the record. He has sense enough to know he can't answer the questions everyone wants to ask, to wit: "Will you break the record?" followed by, "How many home runs will you hit?"

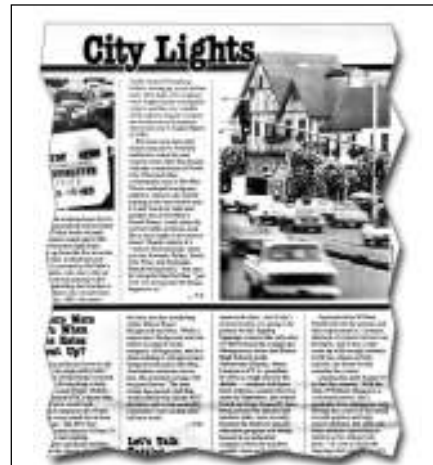
No one born of woman can answer those questions, but no matter, and who cares about McGwire anyway? We just want a new record. We said he'd break the record, and if he doesn't, well, Mr. McGwire will have to be dealt with. After all, the gutless fraud may only hit 64 boomers, and if his strikeout total keeps rising and his walks mount, why, why, that cretin may well fail to hit 61 home runs!

—SPORTING BOX: "THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST,"

Patrick Daugherty, August 13, 1998

Five Years Ago

If you're heading south toward Tijuana, the next stop is City College (also San Diego



San Diego Reader, August 11, 1983

High), and you are about to be bothered indeed, especially on a Friday, by aimlessly milling throngs, seething feral packs of the dermatologically unfortunate, cacophonous choruses of unmodulated voices all pushing decibel meters into the red. In short, gabbling, galloping hordes of noxious youth. They will be your traveling companions most of the way to Chula Vista.

—T.G.I.F.: John Brizzolara, August 7, 2003

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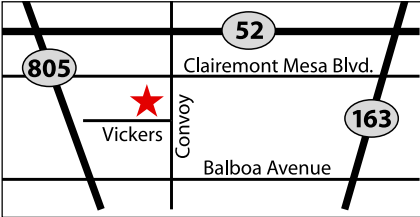
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By John Brizzolara

Hot enough for you? I’m counting on the heat still being a predominant if subliminal influence this first week of August. As I often do this time of year, I find myself reaching for science fiction for my reading matter. Whether I get to the beach or not, I find SF and fantasy somehow cooling, even if demanding at times. Surely there are those of you who will shake your heads and wonder why I would waste my time with nonsense like this, and so, as a life-long apologist, you might say, for the field of imaginative literature, I will try to explain.

In one name, there is Robert Silverberg, a very successful writer of the stuff and yet fairly invisible to the mainstream reading public. He has written nearly 100 books; mostly under his own name but well over a dozen under pseudonyms (Alexander Blade, Calvin Knox, etc.), and as of the late 1960s and early ’70s, the one man probably more responsible for fixing science fiction firmly into the foundations of the very best of, say, post-post modern American literature. I last wrote of him here two years ago, I think, and quoted the novel of his I had been reading at the time, *Hot Sky at Midnight*, and for very similar reasons: I was inspired by summer heat, turned to science fiction (a joy of many youthful summers), and asked myself, “What will not waste my time?” The answer is, very quickly, Silverberg.

Looking around my shelf (the stuff not in storage), I see that I have four of his books. Here is *Roma Eterna*, a series of novellas and novelettes originally published in magazines like *Asimov’s* that are a kind of outline of history of a fictional Roman Empire that never fell. The book spans 2000 years and comprises ten stories, a series of narratives that taken together form a record of an alternate history. One, among several remarkable aspects of this timeline, is a pivotal non-event: the Hebrews never leave Egypt. No Moses, no Diaspora, no Jesus, no Christianity. To say the resulting history is interesting says nothing; it is quietly profound. Mohammed is there, right where he should be, as Mah-mud, but not for long. He is a minor irritant to the Romans and is dealt with by a gay, ex-patriot Hero of the Empire in a story by that title.

I have here his best-selling, award-winning first volume of a fantasy series, *Lord Valentine’s Castle*, which I have not read due to my resistance to epic fantasy of this sort. Of what sort? There is no sort of anything as sophisticated and consistently literate as Silverberg’s fiction (think Roth, Bellow, Updike, and Burgess — I’m sure Burgess must have read him and loved him); and so I keep it, and I may start it today by setting aside this Julian Barnes novel, *Arthur & George*. It’s far too hot for 19th-century England right now.

Next to Valentine is the space opera *Star of Gypsies*, in which the King of Rom, that is, the Gypsies, pilots a galactic quest to return all children of Rom to their home star. If this does not sound ostensibly like deliciously rotten pulp, I don’t know what does; but this character, this character...

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I am looking forward to “traversing mysterious kingdoms and blasted landscapes, braving ghosts and monstrous apparitions” when I begin *Kingdoms of the Wall*, a highly ambitious looking tome even for Silverberg. I am confident this 1992 novel will see me through the dog days ahead.

In my own SF novel, *Empire’s Horizon*, I included — with his permission — Silverberg’s name to a list of writers who are remembered thousands of years



in the future. Two others are Saint Exupéry and Shakespeare. This may seem a little excessive: Saint Exupéry is there in keeping with the novel’s imagery and atmosphere and Shakespeare and Silverberg for the joy of language.

Why spend this space in what appears to be blatant promotion of a relative? The answer would be in a previous column, in a kind of mission statement: I said something to the effect that I am hardly Mister Friday Night and more of the kind of guy one would ask, “What should I read over the weekend?” And while I have no intention of recommending books on anything like a weekly basis, I think, after this first week of August, I would be remiss if I did not at least point you toward Robert Silverberg.

I will probably read both *Lord Valentine’s Castle* and *Kingdoms* before the summer is out; and while I rarely go on single-author binges, here is an August-indicated exception. One need not ration out Silverberg titles to oneself (I do this with Graham Greene, for example), as he has been extremely prolific for decades while sacrificing no quality. My ticker, liver, and/or lungs will give out before Silverberg’s gifts are exhausted.

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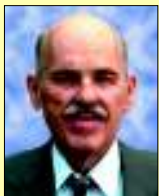
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