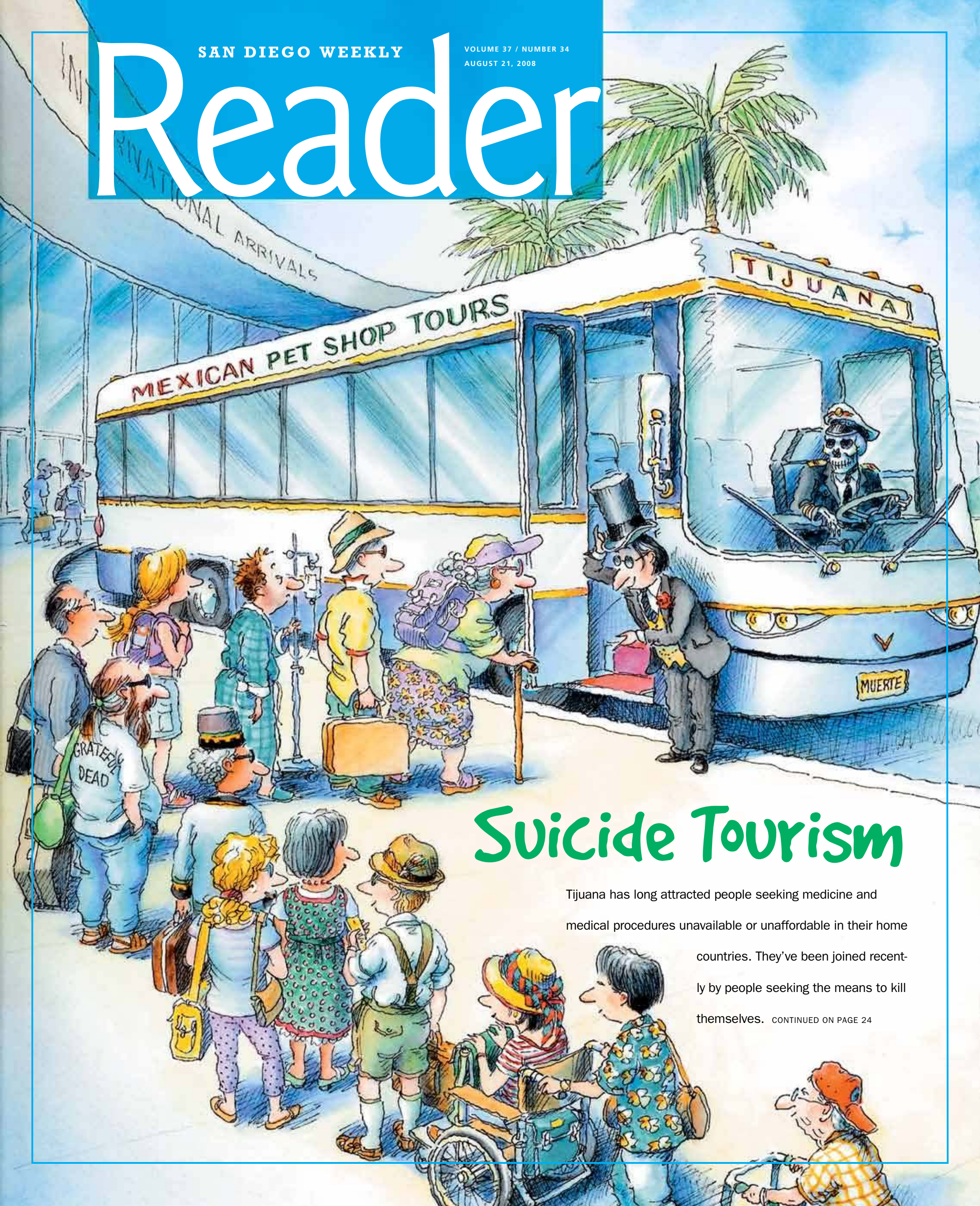


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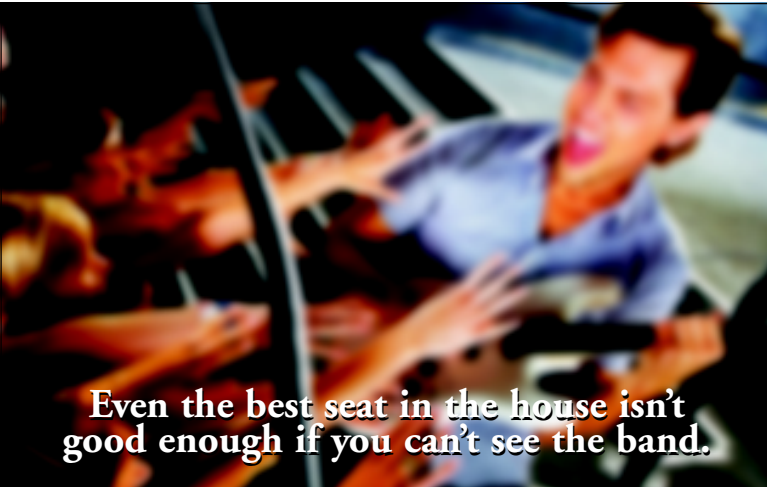
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## Hot Water

By Don Bauder

**T**he most attractive asset of the Warner Springs Ranch is the spring-fed, hot mineral water pool. So maybe it's fitting that

through the years, this back-country ranch has been in financial hot water. After opening in the early 1980s as a facility to be owned by 2000 tenants-in-common, rather like a country club, the ranch suffered through a succession of business failures by early developers. Now there is a bitter battle among the 1000 owners who plunk a slug of money down, plus annual fees and assessments, and

going up there. It's so acrimonious," says one of the San Diego owners, Greg S. Maizlish. "Owner, schmowner," he says, stressing that he is only expressing his own opinion. "The owner designation means nothing because the ranch is controlled by a small group" that he calls "the Los Tules crowd," residing in a development of that name adjacent to the ranch. "Folks like myself who live in towns and cities

a Supreme Court decision, the U.S. government ordered them ousted as trespassers. They took a 40-mile journey to join another tribe in Pala. They call the three-day trek their "Trail of Tears."

Irony of ironies: while the ranch struggles, the Pala Band of Mission Indians is now prospering with a fancy gambling casino and a raceway under construction. At one point, the Pala Band appeared to offer the most money for Warner Springs Ranch and was favored by a consultant who weighed the various proposals at the board's invitation. Pala is still favored by those wanting to sell the ranch, but the deal is no longer officially on the table. "The tribe is still interested in buying back their ancestral homeland," says a spokesman.

golf course needs work, the food is horrendous," says Maizlish.

Owners initially paid from \$13,500 to \$30,000, and annual dues are now \$4404 a year. There is a special assessment of \$240 this year. With many original owners seldom using the facility, many are not paying their annual dues. Ranch usage is open to nonowners who pay onetime fees for lodging and recreational facilities. "Why spend \$5000 a year when you can go up there whenever you want?" asks David Gee, a former board member from San Diego. "It's cheaper to go on a weekend than have a membership."

With the recall campaign just under way, owners expect more hostilities. There were plenty in 2006. Gee and Roche led that recall campaign. "After [the board] successfully defeated the recall campaign, they went into executive session and decided to fine me and Patrick \$33,000 each and suspend our ownership rights," recalls Gee, who was threatening to file a lawsuit. "Then they indicated that the motion to fine us would go away if the threat of litigation would go away." Gee considered that "extortion and blackmail" and made that specific charge under oath. The suit was filed and later withdrawn. Gee and Roche haven't been fined, but the board recently assessed a \$15,170 fine against Roche for allegedly misusing the list of owners in his communications. He refuses



Hot springs pool at Warner Springs Ranch



Warner Springs Ranch

extra for lodging and food. (Warner never got to the planned 2000 owners.)

With annual fees and special assessments spiraling upward, an apparent solid majority wants to see Warner Springs sold so the individuals can recover their original investment, or part of it. Most in this faction live a long distance from Warner; some haven't visited it in years. But another group—many living near the ranch—just as adamantly want a resort timeshare company to take over the place so their own leisure lifestyle can continue as usual. Those wanting a sale claim that the board of directors is biased toward the resort timeshare concept. They are attempting to have the board removed—something they failed to accomplish in 2006.

Hostile emails are flying back and forth. "I don't like

away from the ranch are tired of subsidizing folks who treat it like their backyard."

"We're financially indentured servants," says Patrick Roche, a board member and San Diego owner who is spearheading the recall effort. He was recently elected to the board with more than twice as many votes as any other candidate. He notes that in a poll of owners in May, 80.5 percent wanted the facility listed for sale. The board argues that fewer than half the owners voted, and they were told in advance that a nonvote was the same as a no vote.

This donnybrook threatens to produce a trail of tears—which, after all, is part of the Warner Hot Springs history. The Cupeño Indians had lived there for countless generations before the early 19th Century, when Spanish, Mexican, and later American settlers moved in. The Indians remained there in a serflike relationship with the settlers, but in 1903, after

Pala offered \$30 million for the property in 2005 and later said it would pay the fair value as established by an appraisal. The tribe would pay cash, give continued use rights to current owners, and not place a casino there. "The board never mailed the Pala offer to the owners," says Roche; that's one reason he is stumping for a board recall.

Warner has a geographical problem: located by the foothills of Palomar Mountain, 15 miles from Santa Ysabel, it is an hour and a half from North County and two and a half hours from Los Angeles under good driving conditions. The price of gas inhibits many members from visiting. Room occupancy is barely above 30 percent, despite the hot water pool, golf course, equestrian center, and 234 casitas, some historic. Even with income from the rising special assessments and from nonowners who pay to use the facility, "In my opinion, the dining room is in poor shape, the cantina could use work, the

to pay the assessment. He has been banned from using the facilities, although he can still come to the property to attend board meetings.

However, the 2006 tactic has intimidated some people who are afraid to speak publicly, fearing a defamation suit or some similar maneuver by the board.

At one point, eight investment groups expressed interest in doing a deal for the ranch. But it's down to two: Eagle Energy LLC, a Korean group, will buy the ranch outright for \$25 million; Highlands Resorts LLC wants to partner with the ranch and gradually convert it to a timeshare. It does not want to purchase or take over the ranch.

Both entities wanted to bargain exclusively, according to Jim Stilwell, general manager of the ranch, and they were the only two to put down \$3000 to cover the board's consulting costs. The board decided that Highlands had the potential both

to satisfy those who want to sell their interest and to give continued rights to those who want to stay. It would also put in cash for property improvements. "If the Eagle group were successful, it would effectively close out all other options," says Stilwell.

However, Eagle is offering less than Pala was earlier willing to pay, say those who want to oust the board. Also, they say, it is seldom a good idea to negotiate with only one party: you can't play one against the other.

Under Warner Ranch rules, it will take two-thirds of the owners to agree on a deal. But,

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## Don't Ask, Just Pay

By Joe Deegan

**E**ver wonder why public works cost taxpayers so much? Consider the case of one small project, the new Otay Valley

Regional Park ranger station and restroom. Under a joint powers agreement among San Diego County, the City of Chula Vista, and the City of San Diego, local politicians have been trying to develop the park since 1990. The land dedicated to the park extends along the southern border of Chula Vista, then north to the Otay Lakes. The Otay River, which runs through the area, was the site of a great flood supposedly caused by rainmaker Charles Hatfield in 1916.

Six years ago, the park's joint powers authority obtained a \$1 million grant from the State of California to help fund the park's growth. The money was applied to the construction of a staging area off Beyer Boulevard and new trails. The staging area, including ranger station, restroom,

bird-hunting safaris to Argentina on the side. But he has worked hard to develop open-space preserves in San Diego County as well. He is currently president of the San Diego County Parks Society and is cofounder of Friends of Otay Valley Regional Park, which to date has tried to help clean up the parklands. He also serves on the Otay park's Citizen Advisory Committee.

Hanson was disappointed in what he saw during the ranger station ribbon cutting. "It's a dump," he tells me. "I was walking through the ranger station, and it looked like a kid who went down to Dixieline lumber could have done a better job putting a building together. It was totally unimpressive."

According to minutes of the February 15 Otay Valley



Otay Valley Regional Park ranger station

said it was a \$1.7 million project, but [I] saw in the paper the next day that it was over \$2 million and would like to see how these costs came to be."

By early May, Hanson still had no answers. So on May 7, he emailed Robin Shifflet of the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, which was managing the project for the joint powers authority (Shifflet is a joint powers authority staff member too). Hanson asked her for the square footage of the ranger station and restroom. He then noted an apparent leap in the project's cost. "Finally — for now — I've seen a document," wrote Hanson in a May 7 email, "that lists the final cost of the ranger station [complex] as \$2,543,000. Comment?"

To explain the project's costs, Shifflet cited in her return message the next day the use of industrial-grade materials, an interior sprinkler system, air conditioning and heating, and additional lighting "on all four exterior walls to reduce vandalism." But she pleaded ignorance of the document containing the \$2,543,000 final cost. Instead, Shifflet sent along a "summary of costs" sheet. The items "I have attached," she wrote, "are the cost from the bid we received from Heffler [Company, Inc.] to do the work."

There were 26 items in the summary of costs from Heffler, including building and

pollution permits, earthwork, archaeological monitoring program, electrical, irrigation/landscaping, light poles and fixtures, and parking lot. Of particular interest to Hanson were \$210,000 for "Pre-fab Restroom/storage room with fire sprinklers" and \$437,100 for "Pre-fab Ranger Station with fire sprinklers."

The total at the bottom of the Heffler summary sheet was \$2,025,308. A check of San Diego City Council meeting minutes shows that this figure was within guidelines the council set for the project on August 8, 2006. During that meeting, the council stipulated that construction costs of the Beyer Boulevard staging area were not to exceed \$2,175,396.

Let's return to the document George Hanson says he saw placing the Beyer staging area cost at \$2,543,000. He identified it for Robin Shifflet in a May 9 email. It's a request to the San Diego City Council by Stacey LoMedico, director of Park and Recreation, and signed by the City's then-chief financial officer Jay Goldstone, to transfer excess Mission Bay lease revenues to five city park projects. In listing Otay Valley Regional Park as the recipient of \$25,000, the document states: "Including this proposal, the total cost of this project is \$2,543,000." The city council approved the item on January 8.

How did the cost of the

Beyer staging area get this high?

The Hanson-Shifflet email trail gives clues. In his May 9 email, Hanson also asked, "Could you kindly explain the choice of Heffler...?" Three days later, Shifflet replied that Heffler's was "the qualifying low bid for the project."

On May 23, after a trip to South America, Hanson brought up the square footage of the buildings at the Beyer staging area. (Two weeks earlier, Shifflet had supplied the information: a 912-square-foot ranger station and 598-square-foot restroom.) "According to my arithmetic," wrote Hanson, "one structure (the ranger station) cost \$479 per square foot, and the restroom cost \$352 per square foot. I talked to a general contractor who does all sorts of custom construction. He said the square-foot cost — including his profit — would be between \$85 and \$100 per square foot. As the two struc-

tures we are concerned with are prefab, it's a puzzle to me as to why the cost was so great.

"Also... I see that the cost of the 'Wet Utilities/Sewer Connection and Pump' is listed as \$82,390. This cost estimate puzzles me because the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project... declares that the sewer system is immediately available there on Beyer Boulevard."

Hanson finished by asking for a copy of the request for proposals that was advertised for the project, "at least a summary of the other bids received and staff analysis of these," and an explanation for "the subsequent cost overrun that resulted, an increase of approximately 25%."

On May 27, Shifflet advised Hanson to pursue these deeper inquiries through a Public Records Act request. She even supplied him with the number of the bid that Heffler won.

But the next day, Shifflet wrote Hanson that she had "to make a correction to the method of how we hired Heffler.... In April 2006 the Park and Recreation Department requested the Contract Services Department to provide a sole source contract for the Beyer

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Otay Valley Regional Park restroom

and parking lot, was completed in November.

Early this year, George Hanson attended the new facilities' opening. Hanson manages the remedial writing program at UCSD and leads

Regional Park Citizen Advisory Committee, Hanson asked, "Would it be possible to get an accounting of the funds spent on the Beyer staging area? I attended the opening, and there was a sign that



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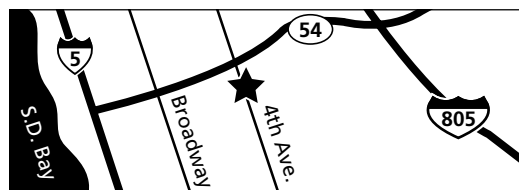
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says Stilwell, some strategies may not require a membership vote. If, for example, Highlands simply wants to buy out some of the owners, no vote would be needed. However, ownership units that were purchased for \$30,000 are now being sold for \$3500. The Pala or Eagle buyouts would bring much more money to those who want to sell. They say the Highlands

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deal is a decidedly lowball one. "In my opinion, the board owes the ownership an answer to the question of how Highlands jumped to the front of the line," says Maizlish.

The battle is likely to rage for some time. "There are factions," says Stilwell. "Some want to sell the ranch, others want to preserve the ranch." But neither side "wants to see the ranch destroyed. Nobody wants to see a developer come in here and build 3000 homes and make it a subdivision of San Diego." ■

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Boulevard project... Several projects were submitted... for the use of the [\$1 million grant] money but were turned down by the State. In 2005 the State agreed to the Beyer Boulevard Ranger station and trail, but the money had to be paid out by June 2007. City [and other] permits were obtained in September 2006. One of the permit conditions was that construction could not occur during the bird-breeding season. This only allowed construction to occur

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from September 16 to March 15. [Thus] the construction schedule... did not allow for a three month public bid process and... a sole source contract was requested and approved."

Shifflet sent one final email to Hanson. It included an amendment to Heffler's cost summary sheet for the Beyer staging area. The amended summary detailed how the project reached its \$500,000 overrun. Perhaps many costs had been anticipated from the project's beginning, for the summary showed that \$382,639 was administrative

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expenses, including \$215,910 to the City. But \$135,053 was new construction costs. Of these, \$104,536 came in two project "change orders."

The Heffler Company, Inc., of National City, founded by contractor Patrick Heffler, has completed numerous projects for the San Diego Park and Recreation Department. The company has often gone back for "change orders," according to the minutes of

the San Diego City Council. At city council meetings, one often sees change orders approved for construction projects. After searching meeting minutes, I am unable to find approval of the change orders Heffler received for the Beyer staging area.

Costs are one thing, quality of what you pay for quite another. George Hanson tells me of a different San Diego County open-space park facility he recently visited. The Goodan Ranch/Sycamore Canyon Visitors Center, a 3200-square-foot building near Poway, opened in November to replace a center that was burned to the ground in the 2003 Cedar

Fire. "The new building has a mini theater and a number of green aspects, such as solar paneling on the roof. It's very impressive."

(Costs increased in the Goodan Ranch project as well. When I called Mina Nguyen, spokeswoman for the San Diego County Parks and Recreation Department, she was tight-lipped about the project's final costs. But *North*

*County Times'* reports had put the bill originally at \$1.4 million, then \$1.5 and \$1.7 million. The most recent figure I found came from the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, a little over \$2 million.)

Hanson says that during meetings of the Otay Valley Regional Park's Citizen Advisory Committee, his inquiries into finances were met with less than enthusiasm. At mention of possible irregularities, he said, one member's "whole face looked like it dropped." In the give-and-take of the committee's June meeting, Hanson tells me, vice chairman Kevin O'Neil admonished him that it is not the charge of members to raise such questions. It gave Hanson a new metaphor for understanding what a citizen advisory committee is. "Remember in the old days," he asks, "those play steering wheels for kids in cars?" ■

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### Who Cares? I Don't

There are so many problems with your latest issue that I don't know where to start.

"Remote Control" keeps changing locations. Why? Enough with that. Keep it in one place already.

Two people are missing from "Off the Cuff." That is four people shy of what it should be missing. Drop that feature already. We don't care what six people have to say about some subject. Use the space more creatively (although, I'm not sure "Say What?" works either — who cares about some slang word?).

A pop quiz? Now, your typo thing is fun. If we notice something, we win money. But a pop quiz? What is that? We aren't in school. And when I glanced at it, I realized I knew the answer to a "Crasher" question. Then I knew another answer. I figured I'd send it in. And I see you want page numbers. Why? Why the extra work? I have to go back and see what page "Crasher" is on, just to

prove I read it. You guys are nuts.

The beach booze ban stories. Who cares. These have been done to death.

Cover story on parties was great. Why not more of that?

"Club Crawler" is a nice feature. I like it better than CityBeat's music listings for each day of the week, but why is this writer always saying things like "Steely Dan is reelin' in the years and stowing away the time at Pala." Okay, you know the song lyrics. We're impressed. It doesn't work for the piece.

On the subject of music items, why is there a "Blurt" on Cheech and Chong? They aren't musicians.

Why is there a "Blurt" on Peter Gabriel, from a concert in the 1980s? And this Sanford, he did a great cover story about living on the street and being on drugs. Yet all these old concerts, he seemed to attend. A Cheap Trick one from a few weeks ago had him selling blood to pay for a ticket. This makes no sense. A guy with no money on the street, seeing every concert he writes about. Is it to make him the story? Or to make the story seem more relevant? Maybe an "Off the Cuff" should be done, asking six homeless people how often they go to concerts. I'm guessing they never do, but if any are like Jay, they're begging for money — not for food or cheap wine — but for a ticket to see Cheap Trick at Canes.

Stephen Root  
Clairemont

## Talk To The Good Apples

Next time you do a column like this ("Beach Booze Banter," Feature Story, August 14), you might interview a few beachgoers who have come back because of the ban and don't need a drink to enjoy the beach. You know, the ones with families? Instead of interviewing bar owners, try a few lifeguards, cops, or paramedics. And maybe a few motel proprietors and property managers who will tell you how their problems have decreased and how their renters really like the ban. Oh, and don't forget the Park and Rec employees who have to clean up the trash.

Is San Diego the only city in SoCal that thinks it needs booze on the beach to attract visitors? Apparently so, from your article, because all but a couple of the rest have been alcohol free for a long time, and they aren't suffering. Did you notice how fast Del Mar and Solana Beach wised up as soon as we got the booze off the sand? Go talk to the people at Silver Strand about a "few bad apples ruining it for everyone." What nonsense.

Bill Bradshaw  
Mission Beach

## Shakedown Streets

Re "Greetings from Tijuana," cover story, August 7. Thank you for exposing the corruption of the Tijuana police. I myself have experienced numerous

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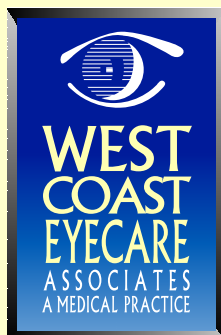
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Hey, Matt:

Ever see big jets flying overhead, the ones leaving a white smoke trail? They fly right over our houses daily. Whee! Say, listen...I have a certain keen ol' hand-held walkie-talkie, good for hiking, etc. It has a good seven-mile range and heavy-duty...top notch. Can I talk to those dudes on the plane somehow? Or is that a technical no-no, edging on an illegal type of activity, as the feds like to say? We'd like to yell, er, say to them, "Hey, jet guys! See us? Straight down! We're waving!" Is this a yes or a no-no?

— Playful Babysitters, Clairemont

Yeah, we've seen jets overhead, but we never had any urge to yell at them. You might have to put that dream on the shelf, I'm afraid. Your little walkie-talkie isn't going to be much help flagging down a pilot. First of all, your device is set to transmit and receive radio signals within a limited space in the radio-wave band. If the pilot doesn't have a transceiver set to the same frequency as yours, he'll never hear you. But truckers or housewives might catch your greeting. Some walkie-talkies share the same frequencies as CB radios and baby monitors. Anyway, if you have the walkie and the pilot doesn't have the talkie, forget it.

But let's say you ambush a pilot on his way into the cockpit and ask him to take the walkie-talkie with him. Unless you have some stupendous sales pitch, he won't do it. Airplanes are filled with devices that rely on radio waves to operate properly. And radio waves being what they are, any off-the-wall signal introduced into the mix could possibly mess up something. The odds are small, but it's not something that can be reliably predicted. If you convince a passenger to take the other half of your device into the sky, they'll be hounded by the flight attendants to turn it off and will be sorry they agreed to do it in the first place. No devices that transmit signals can be used when the plane is in flight. The "airplane mode" setting on cell phones turns off the transmit function.

As we said, there's no guarantee that your walkie-talkie signal will send the plane spinning into the ground, but there was a recent interference problem that took the airline industry a year or so to fix. One of the things that works on radio signals in the Air Bus and the big Boeing planes is the emergency lock on the cockpit door, which can be activated in case someone tries to break in. One day a mechanic was working in a cockpit and using a walkie-talkie to communicate with someone outside the plane. He pushed the talk button and suddenly the safety lock on the cockpit door slid into place. It turns out there was something about that particular frequency that could lock and unlock the safety device. The manufacturers got to work fast fixing that one.

Lastly, I know the guys who made your top-flight walkie-talkie say it has a range of seven miles, but have you confirmed that? The distance is going to depend on the power supply and also the frequency your radios use. If your device has line-of-sight transmission, you might have to go to Nebraska to test it. Find someplace that has no mountains, hills, or speed bumps for seven miles and give it a shot. Odds are the manufacturer has slightly exaggerated the power, figuring you'd never be in a situation that would disprove it. So your cheery greeting to the pilot might not even have the oomph to make it to the plane. And, hey, who's watching the kids if you fools are out watching the skies for airplanes so you can wave and yell at them?

Heymatt:

Will milk go bad sooner if someone drinks directly out of the jug? I've had some sour before the expiration date lately, and I think this might be the cause.

— Pat Ryan, via email

Well, Pat, Grandma Alice is ready to come over to your house and kick some butt around. What's the deal with drinking out of the milk jug? And by the way, we'll have to turn down that nice dinner invitation you issued. Thanks anyway. Are you not aware that there are hundreds of species of bacteria that live in our mouths? Not to mention viruses, protozoa, and fungi. Never heard that old saw about a human mouth being "dirtier" than a dog's mouth? When did the lightbulb go on about this situation? Yes, the backwash from drinking out of the jug will contaminate the milk and is very likely to sour it before its time. And please don't write in again when you notice that fuzzy stuff grows on the block of cheese you put your fingers all over.

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# Democratic Convention Sports Preview

While watching the NBC Olympics on television, quietly enjoying the 105th consecutive evening of women's beach volleyball, I had a sad thought: *This is going to end someday*. Then, like the morning sun rising over the mist of a polluted Florida swamp, shines a happy thought: *The Democratic Convention goes off on Monday*. This means, dear reader, we can gather 'round the campfire, open the whiskey bottle, break out the banjo, and play our quadrennial parlor game, "How will the Democrats lose this presidential election?"

First, we should inventory what the Dems have to work with, beginning with the George Bush-created Iraq war as a monument to his mindless arrogance. Then, we have corruption as a way of governing, relentless incompetence, leading players in Bush's national security bureaucracy are liable for criminal prosecution (likewise the justice department, likewise the state department), an army misused to the point of exhaustion, running up the national debt to 9 trillion 500 billion dollars, a job-approval rating of 28 to 33 percent depending on the poll, a recession, \$4-per-gallon gas, the Katrina debacle, unending home foreclosures, bank closures, declining standard of living... Add this up and one would think any Republican running for president — particularly one supporting the same policies that sunk George Bush — would be doomed.

One would think wrong. McCain, whose senescence is becoming more obvious by the day, is running near even with Obama and appears to have the momentum.

It's beginning to feel so familiar, the Democrats putting together another come-from-ahead loss. Our parlor game is to puzzle out how they'll do it this time around.

I don't see any new tactics so far. Republicans will attack their opponent's strength even if it's hard to keep a straight face while doing it. So, if McCain employs lobbyists to run his campaign, attack Obama for being too close to lobbyists. If you wear \$520 Ferragamo loafers, attack Obama for associating with rich empty-headed celebrities. If you own ten houses, attack Obama for being an elitist. If you started going to church three months ago, attack your opponent as being not quite a Christian. And here's the money shot: If your opponent is black, accuse him of "playing the race card."

The Democrats have one consistent-to-the-point-of-routine reply to these attacks: cringe and cower.

So, how will the Democrats lose this time?

And to make it more interesting, I'm inserting a new rule: from now on you can't use cringe and cower as the only reason why Dems will lose this election.

Yes, yes, I hear your complaint: "This is what the Democrats do best. What else is there if I take away their most reliable campaign tool?"

Well, how about: Cringe and cower, plus

mealy-mouthed support for gay coupledness. This kills two birds: you still enrage Republicans, and now you're insulting a large part of your base.

Or, cringe and cower plus support for some kind of offshore oil-drilling. You gain no Republican support because they know yours is mealy-mouthed support, and you insult another large portion of your base.

Or, cringe and cower plus support a retroactive amnesty bill for telecoms who willingly and illegally violated the law. Which is a nice way of saying they wiretapped your phone and intercepted your email.

Or, cringe and cower plus...okay, I admit it, this is getting harder, like trying to find a legit square for the Q on the last play of a Scrabble game. Still, we must needs push on.

Cringe and cower plus Nancy Pelosi and the senate guy, Harry Reid. This is the face of the Democratic Party in Congress, coming at us with all the verve and manly self-confidence of an abused puppy. According to the Democratic National Committee, next Monday, "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Claire McCaskill will speak about the values of the Democratic Party and the efforts to take America in a new direction and to reach out to all voters, in particular new voters, independents, and Republicans to get the country moving in the right direction again at this critical time; nightly theme will be 'One Nation.'" Nauseating. Clueless.

On Wednesday, "Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid will discuss Barack Obama's plans to make America more secure by investing in smart energy policies." Can we wait until Wednesday?

Cringe and cower plus play defense at all times. This has the bonus of making it appear you won't fight for the job. Ours is a bang-bang shoot-'em-up culture, so refusal to fight is a cultural taboo. You'll solidify the Republican vote against you while disheartening your voters. A twofer.

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**Address:** 4761 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-483-2300  
**Founded locally:** 1947  
**Senior Pastor:** Richard Rollefson  
**Congregation size:** about 550  
**Staff size:** 9  
**Sunday school enrollment:** 10  
**Annual budget:** \$600,000  
**Weekly giving:** n/a  
**Singles program:** not formally  
**Dress:** semiformal to formal  
**Diversity:** mostly Caucasian  
**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 30 minutes (longer than usual, due to special presentation)  
**Website:** christph.org

Traces of the old tile pattern still darken the stained concrete floor at Christ Lutheran, but they don't distract much from the surface's overall look — that of parched, cracked earth. It's in sharp contrast to the sanctuary, which is dominated by a mosaic depicting a bountiful orchard, nourished by a stream flowing from the foot of the elevated cross. The "stream" flows under the sanctuary table, down the stairs, and out along the central aisle of the church. "And everything lives where the river goes," explains a page at the back of the worship guide, quoting Ezekiel. "This water of life is the grace of God, which flows from the holy center of our hearts into a life of service for our neighbors. God fills us and sends us as a river of people into a thirsty world."

Sunday's liturgy provided a literal (and material) example of that intention to give drink to the thirsty — in this case, Rwandan orphans, the "Children of the Road" whose families were destroyed by the genocidal upheaval in 1994. "Beyond the boundaries of race or nation, in Christ You make of us brothers, sisters all," proclaimed the Call to Worship. The Scripture reading, taken from John's first letter, made this familial connection a bond of love: "We love because He first loved us.... Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also." And the Gospel, taken from Matthew 25, made the love of one's neighbor into an act of love for God: "When the Son of Man comes in glory... He will say... 'I was hungry and you gave me food... I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me.... Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

This is why, when Reverend Paul Oas introduced the film that served as the sermon, he said, "We told the kids, 'We're not bringing Jesus to you — we're finding Him in you.'" Dr. Jim Hall, a congregant, made the film during a 2007

visit to the El Shaddai orphanage in Rwanda's capital city of Kigali. The orphanage was started by a soldier who witnessed the devastation wrought upon the Rwandan children, and Christ Lutheran serves as one of its supporters.

What began as a makeshift refuge in an abandoned warehouse has gradually been built up into something substantial and sustaining for some 400 orphans. The film documented the life of the orphanage — the older boys cooking great pots of mash over an open fire, clothes hung on junked cars to dry after washing, school, sewing, and recreation. (The play was the most affecting — Bantu singing and dancing, children keeping a balloon aloft with their fingertips.) And it highlighted recent improvements: water filters, dental and medical exams, and therapy for children suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

After the film, Tim Botsko of the Rwandan Orphans Project gave a detailed account of those improvements. Botsko and his partners have

worked to integrate the El Shaddai community into the larger life of Kigali, and also to improve life within the orphanage. The orphanage breeds rabbits for food and has built their cages above a pond, so that their droppings will nourish populations of catfish and tilapia. The children have uniforms, which help to provide a sense of identity and community. Morale has improved, in part due to donated soccer uniforms — the orphans formed a team and managed to beat some of the neighboring schools. "We have really progressed and that could not have happened without the support of Christ Lutheran Church."

The deep emphasis on the love of neighbor showed through in the Communion service, characterized as a "Meal of thanksgiving" in the prayer guide. The prayer over the gifts began, "Blessed are You, O God.... You have

blessed us with Your goodness. You have given us our selves, our time, and our possessions. May these gifts be used in the care and healing of all that You have made." And in the Sending Song at the end of the service — a South African tune featuring lead pastor Richard Rollefson on an African drum — the congregation sang, "Christ the lord to us said, I am wine, I am bread/ I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger."

What happens when we die? "Our understanding is focused on the resurrection of Christ," said Rollefson. "So, we believe that neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Christ [Romans 8]. We believe that God's love continues to reach out to us even beyond death."

— Matthew Lickona



RICHARD ROLLEFSON AND ERIN MARTINSON

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### Sermon

content.....★★½  
delivery.....★★★★

### Liturgy

.....★★★★

### Music

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band.....★★½

### Snacks

.....★★½

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The whole event got me thinking. I have no idea what to do in these kinds of accidents, not to mention what to do for other types of wounds. Only vague ideas on wound care and first aid float about my mind. Some professional direction on what our home first-aid kit should contain and what action should be taken for different injuries would be helpful. I got that help from our nurse friend Michael, who is also a father of four.

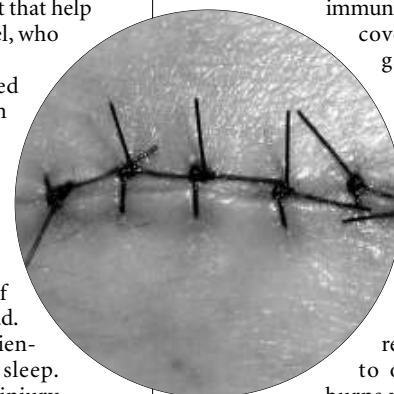
"If the accident knocked them out, even if they then wake up, you call 911," explained Michael. "If the kid is crying for an extended period of time — what we call inconsolable crying — that needs to be checked out. Parents are going to know if the kid really bumped their head. Don't wait for signs like disorientation or if the kid goes to sleep. Those are late signs of brain injury.

"Speaking of pool accidents," Michael added, "if a child has been underwater but no one witnessed for how long and the child is pulled out and acting fine, that child still needs to be checked out to rule out 'dry drowning.'"

We moved on to the topic of wounds and stitches. "If my child comes in with a scraped knee, I draw up saline solution with a syringe and I squirt it on the wound. Or I squirt it on gauze and scrub all the dirt out of the wound to prevent an infection problem. Then I cover the wound with gauze and tape to absorb the leaking fluids, avoid contamination, and keep it safe from prying dirty hands [Johnson & Johnson first aid gauze pads, **\$6.99** for 25-count of 3" by 3" at Rite Aid]."

Michael suggests gauze for small wounds to allow the air to reach the wound. For heavily oozing wounds, he suggests Telfa nonadhesive bandages, which will not stick to the wound (Curad non-stick pads with adhesive tabs, **\$4.99** for 20 count at Walgreens). "You don't want to leave gauze on a heavily oozing wound because it will become part of the scab when the wound heals; it will be physically bonded to that scab."

Michael uses Betadine (**\$17.99** for eight ounces at Walgreens), a brown antiseptic solution often associated with the operating room. "If I am working without gloves, I wash my hands or rub on Betadine and put



*"If the kid is crying for an extended period of time, what we call inconsolable crying, that needs to be checked out."*

some on the area around the wound. You need to do something to get in between your germs and that wound."

For a deeper wound, "Anytime there is a flap created, get that stitched. Or if there is depth to the wound, where you are not just dealing with an abrasion... there's a slice, or there is a deep red, meaty color that you see on both sides of the wound edges and you say, 'That is muscle right there,' just take the kid in. Or if the wound is in a place like the hand, which you use a lot, you want those things treated because you are going to keep opening the wound and run the risk of infection. Stitches would prevent that."

For puncture wounds, "I try to invade minimally. If there is something still in the wound and it's bigger than a splinter, take the kid to the doctor's office." But for a

rusty-nail puncture with an updated immunization shot, "I would cover the wound with gauze and tape and call the doctor to run that plan by him."

On to burns. "If it is a simple burn, you're going to cool it down with cold water; cover it with gauze and tape only if the skin looks like it is reddened and is about to open up." Serious burns with sloughing skin need to be examined by a professional.

I asked Michael for the protocol when a kid swallows something that could be toxic. "You need to get on the phone with poison control. Everybody should get a little refrigerator magnet that says the number for poison control because those people are experts in what they do."

As for foreign objects in the eyes, "I like having a few syringes — without needles — around to flush dirt out of eyes. I use saline, but if you have water that you're reasonably sure doesn't have anything in it, I would use that." Chlorinated pool water also does the trick, he added.

For sprains and bruises, Michael says, "Cold packs [Longs twin-pack instant-ice compress, **\$5.99**]. I am a big fan of the four interventions for sprains: rest, ice, compression, and elevation. Ice packs that you squeeze one end and there is an endothermic reaction that goes on and it gets cold, those packs are priceless; whatever they cost, pay it. And for compression, I use an Ace bandage [**\$7.49** for a four-inch-wide bandage at Rite-Aid]."

Michael added one last note. "Store-bought kits often have limited supplies in them, and they're more of a general medical-care kit, often including things like Tylenol and thermometers." His first-aid kit is a backpack that he fills with items bought separately in bulk.

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# Child's Pose

*Yoga is difficult for the one whose mind is not subdued.*  
— Bhagavad Gita

**D**espite all the dismissive things I've said about patchouli-wearing chakra tweakers, I still wanted to try yoga. Though my inherent impatience inspires me to be proactive in most facets of life, I wasn't in a rush to get the big blue exercise ball rolling on something that might take away the blankie of stress to which I'd grown so attached. When it comes to ventures such as this, I rely on my friends Rosa and Janet (each an executive in different national big-name corporations) to lead the way.

Rosa had generated the email, after which Janet had offered to lend me her extra mat and thrown out a few dates. I had but to say yes and pick a day.

The class was called Yoga Fundamentals. If it were an English course, we would not be tackling sentences or even words — we'd be learning the alphabet. That suited me just fine, as yoga — like Swahili

to a Tahitian — was a language of which I was only vaguely aware and had yet to encounter firsthand. Before heading to Janet's studio of choice, Ginseng Yoga in South Park, I called Rosa to verify that I would not need socks. She mentioned something about blankets being provided — though I couldn't imagine why I'd need one of those, I refrained from seeking clarification, figuring I'd find out soon enough.

Forty minutes before class was to begin, I parked in front of a charming strip of businesses tucked between residential streets. After about 20 minutes, I recognized Janet's car approaching; I stopped pacing up and down the short sidewalk and waited

for her in the shadow of a tree. As I stood there, I took a moment to enjoy the warm early-evening breeze coming from the direction of the setting sun, and couldn't help feeling all Zen and shit.

Janet led me into Ginseng's front room, a boutique that sells yoga-oriented clothes, books, music, and equipment; I presumed the jewelry and paintings had been created using some special artsy yoga techniques. Something about the space made me feel like I should whisper, so I dropped my voice as I greeted the guy seated behind the counter. I filled out an information form, hesitating at the part that asked for an emergency contact. I whispered a series of questions: "Why would I need this? Do people get stuck in poses? Is passing out common?" Janet assisted the man in explaining that it was just procedure, you know, for the great "if." Satisfied, I jotted down David's name and slid the form back across the counter in exchange for my credit card — one class would have been \$15, but I sprang for the extra \$5 that would allow me to partake in another class if I came back within ten days.

The studio to which we were directed (the smaller of the two) had just enough room to comfortably set eight yoga mats in two rows of four. It was dark — like the basements of East Coast homes, a few small casement windows (through which leaves of the tall trees outside could be seen), were

arrayed along one wall near the ceiling. I rolled out my borrowed mat in the space farthest from where the instructor would likely stand, and Janet unrolled her mat next to mine. Rosa, who showed up late, found her spot in the corner opposite me.

The instructor was a man, which I found surprising until I reminded myself that yoga wasn't just a chick thing. Then again, there was only one man in the class, which became immediately apparent when our appointed guru for the evening said, "Hello, ladies...and Aaron. My name is Robert, and I'll be your instructor for the evening." Robert walked the room, introducing himself individually to first-timers. He wore baggy beige shorts and a white T-shirt, and his long dark hair was pulled back in a low ponytail. Energy radiated from his pores. I guessed him to be in his early 20s, but then he mentioned something about his wife. Because only Mormons marry that young, I concluded Robert must be older and just look youthful — score a point for yoga.

We began with a pose called the "downward facing dog." This one wasn't new to me; I'd seen it while partying with my sister Jane in Vegas. Constipated from a weekend diet comprising countless cocktails and a few bites of anything fried, one of Jane's friends demonstrated the right-angle triangle stance (butt in the air, hands and feet on the ground) as a way to "help

Everyone else had arranged themselves into an uncomfortable-looking "peasant groveling before the king" pose.

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get things moving.”

I followed Robert’s instructions and allowed my head to hang down between my shoulders. I pushed the ground with my arms and tried really hard to get my heels to join my toes on the ground, but my calves weren’t having it. After we “walked” our feet toward our hands, we remained for a moment in the “touch your toes” position, which was an easy one for me, thanks to the flexibility I’ve obtained from my daily routine of holding the complicated “face to knees so hair can dry naturally without falling flat” pose.

Robert asked us to rest for a moment, so I dropped to my bum, and then realized I was the only one. Everyone else had arranged themselves into an uncomfortable-looking “peasant groveling before the king” pose, low on their knees with their foreheads on their mats and their arms stretched out in front of them. Jarring the others with the surprising sound of my voice, I said, “Is that, like, the official resting pose? It doesn’t look very restful.”

Robert chuckled with the patient disposition of a kindergarten teacher. “That’s known as the “child’s pose,” which is usually the resting pose,”

he said. “But for now, as this is the fundamentals class, you can rest however you like.” I smiled with relief and remained seated with my legs crossed.

We stretched in a variety of positions. Robert offered feedback as to what we were doing right and wrong, often with a demonstration that required him to remove an article of clothing — to illustrate what he meant by “pushing back the shoulders,” he lost his shirt; later, to display the correct placement of the hip during a lunge, his pants came off. I don’t know about Aaron, but the ladies seemed to appreciate the clarity of these visual explanations.

When Robert pointed to what looked like a neat pile of ponchos at one end of the room and invited us to grab three blankets each, all of the muscles I’d been working so hard to loosen clenched back up. The last thing a germaphobe such as me wants to do is climb beneath some skeezy blanket that is undoubtedly infested by the sweaty germs of incalculable yogis, many of whom probably skip showers in their efforts to save our natural resources. It took the greatest strength and concentration for me to handle the blankets. I almost yelped

my relief when I realized we’d be lying atop, not under, the scratchy material. We folded and stacked them so that, like a beam, they would lift our backs from the ground. After Robert came by, pulled my shoulders down, and faced my palms to the ceiling, I was actually very comfortable.

“I’m happy this was a more informal class,” Janet said to me once we were outside. “I was worried you were going to make me laugh, and in the class I usually go to, everyone is much more reverent.”

“I can do reverent,” I said, even though I wasn’t entirely convinced I could.

“I like this class a lot,” said Rosa. While on the phone earlier, she’d told me that she didn’t like the chanting, spiritual mumbo-jumbo that she’d been forced to sit through during all the others.

“I don’t mind chanting, especially when I don’t understand the words,” I said. While driving the family from New York to California, my dad would play chants led by Gurumayi Chidvilasanda over and over on the tape deck in the VW camper. Thinking back on Dad’s Eastern spiritual exploits, it’s a wonder I hadn’t tried yoga sooner. “Those reverberations in

your chest are like an internal massage,” I explained to Rosa. “Think the chair at Divine Nail Spa, but instead of massaging your back and legs, it massages your organs. Eh?” She seemed unswayed.

I offered Janet’s mat

back to her. “You’re welcome to keep it,” she said. “So you want to do this class again next Thursday?”

“I’m in,” I said, suppressing the voice in my head that balked at becoming one of those people I’ve always delight-

ed in mocking — a SoCal chick with a goddamned yoga mat in the trunk of her car. ■

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# Suicide Tourism

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And some of them are coming from 8000 miles away. It's being called suicide tourism, and Tijuana is one of its hottest destinations, so hot that one of the men who put Tijuana on the suicide tourism map now says he's directing people to Mexican border towns to the east.

Dr. Philip Nitschke could be described as the Jack Kevorkian of Australia. He's been nicknamed Dr. Death in his country for his very public championing of what he terms "end-of-life choices." He performed the first legal physician-assisted suicides in the world in 1996, when the Northern Territory, a province of Australia, legalized the practice. Within months of passing, the law was overturned, but Nitschke has remained active in the issue. He's the president of a group called Exit International and the coauthor of a book called *The Peaceful Pill Handbook* that details ways in which people can kill themselves peacefully and painlessly. The book, which gained notoriety when it was banned in Australia and New Zealand, offers tips on traveling to Mexico to buy

pentobarbital — also known as Nembutal.

"The history of the drug is interesting," said Nitschke, reached by phone in Australia. "It used to have a bit of a role as a sleeping tablet. It was one of the barbiturate sleeping tablets, and it was implicated in Marilyn Monroe and Judy Garland ending their lives by having an overdose of sleeping tablets. But it's fallen away...it's almost a non-prescribed drug for human use. But it's still used in veterinary practice. That's the one people are seeking out in Mexico."

**Asked for pentobarbital by a customer,  
the woman looks a bit nervous.**



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Asked why Mexico, Nitschke responds, "Convenience. It's relatively easy for people to access the country from as far away as Australia. It's not just a matter of distance but a matter of the ability to simply fly into America and cross the border. And the cost of the travel is relatively cheap. Those are the main considerations. There have been other places. But Mexico became the most well known, and partly because we included a chapter about it in my book. What we were trying to do is take away some of the difficulty and make it a much more straightforward process in terms of obtaining what it is people need. To do that, you've got to make it clear what it is people are trying to do so that they're not just wandering in a foreign country making all sorts of mistakes. They need to know

exactly what they're trying to do and that the product they're getting is what they want. So we were able to find out what all those processes are and write about them. That book was published a couple of years ago, and since, there's been quite an increase in the number

half."

The clerk recommended another veterinary pharmacy "a block and a half down Second." On the south side of Second, between Negrete and Ocampo, stands Granero Los Alazanes. The store is stuffed with handmade wooden doghouses, leashes, muzzles,

**"We do not send people to Tijuana because it's not legal."**

of people traveling into Mexico for this reason."

Recently, at Star Pet veterinary pharmacy on the west side of Avenida Revolución just south of Second, the clerk on duty, when asked for pentobarbital, said in fluent English, "We're all sold out. We'll get more in about a month and a

shampoos, and pet food. Behind the counter, a couple in their mid-30s watch a soap opera playing on a wall-mounted television. Asked for pentobarbital by a customer, the woman looks a bit nervous and glances at the man to her left. He nods his head almost imperceptibly, and she

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grabs a bottle down from a high shelf behind her. It's 100 milliliters of Pentovet NRV brand pentobarbital. "Forty-five dollars," she says.

Dr. Luis Guerra operates a veterinary practice in Colonia Libertad, a neighborhood that clings to the hills between the river and the border about five miles east of downtown. "What are those veterinary pharmacies doing down there in a tourist area?" he asks rhetorically. "They're not there for pets."

Guerra says he's heard about people coming to Mexico to obtain pentobarbital but says none have ever come to him asking for it. "I wouldn't sell it to them if they did," says Guerra, a gregarious man in his mid-50s with thick black hair and the gray-flecked brush mustache common to middle-aged Mexican men. Dressed in

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tan slacks, blue polo shirt, and a white apron, he stands behind the glass display case of what he calls his “pharmacy.” “I sell shampoos, soaps, flea medicines, things like that,” Guerra explains, “nothing that requires a prescription, and certainly no anesthetics such as pentobarbital.”

Guerra says he understands why someone who wanted to die would want to use pentobarbital, because of the peaceful nature of death caused by the barbiturate. “They would fall

asleep and not wake up.”

In his veterinary practice, Guerra administers pentobarbital by injection in order to tranquilize and anesthetize animals before he performs surgery on them. “I give the proper dosage, and the dog goes to sleep. If I give any more, the breathing will stop.”

Though he knows the death would be peaceful, Guerra doesn’t think pentobarbital makes a good suicide drug because “I think it would take more than

one person. In order to die peacefully, they have to inject first to sleep, and then the second, fatal

fatal, there are two risks: the needle might pop out or you might get a huge concentration of the liq-

## “Do you want a plastic bag over your head, or do you want this little drink?”

dose, and somebody has to help at that point. Let’s say I wanted to do it by myself. As I inject myself, I start getting drowsy, and most likely, before I finish a fatal dosage, I’m asleep. If I tried quickly to inject enough to be

uid in one spot, and that doesn’t bring about the desired effect.”

“That’s right,” says Nitschke, “so you don’t inject it. You drink it. It comes in 50- or 100-milliliter bottles, and in a 100-milliliter bottle you

get six grams. I’ve never seen anyone drink six grams of that and finish their whiskey, if they’re drinking whiskey afterwards.”

Part of the reason *The Peaceful Pill Handbook* was banned in Australia and New Zealand was because of the helpful hints on traveling to Mexico to obtain pentobarbital with the intent to bring it back to Australia. “You can’t legally import the drug into Australia,” Nitschke says. “It’s a class A drug, as they say here, the same as heroin.”

But it’s not only Australian law that Nitschke’s suicide-tourist

countrymen are breaking, it’s U.S. law as well. Exit International and *The Peaceful Pill Handbook* suggest that people stay in U.S. cities such as San Diego, cross into Mexico, and cross back into the U.S. carrying the pentobarbital, which is illegal. An Australian television news report from April 2008, available on YouTube ([youtube.com/watch?v=EheK5vmInOE](http://youtube.com/watch?v=EheK5vmInOE)), shows a seriously ill couple from Australia traveling to San Diego, checking in at the Harborview Inn on Grape Street in Little Italy, enjoying a few sights in San Diego, and conferring with Nitschke in their hotel room as to where in Tijuana to find the suicide drugs they want. Next, they’re in Tijuana buying the pentobarbital at a veterinary pharmacy on Revolución. A sign hangs in the window of the pharmacy. It says: Australian Veterinary Supplements. They make their purchase, cross back into the U.S., and fly back to Australia. Asked if he’s aware of the illegality of crossing the U.S. border with pentobarbital, Nitschke chuckles. “Look,” he says, “we understand that you’re crossing several boundaries there. And we’ve had a couple of instances where people have been picked up at the U.S. border. We’ve had, interestingly, no example of people that have been picked up at the Australia or New Zealand port. But elderly people think, ‘What have I got to lose?’ And quite possibly they

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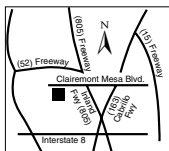
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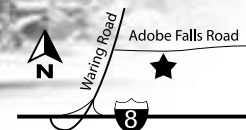
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have a lot to lose, but they do it anyway. You've got an increasing number of elderly folk who are prepared to take this chance. That speaks for itself."

Faye Girsh, vice president of the Hemlock Society of San Diego, knows that Exit International has been publicizing the Mexico option for its members. "But we do not send people to

Tijuana, because it's not a legal thing to do," she explains. "We want people to be able to die peacefully, and quickly, and gently, and with certainty, and those drugs are a way to do it. But we don't want to jeopardize people's legal status. We support legal physician-aided dying. We're also very supportive of the Final Exit Network, an organization that was

founded by me and some other people in 2005. [Final Exit] provides support to people who have terminal or hopeless diseases who are considering hastening their death. If they qualify for the program, then our volunteers, who are called exit guides — I am one — go to their home to talk about options. If they do decide to hasten their dying, the exit

guides are with them when they do it, although they can't provide physical assistance and they can't provide the means."

Girsh describes the experience as "peaceful, quick, and certain. Generally, loved ones are there. Generally, these people are extremely sick, not always terminal but sometimes terminal. When a death is planned

that way, there's often less grieving, less trauma than when a death occurs after a long period of suffering or when it occurs suddenly, of course. Most of the people that I've worked with have had hospice care, but it's not enough, so they choose to hasten their death."

Asked what death-hastening methods she recommends, Girsh responds, "Well, the best

drugs are really not available to people, and that's why they go to Mexico. The best drugs are short-acting barbiturates. Pentobarbital — Nembutal, we call it."

But because of the illegality of importing and possessing pentobarbital, Girsh favors another option, "Inhalation of inert gas."

Nitschke describes the gas-inhalation method, in which a plastic bag full of helium is worn over the head, as "very quick, very peaceful. It requires no drugs. It's completely lawful. You don't need any help, and suicide is not a crime. But you've still got to mess around with cylinders of gas, there needs to be some way to control the flow of the gas, and you've got plastic bags over their heads. Many people do it, especially when they realize that it's as peaceful, quick, and reliable as it is. [The Hemlock Society] is very keen on that [method]. I think if they were honest and asked their own membership, 'Do you want a plastic bag over your head or do you want to drink this little drink?', they'll find 90 percent of people would say, 'I'd rather drink the drink, thank you very much.'"

But the trick is acquiring the drink. And for the mostly Australian, New Zealander, and British membership of Nitschke's Exit International, the easiest option is to travel to the U.S. and make a brief foray into Mexico to obtain the pentobarbital. "My usual route," says Nitschke, "is through Los Angeles and then down. But increasingly, nowadays, we'd be more inclined to travel across to other cities in Mexico rather than into the increasing scrutiny that Tijuana is being subjected to. We're increasingly suggesting the El Paso, Laredo, Mexicali options." ■

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## AMERICAN ICARUS: BEACHEY COMES TO SAN DIEGO (Part Two)

“Death was always my opponent,” said Lincoln Beachey at a celebration in his honor, “and I gave tremendous odds.”

He spoke at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, May 12, 1913. In three years he had risen from a fledgling pilot who’d smashed three planes trying out for Glenn Curtiss’s flying school to “the greatest birdman of all.”

by He’d flown over and  
Jeff down Niagara Falls and  
Smith between skyscrapers on  
Chicago’s Michigan  
Avenue, tapping the tops of cars with his wheels. Often practicing over Coronado’s North Island, he perfected the art of “aerobatics,” inventing at least ten unimaginable stunts.

One became known as the “dip of death.” From 5000 feet, Beachey shot straight down and pulled out at the last second. Twenty-two pilots died trying to imitate the maneuver. Shortly before he spoke at the Olympic Club, newspapers called Beachey “the Pacemaker of Death” — and accused him of murder.

At the end of his speech, Beachey declared that he’d never fly again. He

didn’t fear dying but dreaded “the blame and remorse for the death of brother aviators who went crashing into eternity trying to ‘out-Beachey Beachey.’ ”

“I am tormented with a desire to loop the loop in the air,” he added. But were he the first to fly a complete circle, others “will be taken to death in trying to do the same thing because I have done it.”

Beachey got the idea of looping from Hugh Robinson. While testing planes for Glenn Curtiss’s flying school at North Island, Robinson went to the circus in San Diego. He watched a clown in a rusty jalopy swoop down a track, from the top rear of the tent, and into a giant metallic hoop. Going at least 40 miles an hour, the car went up, upside-down, around, and out — a circle — then stopped dead, without brakes, inches from the bleachers.

Robinson urged Beachey and Eugene Ely, one of Beachey’s few friends, to catch the act. They did, in Riverside. On the ride back, Ely was amazed not at the loop but how fast the car had stopped. Eight ropes had been stretched across the end of the track, each with bags of wet sand at both ends. A meat hook on the rear axle caught the ropes: 16 weights lugged the jalopy to a standstill.

Ely was the first pilot to take off from a ship, but landing on one stumped him until he saw the meat hook gather the taut ropes. On January 18, 1911, using a “tail hook” designed by Robinson, Ely became the first pilot in history to land on a ship: the USS *Pennsylvania*, in San Francisco Bay.

Nine months later, Ely crashed in Macon, Georgia, and became one of the 22 pilots who died attempting the dip of death. Days later, Ely’s wife shot Beachey a letter: “God punish you, Lincoln Beachey! Gene would be with me now if he had not seen you fly!”

Her “prodding and nagging” took his life, Beachey retorted, but he confessed in private that Ely’s death began his thoughts of retirement.

On September 21, 1913, four months after Beachey’s announcement, Adolphe Pegoud looped the loop at Marseilles, France. The news made international headlines and struck Beachey like a heart attack. (Unknown to the world, a Russian named Petr Nesterov had looped on September 9 at an aerodrome in Kiev. But censors refused to publicize or even allow him to repeat the “fool-hardy death loop.”)

Beachey telegraphed Curtiss, demanding the “smallest, strongest, and fastest” biplane the company could build. It needed twice the strength of his former craft — beams, turnbuckles, wire cable stays — but it could not be too heavy. Pegoud flew a monoplane with a “tractor” propeller mounted in the nose and an engine designed to fly upside-



Lincoln Beachey

down, so gas wouldn’t leak from the carburetor.

“Me, I stick to my old formula,” boasted Beachey. “Give me enough power and I’ll fly a barn door upside-down.”

Curtiss built a biplane with a “pusher” propeller mounted behind the pilot and an eight-cylinder, water-cooled motor. To withstand the stress of inverted flight, Curtiss’s engineers designed one-piece wings and covered them with doubled layers of shellacked canvas.

Beachey abandoned his old-school approach in one regard: to hold him in when upside-down, he added safety belts, two nailed to the seat bottom, which crisscrossed his lap, and a shoulder strap.

He tested the machine on October 7, 1913, at Hammondsport, in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Although

## QUOTATIONS

1. Hans Christian Adamson: “It’s hard to imagine today the adoration that followed Lincoln Beachey everywhere. .... He was Lindbergh at his prime, he was all the stars of stage and screen combined, with a strong touch of Superman thrown in.”

2. Henry Serrano Villard: Adolphe Pegoud was also “the first pilot to leave a plane in flight”; he “paved

the way for the wartime practice of parachuting from a machine shot down in combat.”

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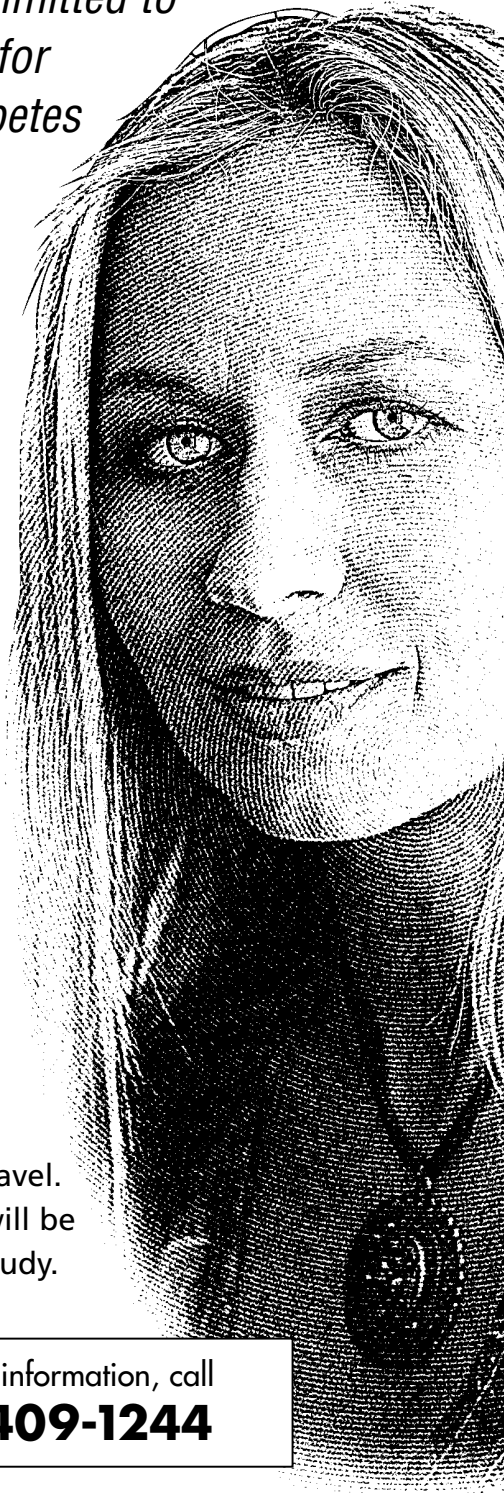
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the flight was supposed to be a secret, Navy pilots training in the area got word and came to watch. Lieutenants Bellinger and Richardson brought their girlfriends, sisters Ruth and Dorothy Hildreth. To get a better view, all four inched up a hangar ridgepole.

Even before a mechanic cranked the propeller, the

the end of the runway, he had to yank the stick back full to his chest to clear a stand of oaks.

He flew out over Lake Keuka, turned, and came back to land. But the plane was so bulky the question became, how? The sole possibility, he realized, was to swoop down fast, at over 70 miles an hour, so the

each time the test plane roared overhead.

As Beachey approached the runway, the engine sputtered, the plane dipped. He hit the throttle. A wire twanged above him. The wings veered toward the hangar. In a blind panic, the lieutenants and the Hildreth sisters scrambled down the ridgepole.

Too late. Beachey's right wing speared the roof. The plane spun, cartwheeled, and slammed into the ground with an iron thud. The remains looked like warped monkey bars.

As he unhooked the safety harness that had probably saved his life, Beachey recalled people scurrying down the pole. A crowd, forming at the hangar, confirmed his worst fear: Dorothy Hildreth had sustained serious injuries; Ruth Hildreth had fallen to her death.

"She's dead, Linc," said Beachey's mechanic Arthur Mix. "You killed her."

Beachey, several witnesses attest, limped behind the hangar and vomited.

*As Beachey approached the*

*runway, the engine sputtered, the*

*plane dipped. He hit the throttle.*

*A wire twanged above him.*

plane felt too heavy to Beachey. The extra buttressing and large, blaring motor, like a gigantic dentist's drill, made it seem not lighter than air, but more like Ely's tail-hook plane.

As he took off, Beachey realized this clumsy, blunt-winged toad would never loop. It could barely lift. At

engine wouldn't stall. But that speed would fry his wheels and could mean certain death. Beachey practiced landing approaches in the air but after several experiments realized that a crash was inevitable.

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The tragedy, writes Don Dwiggins, “left Beachey numb inside, not with the chill of fear. That was gone...,” but with “a sense of futility, of inevitability, that edged his flying technique with an almost morbid desire to see how far he could go.”

It also confirmed a “loathing, a hatred of the sea of upturned faces that had lured him to go too far.” Beachey became convinced that people came by the tens of thousands not to see him carve graceful, death-defying shapes and figures in the air but to watch him flail and burn.

Three weeks later, Curtiss’s engineers rebuilt and refined the test plane. It felt right, said Beachey, but since winter was coming, he ordered the plane crated and shipped by train to California. “We’ll pull the first loop at the San Diego meet on Thanksgiving Day,” he said. “Tell the newspapers!”

Along with “Pacemaker of Death,” two other accusations hounded Beachey: that he was insane, “the California Flying Fool”; and that he was a fraud, his heroics mere tricks. (One reason he performed lower to the ground than any of his rivals was to prove that his art was genuine.)

His train pulled into the San Diego depot on November 15, 1913. As the ferry shipped the crates to Coronado, he checked into the U.S. Grant Hotel and phoned the newspapers. “The Genius of Aviation” — his preferred title — “is here to loop the loop. I will stay at North Island for about a week or ten days. I want to have the stunts down letter perfect by the time I show them to the public.”

On Sunday the 16th, Beachey made an inch-by-inch inspection of the assembled biplane. He checked every Roebling wire cable and turnbuckle. Finally, he climbed in and ordered workers to start the 100-horsepower engine. Eight men had to hold the wings. The machine, making such a raucous blare it gave them earaches, warmed up.

Beachey climbed to 3000 feet, shut off the engine, and nose-dived out of the sky. The crew, along with nearby Army pilots who’d ceased work to watch, held their breath. Then, only 200

feet from disaster, somehow Beachey leveled off. He rose, did a second dip, this time with a double spiral, and landed.

Beachey made three flights that day. What seemed miraculous to onlookers

were actually his basic stunts: letter Z’s and S’s, controlled tailspins, and perpendicular flybys over the field, the low wing, inches from the ground, raising a wake of dust. He concluded his day with a dip of death so swift

that the *San Diego Union* received numerous calls asking if yet another Army plane had crashed at Rockwell Field.

“This was plain flying today,” Beachey told awed reporters. “I’m not taking

any chances and will not go to the limit until I know just what the limit means.” He pronounced the plane fit to try the “somersault stunt” in the near future. But before looping the loop, he first had to master fly-

ing upside-down.

On November 18, around 4:00 p.m., Beachey spun his cap backwards and yelled at a photographer, “Grease up your camera, and keep your eyes open!”

He took off into blus-

## RESEARCH STUDIES



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tery skies. At least 50 people played hooky from work to watch. He ascended to 4000 feet, dropped downward, and shut off the engine. Suddenly he flipped the plane over on its back, becoming the first American to see the sky above his feet. To make sure onlookers knew he was upside-down, he'd painted his last name across the top wing in blood-red letters. "BEACHEY" traveled a mile, inverted, flying from the Curtiss and Army aviation camps on North Island, past Spanish Bight, and over the polo field at the northeast end of Coronado Island. When the plane began to lose altitude, Beachey half-corkscrewed to right-side-up and flew straight to — many feared straight at — the spectators.

Flying inverted was "much easier than I thought," he said. It wouldn't be long before he'd "pick up a handkerchief from the ground while flying upside-down."

On Thursday, he called San Diego "the perfect spot in all America for avia-

tion" — and demanded that the Signal Corps, which had chosen San Antonio, Texas, as a site, should relocate its main flying school at North Island, with its "uniformly good flying conditions."

To prove the point, Beachey took 18-year-old Lillian Dixon, "a slip of a girl with a mass of brown curls," for a spin. They

the mob. "I will not risk my machine on the lives of foolish spectators." From then on, he swore, he'd only fly off from Point Loma.

The next day he forgot his vow and "accidentally" dropped \$200 worth of gold coins over North Island. He'd cashed a draft at the U.S. Grant, he said, and forgotten he'd stuffed them in his shirt pocket.

*Once they removed the bodies, workers burned the blood-spattered shambles on the spot.*

improvised a seat and, after flying a cautious route, came in to land. But the crowd had become so thick on the runway — including six riders on horseback — that Beachey had to swerve away, skidding to a halt in thick brush and just missing an Army tent.

"I'm through trying to fly over the aviation field," he said, shaking his fist at

When he flew belly-up, a "rush of metallic discs" trickled past his head. Searchers found only four five-dollar gold pieces. But since he'd promised to loop at North Island on Thanksgiving, the advertising was priceless.

On November 24, Beachey took a picture of himself flying upside-down. But a tragedy grabbed the

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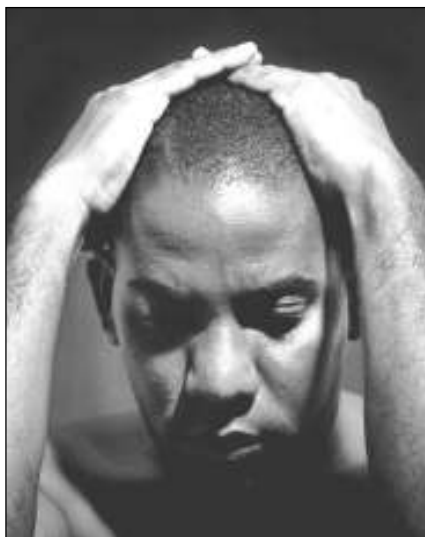
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headlines. Lieutenant E.L. Ellington, an experienced Army Air Corps pilot, was teaching Lieutenant Hugh Kelly in a dual-control Wright C biplane. Eighty feet above the Army tents on North Island, the engine quit, then fired back on. Propeller wash raised the tail section and gunned the craft downward. It was still accelerating when it hit the ground, killing both men.

Once they removed the bodies, workers burned the blood-spattered shambles on the spot. This had become a grim tradition in the early days of flight. "Returning the wreckage to the hangars," reports

*San Diego Flying Days*, "would be disheartening to everyone."

"Slaughter! Shameless neglect!" Beachey shouted at reporters, black smoke rising behind him. "There are only two or three machines on the island fit for any service at all. Our government murdered these men."

"Japan spends ten times as much each year on aviation as is spent by the United States. Even Mexico has a larger air force." Beachey offered to devote three months to training military pilots (ten days later, he was in Washington, DC, urging Con-

gress to provide "better conditions for aviation instruction").

The coroner's office claimed that Ellington and Kelly died "as the result of being crushed by the accidental fall of a biplane." But rumors spread through the city that they had been trying to "do a Beachey." The commanding officer, Captain Cowan, said, no, it was a routine flight: "There is as much difference between Army flying and Beachey's as there is between a circus rider and an ordinary horse-back rider."

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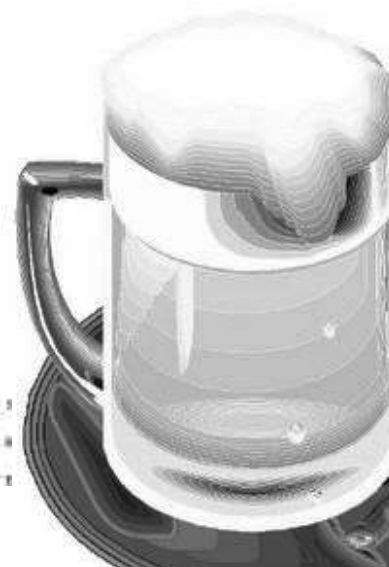
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"From the end of the runway to the ocean is right at three miles," says Dan Frazee, the director of Airport Noise Mitigation for the San Diego County Airport Authority. "[But] the noise impact area is .92 miles...[It has] just under 10,000 dwelling units and a population of just under 23,000."

The planes fly disarm-

**"If we went to the balcony, I could guess which plane was what from the way they sound."**

ingly low over Banker's Hill, especially, as they land at Lindbergh not far away. Shayna Banfe and Emilie Schneider's apartment, a white, airy loft with a small

patio, is no exception. The planes pass overhead and swoop downwards past their back French doors; the sound is both low- and high-pitched, a deep rumble accompanied

by a reedy, mechanical whine. The planes skim past the apartment's skylight, casting a shadow on the couch below.

Deciding whether to live

directly under passing aircraft was something Schneider and Banfe had to discuss when they went apartment-hunting three months ago.

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"We actually talked about it," says Schneider. "We said, 'It's a little bit risky,' but it's just more fun out here."

So far, Schneider and Banfe are enjoying their apartment just off Fourth Avenue. They considered living in Golden Hill, in a house Banfe describes as "cute" and "tucked away," but ultimately decided Banker's Hill was more for them.

Before moving in, the duo wasn't certain what to expect.

"We weren't totally sure how bad it was," Banfe says, "because when we came [and looked at the apartment] we said, 'We have to make a conscious effort to hear it.' But we didn't. We were trying to [get] examples of what it really was like, but we just sort of went for it without totally knowing."

The typical aircraft, according to *Mechanical Engineering Magazine*, generates an average of "150 decibels at a distance of 100 feet." For this reason, Lindbergh enforces a strict curfew, disallowing planes from departing from 11:30 p.m.–6:30 a.m., ensuring that the late-night and early-morning hours remain noise-free. Airlines that break curfew are fined \$2000 for their first violation, \$6000 for their second, and \$10,000 if all violations fall within a six-month period.

The curfew, while it may limit the number of flights out of Lindbergh, does not, however, limit planes flying *in*. Aircraft may arrive at any time of night, as mandated by the federal government.

"They say, 'You are a 24-hour operation,'" says Frazee. "There's only one airport I'm aware of that has both an arrival and departure curfew, and that's John Wayne [in Orange County]."

Frazee estimates that the planes in question, which as they fly over Banfe and Schneider's loft are on arrival, can come as close as 400 feet from a given building when landing at the San Diego International Airport.

Still, when searching for their apartment, Banfe and Schneider remained undeterred by the flight path. They are now comfortably settled in beneath it.

"Everyone I talked to when we were trying to decide [if] we would live in the flight path, they said you get totally used to it, it's just like city

noises and stuff," says Schneider, speaking of friends who live in Ocean Beach.

"I don't think they understood how close we are," she adds.

The planes are more than close enough for Selin

Bahar — who lives not far away, on Fifth Avenue, just off Hawthorn — to be able to distinguish each carrier by the noise of its aircraft.

"If we went to the balcony, I could guess which plane was what from the way

they sound," she says.

While Bahar is used to living with constant noise, she concedes that there are times when it does bother her, such as when she's trying to watch a movie. She puts a positive spin on it: "[The noise] both-

ered me until I realized that, when I hear the planes, it's always a reminder that there is life out there, and people are traveling, and traveling is a big part of me," she says. "So even if I can't go home to Turkey and visit my fam-

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fades neatly into the background. Gary Sehnert, who has lived in the flight path since the late '80s, explains how he got used to it after only a few weeks.

"Every time a plane went over, I convinced myself I was sucking up the energy of the engines as they got louder," he says, "and after a little while, it worked. You do get used to it, I think. You learn to punctuate your conversations and keep the remote handy when watching TV, to turn up the volume and then back down."

Even so, Sehnert, who lives on West Ivy Street, was unsure of how he would cope with the noise when he first moved.

"I wasn't sure I could handle the planes," he says. "The view was neat and all that, and it's a neat location. I really wanted it to work."

And it has. In 1998, Sehnert purchased his house, which is just up the street from where he lived his first years in San Diego. His home, ironically painted a periwinkle-ish "infinity and beyond" blue, is in the middle of a

hill, with a dramatic view of the harbor. The planes fly directly overhead at a distance that he estimates is less than the length of a football field.

Sehnert can't say enough good things about the neighborhood.

"I've got great restaurants [and] the bay," he says. "When I got home from law school [in the '80s], every day I used to take a walk down by the harbor, or in Balboa Park, or wherever. I can see downtown, but it's fairly nice residential streets down here."

While the noise is considerable from inside his home, it passes quickly.

"Ninety-five percent of the time," Sehnert says, "the planes are landing over us, and from the first time you hear them until the time they're gone, [it's about] 15 seconds. When they're landing they're gunning down, their engines are slowing, but when they take off, they're full throttle. It's much louder, and it's much longer. I know what it's like because occasionally they do take off from

here. But very rarely."

In Ocean Beach, which is situated in the takeoff pattern, the noise is very different. While the planes are higher in the air, their sound does, as Sehnert described, have a longer duration.

Shane Finneran, a board member of the Ocean Beach Planning Board, lives with his wife Kirsten in a cottage-style apartment just off Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Finneran grew up in Ocean Beach and Point Loma, living under the flight path, and returned to the area after college.

"There's different ways of looking at it," he says. "Frequency of flights, it's pretty frequent, they're every couple of minutes. I think the airport says that, at peak times, it's every 90 seconds. Although the other side of it is, in terms of how bad it is, I usually don't even notice when they fly over, unless they're particularly loud."

He pauses.

"In terms of actual impact, once you get used to them, they're really not there," he says.

"For me, it's almost

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become white noise," Kirsten adds. "You just kind of get adapted to it."

In Loma Portal, it's louder still than in Ocean Beach, as the planes are lower in the sky.

Bob Wilder lives in a Craftsman home on Elliott Street, right under the path of the departing planes. He bought his home in the '80s as a fixer-upper, with full knowledge that it was beneath the flight path.

"I knew that these houses were valuable," he says simply. "I knew the planes were loud, but I had no problem with them."

When asked why he chose to live in such a noisy part of town, he replies, "Location, location, location... People aren't worried about those planes because we've got the cutest little schools and things down here. My kids walked to school. Walked right up a very safe street, with the little gas lamps, right up to Loma Portal. I felt safe with them walking to school."

Chris, a 30-year homeowner, lives just southwest of Chatsworth Boulevard. His house is a pretty, white Monterey Colonial with well-kept front and side yards.

"When I came to San Diego," he says, "I decided to live in the Point Loma area. In 1976, I noticed that housing prices under the flight path were about 20 percent lower than outside of the flight path. My wife and I therefore felt that by buying here we could afford a larger and more attractive house, one that better met our requirements." He pauses. "I always hoped that the airport would move because they were talking about moving it just as seriously 30 years ago as they are now."

Until recently, the Airport Authority *was* thinking of moving to a new location. In 2006, the Miramar Plan proposed to move the airport over by the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station. "Proposition 1A" passed in 1994, but the plan was never put into action. Re-proposed in 2006, it was rejected by voters, even though, according to the *Union-Tribune*, Lindbergh is expected to exceed its capacity for both planes and travelers by 2015 and 2022, respectively.

"The flight path will not change," says Peninsula Planning Board member Suhail Khalil, "[because] with a sin-

gle runway, [the] Federal Aviation Administration allows only two flight paths for safety reasons.... San Diego International Airport doesn't have the space to add a second runway...nor is it a feasible long-term solu-

tion to the airport's maximization of Lindbergh Field."

According to Jay Shumaker, an architect and Peninsula Planning Board member, "The short-term plan for Lindbergh is the same short-term plan that was


developed years ago. Add a few gates and parking. They've also planned to move the rental cars off the waterfront. To the short-range plan, I have no objection. San Diego must stay in the game economically."

Some, however, disagree with how the airport is handling its current situation.

Lance Murphy, a Point Loma resident, argues that the airport, as it reaches its physical limits, will pose more and more of a problem.


"As the airport gets closer to its capacity, they're going to have more and more unplanned excursions," says Murphy. "That is dangerous. First and foremost, I don't want to be near an airport that's dangerous. And

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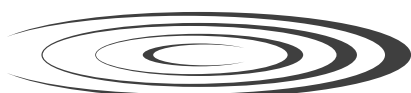
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Murphy is the founder of SANNoise.org, formed, as its website states, by "a couple of concerned residents that would like the Airport Authority to demonstrate some respect for the communities impacted by the planned growth of Lindbergh Field."

"The airport is about at its capacity," Murphy, who is both an engineer and a business consultant, explains. "There were 227 [thousand] flights last year — 260 is what the FAA says is the rational productive limit. The airport keeps touting 300 as the ultimate physical limit. That would be like saying that the freeway can handle 300,000 cars. As soon as you [have] a breakdown, as soon as you have bumper to bumper, any kind of mishap, production goes down."

Murphy began to get involved with airport issues four years ago when he noticed planes taking off farther south than their original course.

"I went to the [Airport Authority] board, and I said, 'Guys, you're doing something wrong, and you need to help me fix it. You're allowing these airplanes to take off south, and it [is] disrupting more and more people.'"

Eventually, he says, the Federal Aviation Administration remedied the problem, implementing a precision departure system of GPS points to keep the planes within their original flight path.

Murphy, who lives on Santa Monica Avenue in Point Loma, 50 feet outside the loudest portion of the flight path, is also a member of the Peninsula Community Planning Board. This organization advises the City of San Diego on various land-use and community issues regarding Point Loma and some of the surrounding areas, such as Loma Portal and Ocean Beach Highlands, and has a representative at the San Diego County Airport Authority's Airport Noise Advisory Committee. Members of Golden Hill, Little Italy, Midway, and

Ocean Beach community associations have seats as well.

The last meeting, which was held March 20 in the Commuter Terminal building at Lindbergh, addressed issues of curfew violations and complaint statistics and updated members on studies that are being conducted regarding the airport and noise. Additionally, two statistical presentations were given, one on "early turn" — which is when planes violate the approved turning radius — and the other on "head to head" — which is when planes depart to the west instead of to the east, usually due to weather difficulties.

Frazer's role as director, which includes acting as a representative at these meetings, is, he says, "to work with the community to try and mitigate aircraft noise to the maximum extent possible for the most noise-impacted communities."

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mittee meetings, has set up a 24-hour hotline for residents to report noise violations. The department, consisting of Frazee, two technicians, and an administrative coordinator, listens to and reviews each complaint, logs it, and investigates claims that need to be addressed.

Currently, they are in the process of amending their two-part noise compatibility program study.

"The federal government says that a 65-decibel contour is the contour at which people become significantly annoyed at noise," says Frazee. He points to a

map on his desk that shows the portion of San Diego affected most by the airport noise, a section defined by a red almost-oval. "That's that contour." He points at a series of marks. "And those dots with the numbers on them are where our 25 noise monitors are that define the contour for us. So [when] an airplane comes and makes a noise, it comes back to our central computer that says, 'This is 65 decibels.'"

The second part of the study reviews programs that are in existence to help communities cope with aircraft noise, determining whether

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"Part 2 [looks] at the programs that are out there now," says Frazee, "[and determines if] they continue to help the community and [if] there is anything out there that technology has come out with that could conceivably help the neighbors even more."

Inside Chris's home in Loma Portal, the planes' rumble is just enough to interrupt a conversation, but it's nothing compared to what it could be — and was — a number of years ago. Chris's home and scores of others have been greatly noise-reduced thanks to the Quieter Home Program, an initiative run by the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, the same venture that owns Lindbergh Field and funded largely by the FAA. The program, started in 1999, seeks to "quiet" homes by replacing old windows with updated, double-paned panels and adding insulation, even in older houses, where "matching" the replacements has in the past proven difficult. All of

this, including labor, comes at no cost to the homeowner and is reported by the Quieter Home Program to reduce the noise level by five decibels, a difference that the website describes as "noticeable."

Not all houses are eligible for the Quieter Home Program. They must be either a single-family home or contain under six housing units (though this may change); more importantly, they must receive no less than 65 decibels — considered "a normally unacceptable" amount of loudness, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development — of aircraft noise.

Bob Wilder, like Chris, had his house outfitted free of charge, thanks to the Quieter Home Program.

"They dropped ten guys off at my house with tools, and they worked for a week," he says. "A week. The men told me that this installation was over \$100,000 since I had so many windows and doors. And, since this house is over 100 years old, those windows and doors had to be

wood wherever they could be seen."

Still, despite all the positive points associated with the Quieter Home Program, there have been grievances along the way. Sehnert, who was chosen by lottery to be in the pilot program for Quieter Home, describes the hassles he went through during his home's renovation.

"This was my home office," he says, "and before [coming in] they told me, 'You can continue to work here. You might lose your phone or computer connection for 15 minutes or something while we're changing things over.'" The entire process was supposed to take just a few weeks. But "it was well over a month, a month and a half maybe, [that] it was being worked on. My boss — I was importing wine from Mexico — my boss in Mexico said he thought I'd just quit or something. I had no contact with anybody; my phones were out, my computers were out."

Wilder had similar problems.

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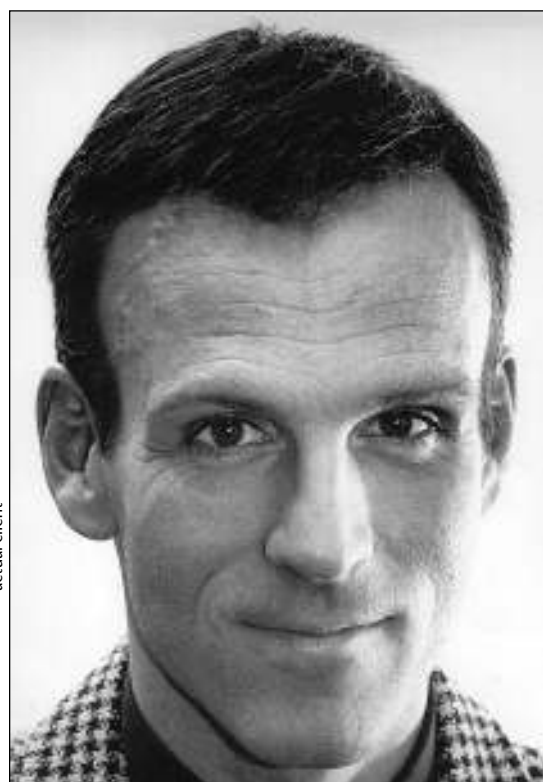
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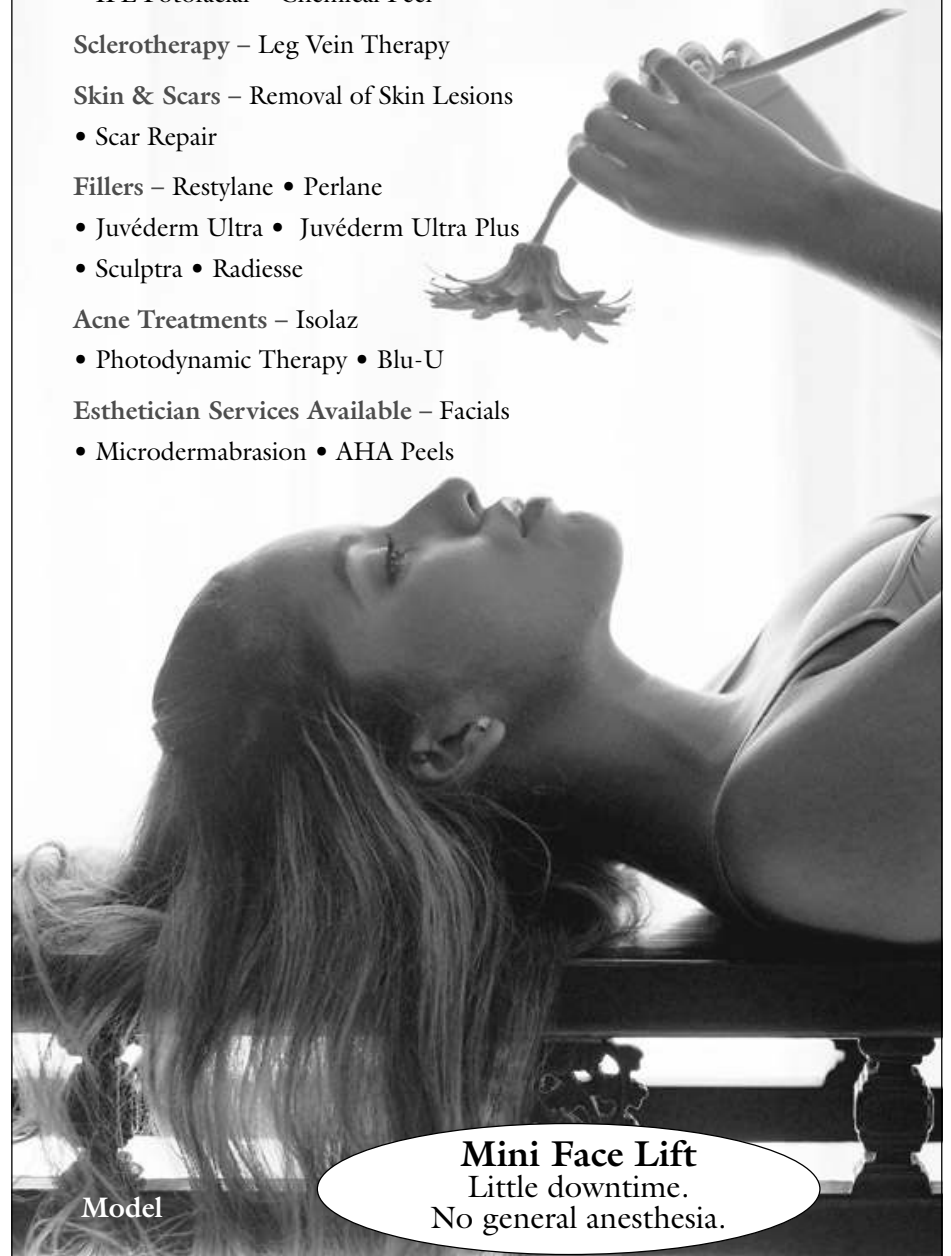
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laborers and some bad laborers," he says. "I had a lot of neighbors who talk about not getting very good work. But I got good work because I was here all the time. Homeowners who were going to be away at work — and some of these are widowed women and stuff — their windows didn't close correctly. My labor was good because I had them fire a few guys on the job who weren't painters. I called the main guy and he sent over a good painter, and he knew exactly how to do it, and I was happy then. So I got good stuff; all my stuff is wonderful."

Sehnert is also happy with the work, even considering the tribulations that

came along with it.

"I'm so thankful for what they did," he says. "They did about \$70,000 worth of work to the house. They furred out the inside of all the exterior walls with these big metal furring strips, they put in insulation and new dry-wall, and then they painted it. New central heating and air conditioning. The wiring was very old, so they rewired the house. It was just an incredible windfall."

Chris is thankful for what the Quieter Home Program has done.

"[The aircraft noise] used to be much worse," he says, "A, because the house wasn't quieted, so obviously there was more noise, and

B, because the airplanes used to be noisier. Now there are more airplanes, but they're less noisy."

Since 1990, when the Airport Noise and Capacity Act was passed by Congress, planes *have* become quieter. The act, put in place with the specific goal of hushing aircraft noise pollution, required a phaseout of older planes and a fresh set of technical regulations for newer ones to follow. All planes over 75,000 pounds had to comply with the regulations by December 2003.

"The air carriers had to do one of three things," Frazee explains. "They either had to buy newer, quieter airplanes, or they could re-

engine their airplanes with newer engines that were quieter. They could [also use] what are called 'hush kits,' which are like mufflers around an engine that quiets it down."

The Quieter Home Program does, however, come with a catch. Each homeowner is required to sign an aviation easement, an agreement that, according to the Quieter Home Program's website, "limits the homeowner's ability to initiate legal action against the Airport Authority for aircraft noise-related issues."

This, according to Peninsula Planning Board member Suhail Khalil, poses major problems.

"[The] San Diego County Regional Airport Authority's aviation easement allows the airport to add as much noise as they want," he says. "The easement is in perpetuity, meaning that it will transfer to the next owners indefinitely. This is something property owners under the departure or arrival flight paths must look into very closely before signing. The Federal Aviation Administration does not require property owners under flight paths to sign aviation easements in order to take part in the Quieter Home Programs; the Quieter Home Program earmarks funds available to property owners to retrofit windows

and doors to comply with soundproof standards. The only reason the Airport Authority may have for requiring property owners to sign aviation easements before granting funds for the Quieter Home Program is if the flight paths or noise levels eventually *may* change."

Avigation easements, according to Murphy, are also required for those applying for building permits within a certain area of the flight path — even for remodeling a kitchen.

Some, however, didn't mind them either way.

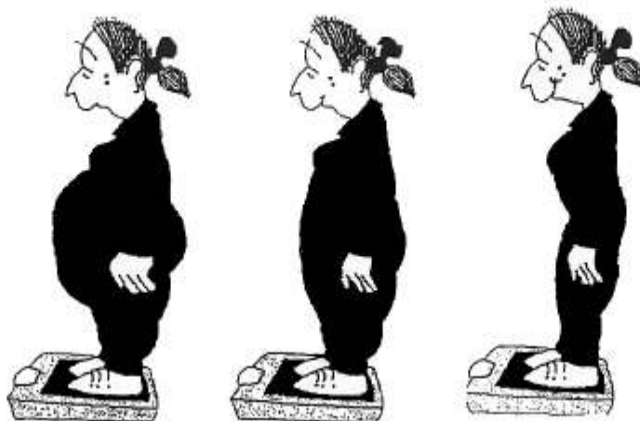
"We don't own the air over our house," Wilder explains. "We signed [that] away because new windows

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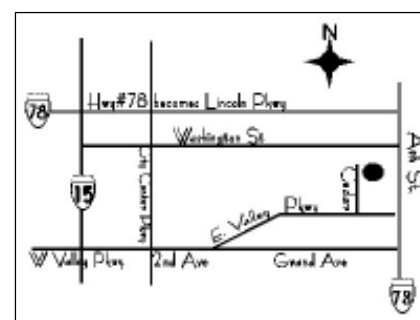
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and new doors were a lot more valuable than airplane noise. Air conditioning, heating, everything. Insulation.”

He pauses.

“So that’s that,” he says.

Others, Wilder backtracks, were less happy about it than he was.

“Some people did not want to do that,” he says. “Some people had already installed new windows and doors, and they didn’t need that, they just wanted the airport to keep their agreement to limit the noise. And they didn’t. They brought in FedEx—FedEx is loud—they brought in their cargo

carrier-type planes, and then there are some big passenger planes.”

There are also those living in the flight path who do not have the luxury of the Quieter Home Program retrofittings or anything else. Bahar, who lives in a building with well over the six to ten dwelling units the program denotes as a cutoff, is sure her apartment has not been safeguarded against noise.

“There’s nothing like that,” she says. “Oh, my gosh, it is so loud. The walls shake!” ■

— Rosa Jurjevic

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shakedown attempts by Tijuana police, who are a criminal gang in their own right. I have traveled down there for 20 years. It is worse than ever. Americans minding their own business walking in tourists areas can expect to be searched and harassed by TJ cops. My advice to Americans, there is nothing down there worth losing your constitutional rights.

Dan Tanna  
via email

### Our Addicts' Demands

This article is sensationalist and in bad taste ("Greetings from Tijuana," Cover Story, August 7). It misleads people about Mexico. Is it possible that 19 Latin American countries (south of your border) produce drugs to satisfy the demand of your millions of addicts and "Americans" share no blame? Come on! You are the biggest drug consumers

in the world, and your government has its hands deep in it. It is not fair. The end of the world is the USA. We will see it, soon! I am nothing but a normal "drug free" citizen.

Was the *Reader* meant for sensationalist articles?

Guillermo Rodriguez  
via email

### We're Outta Here

After having a house for 22 years down in Mexico, in between Rosarito and Ensenada, I was really appreciative of that article on Tijuana ("Greetings from Tijuana," Cover Story, August 7). I sold my house a year and a half ago, and the reason I did was because I got hassled by the cops constantly. I've never been in a Mexican jail or prison or anything like that; I'm 50 years old. But between the cops and the thieving when you're not there at your house, I'd had it. I really appreciate the story.

Chuck Cadena

### Older, Wiser

I wanted to thank you and the writer of this article for

getting the news out about the dangers in Mexico ("Greetings from Tijuana," Cover Story, August 7). You hear bits and pieces of this on the lame stream media outlets, but definitely not all that should be reported. I know it's all about one thing, money. Money from advertisers that say come to Baja, explore the museums, and enjoy the culture, etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you for revealing the ugly truth. Hopefully some tourists will have read this article and changed their plan to go down south for some cheap crap. You probably have saved some lives. Would you like 80 rounds of AK-47 with your smelly leather goods, sir? I used to go down there when I was young and stupid; now I'm so glad I wised up. Keep on reporting on things that really matter.

DS  
via email

### Watts Is North Of The Border

Re "Greetings from Tijuana," by Michael Hem-

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"It wasn't always this way. Originally, L.A.'s street gangs were social and support organizations for im-

migrants and packs of neighborhood pals. Mostly their crimes were petty, and scores were settled with fists.... All that changed forever in the late 1980s, when crack cocaine hit Los Angeles and neighborhood affiliation became secondary to what all the gangs now really wanted: a piece of the drug business." Does it sound familiar?

"In America's urban ganglands, and in L.A. in particular, the ferocity of the thuggery has surged; gang members, their victims and police long on the gang beat tell me the fighting has become more codeless, more arbitrary and more brutal than ever.

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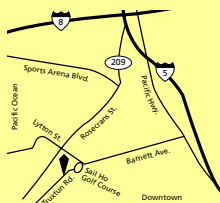
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enforcement across the country agree that street gangs connected to or mimicking the L.A. model have become a national epidemic."

It is "spreading to formerly safe middle-class communities, or, 'to a neighborhood near you.'... The

bigger and more dangerous portion of the country's 800,000-odd gang members are disaffected and marginalized youths looking to identify with something."

"Almost anywhere in America a migrating gang-banger lands, he is fairly

sure to find a receptive supply of recruits. 'Trying out gangs is becoming more and more popular'... 'Now gangs are fads, it's cool to be a Crip and Blood,' " report experts, or, say, part of the MS-13 (Mara Salvatrucha). Will those Americans have ties across the border? Sure

do. Crime is not apart from globalization.

"Shootings have become so routine in parts of Los Angeles that most never make the newspapers or television, leaving much of the community oblivious to the magnitude of what is happening on the streets," wrote Kenneth B. Noble in the *New York Times*.

It is outrageous the level of corruption in Mexico. Society is taken as a hostage.

I never had any problem south of the border, crossing at least twice a week for the last six years. Neither had I any when I visited Sabato Rodia's Watts Towers (or Nuestro Pueblo).

After all, it is Tijuana, Michael. It is cynical to say

that the situation is very different down there. Scary, isn't it?

J.G.  
via email

## Drug Hunger

Your August 7 cover article on Tijuana murders ("Greetings from Tijuana") was time-compressed from more than 20 years, making it look worse than it is, which nevertheless is pretty bad. My wife and I, both U.S. citizens and Anglos, lived in Colonia del Rio for 17 years, ending last month, and all our children grew up there. The murders got closer to home in the last few years (since Mayor Hank brought his Mexico City police friends, aka gangsters, up north). My

family learned caution but was never fear-ridden. My daughter completed Tijuana high school.

The solution to this problem is trivial and obvious, and someone needs to say it. Ninety percent of the murders are drug-trade related. The issue, as in all the third world, is money. Legal dollars only come in the form of loans, imposed on an ever-poorer populace whose raw-material wealth is (except for oil) in long-term decline. The only dollars that don't have to be paid back twice are the ones from America's soft underbelly, its drug hunger.

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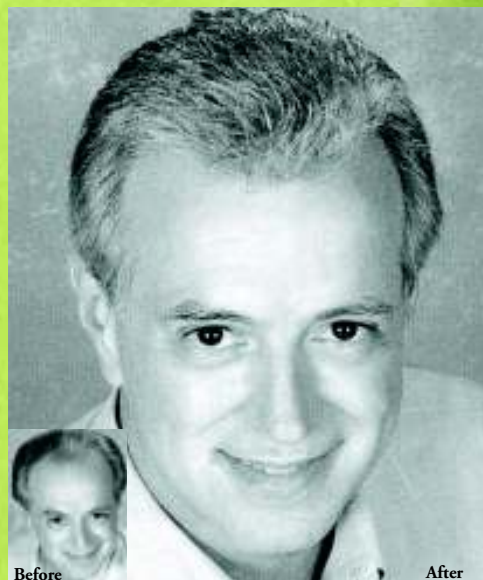


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United States should concede this lost war and make drug trade among adults a misdemeanor, punished only by loss of any rights to get welfare or collect on insurance, including medical insurance. Income based on the drug trade will drop sharply and then stabilize, and young people in Tijuana and Afghanistan can begin to look elsewhere for hope. The members of the U.S. drug culture will either snap out of it or die, attended cheaply by trainee nurses and medical students. Chicago saw all this long ago, in Prohibition and its aftermath.

I don't propose this because I love George Soros — much the contrary. I'm just sick of the superior legalistic attitude of Anglos, left and right, citizens of this country that kills babies day and night. Here, a paralyzed woman, Terri Schiavo, was tortured to death at the wish of her husband, with police and judges protecting the torturers. And I'm supposed to get all huffy and puffy about people illegally making themselves

stupid with chemicals?

Stop the damage. Ditch the senseless laws. Open the floodgates and let the sludge roll, until it peters out and reduces to a trickle. Turn the page.

Larry Dickson  
National City

### The Language Of Politics

Mr. Hemmingson paints a violent and bleak portrait of our neighbor, using rapid-fire entries of compiled newsbites from cited international sources ("Greetings from Tijuana," Cover Story, August 7). You may say he is unfairly showing us only the nefarious side of Tijuana, but you can't say he's missing the facts. But what's been happening down there is nothing new. Mexican border history is replete with cycles of brutality that come with political changes and power vacuums. Remember the last one?

Back in 1994, right after Pablo Escobar's death and the Mexican drug cartels' growing independence from the Colombians and

competition with each other, during the peso crisis and inception of NAFTA (that illegally signed "treaty" was supposed to bring Mexico "out of the third world and into the first." At least that's what the Clinton administration said. Looks like Bubba fooled us again. Damn, that Willie was slick!), the DEA declared the entire border region a "high-intensity drug trafficking area," while Mexican investors made a run for the border because the peso had fallen so low. The area was rife with violence and corruption just like we're seeing now. Which brings me to Mr. Hemmingson's mention of one particular event that went down that turbulent year: the Colosio assassination.

While it may be true that there was a PRI-led conspiracy involving another gunman, what is known and officially documented is that the gun found on Mario Aburto Martínez upon his arrest immediately after the shooting was a Brazilian-made .38 revolver that was traced back to a

1977 purchase from a now-defunct gun store in Northern California.

The previous year, in '93, a drug raid in Baja netted 179 weapons from their good neighbor to the north, including four M60 U.S. military machine guns. The year before that, there were over 5000 guns identified by Mexican authorities as from the U.S. and in Mexico illegally. These facts are real. I uncovered them while researching old newspaper clippings and DEA reports for another project. And I found (as Mr. Hemmingson alludes) that nearly all of the weapons in Mexico are smuggled in from the United States. Very rarely will you find private individuals who own a gun legally. It's nearly impossible there. You see the great irony here? Why doesn't Lou Dobbs, or better yet, Duncan Hunter?

Lax U.S. gun laws on dealers and purchases have contributed a great deal to the bloodshed down south. The gangs know that. They know where to go shopping

for their hardware. And it's pretty easy for them to sneak contraband into Mexico. Many Mexicans I've spoken with have expressed frustration with the U.S. government for allowing this to continue. When I explain to them that our government is too busy being worried about their countrymen and women coming into the U.S. illegally, they laugh at the irony. Like, we export our workers that prop up your economy, and in return you allow our thugs to import guns to kill us. It's a never-ending conquest.

That brings me to my second point, Mexico's other big export: drugs. Until recently, the U.S. was the world's most coveted drug market. (With the falling dollar, the bulk of that market has shifted to Europe via trampoline countries like Guinea-Bissau.) We, in the land of the free, have more people on something than anyone else, yet some of the world's most draconian drug laws. Despite repeated studies

and evidence that show treatment to be far more effective than incarceration for assuaging addiction, we continue to have the world's largest prison population and incarceration rate. Meanwhile, the market for drugs has not shrunk. And as long as it exists, there will be suppliers. You see, here we let the market decide.

I'm not suggesting that the U.S. is to blame for all of the woes illustrated in Mr. Hemmingson's article. No. It's a much more layered and complex issue than that. It involves the massive restructuring of the entire global economic model, reinventing international relationships rooted in histories of aggression, and the old question of personal freedoms versus governance. These are topics we won't hear about during this election. We'll only hear meaningless babble about walls and guest-worker programs. Until the language of politics in this hemisphere quits pandering to lobbyists and ephemeral demographics and gets to

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Bryan Varela  
via email

### The Mess We Created

It tears me up to hear what is happening to our neighbors across our border ("Greetings from Tijuana," Cover Story, August 7), and I lay a large part of the blame on decades-old policies that began right here in America and have spread all over the world. Mayor Jerry Sanders' quote, "What affects one side affects the other," bears this out, whether he realized it or not at the time.

What we need are tougher drug laws.

What I mean by this is that we need to toughen the penalties for crimes committed while under the influence of drugs. This can include anything from injuring someone else or their

property while operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, to stepping off the sidewalk and into traffic while strung out on heroin and getting run over by someone on a bicycle, to getting into an altercation with someone else while under the influence of methamphetamines, and so on.

What we don't need are laws that criminalize the substances in question. This only creates black markets that drastically increase the prices for drugs, most of which come from easily grown plants. With this huge profit potential, it's no wonder that gangs on both sides of the border are flourishing in the streets. It's not just the estimated 15 percent of Mexican police that have been corrupted by these policies; the incentive is so high that U.S. DEA agents are routinely found guilty of dealing in the very substances that they are supposed to be fighting against.

The mess it has created south of our border is likely

much worse than those of us who don't travel there even know. With the falsely inflated financial incentive to grow marijuana, coca, poppies, etc., more and more farmers are either giving up food crops in favor of drug crops or are being forced out of farming altogether by the cartels and the forces behind the "global economy." What was once a flourishing agricultural society is now being overrun by drug lords, multinational food-producing conglomerates backed by companies like Monsanto, and — ironically enough — proponents of the North American Superhighway, which will connect Mexico, the USA, and Canada and provide a streamlined path for the drugs to reach their destination. Is it any wonder that illegal immigration is so rampant? People are being forced out of their own country just to escape this situation.

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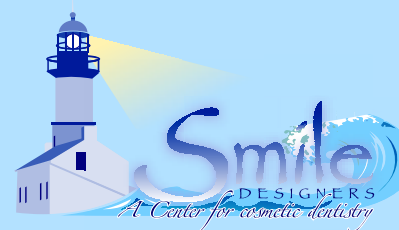
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laughable to anyone willing to look into the facts. "Criminalization" has done exactly what it implies — created criminals. It has been no more effective than alcohol prohibition in the early 1900s. The DEA employs nearly 11,000 people, with a budget that is over \$2.4 billion. Would it not make more sense to use those resources to regulate legal drug trade to help keep drugs out of young people's hands, treat those who are unfortunate enough to become addicted, and prosecute those who are guilty of real crimes?

Another piece of the puzzle is in the answer to the question "Who or what is trying to be controlled?" As adults, do we not own our own bodies? Do we not have the right to choose what goes into them, and into our children's bodies as well, as long as we are not willfully harming them? A recent *New York Times* article pointed out that prescription drugs may cause as many as three times as many deaths as illicit drugs.

The FDA turns a blind eye to the side effects of many of these drugs. Big pharmaceutical companies literally get away with murder every day, and yet someone smoking a little marijuana can be thrown in jail for doing something that harms nobody else? What is wrong with this picture? It's obvious that some of our elected officials not only don't have our best interests in mind but are out to control us. This has to change.

Vincent Mross  
via email

### Twice An Hour Nonsense

I read with interest the "Blurt" story on the concert from years past ("Defiling Jack's Place," August 7). I wasn't sure why a story would run on an event so long ago but read it with curiosity. I was even more interested when it mentioned the station I worked at. It stated that this station (101 KGB-FM) played the Pat Travers song "Boom Boom (Out Go the Lights)" "at least twice per hour."

This statement is a complete fabrication. That song was played often. Just as I imagine, since their format is still "classic rock," it gets airplay often. At no time did our station play a song twice in an hour. Unless it was a comedic song used in a morning show bit, that was/is unheard of. Maybe Alan Freed would do it if he got a kickback. Maybe another 50 DJs would do it if there weren't many new releases, so the new Buddy Holly track was in heavy rotation. Although I doubt that would warrant twice-an-hour airplay.

I have a feeling this was a journalist trying to make the story more interesting. If it's a journalist remembering facts wrong, well, maybe stories need to be written more accurately. Or contact someone at KGB and ask about old playlists and rotation of songs. Just a thought.

Dean Goss  
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*Jay Allen Sanford responds:*  
*I was just winging a mem-*

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ory, not intending it to be taken as documented or gospel. Perhaps I should have said "seemed to play at least twice per hour." Mea culpa.

## Contradictions

There are so many contradictions in your August 7 column on your friend's birthday ("Play Date," "Diary of a Diva"). You mention that you don't buy gifts for birthdays or baby showers because you shouldn't be told when to buy some-

one something but that you should do those things "just because." Why in your video do you sing "Happy Birthday"?

And why is this all taking place a few weeks after this woman's birthday? Why didn't you take her to the big day (wow...doughnuts for breakfast and In-N-Out for lunch) six months earlier?

The other problem is that you lie. You said in a number of columns that you would never marry

David. You didn't believe in marriage. And then you got married. So as much as you claim to hate birthday celebrations, I bet you are one of those people that relish the attention on your birthday. Oh, wait, according to you, there would be no birthday celebration on your big day.

Now you claim you don't believe in birthdays as a gift-giving occasion, yet you are taking this woman out for her birthday. Basically, you make no sense.

It's just an excuse for you to write and video about what great people you and David are for doing something for this woman. Yes, it is nice. But you did it for her birthday. And you did it for other motives.

Susan Carter  
Encinitas

## Comments from Reader Website

Comments are not edited for spelling, punctuation, or grammar.

## Cover Story

### Published August 13

Posted by electric\_fish on August 13, 9:37 p.m.  
blah blah, ban.

here is the way you get the police to respond to noise. Call from several numbers (home, cell, friends cell, neighbors phone). If they receive 3 or more calls then it becomes a priority.

Posted by a2zresource on August 16, 1:12 p.m.

I am wondering how a local ordinance to ban or restrict a home business such as a vacation rental is reconciled with existing state law on supporting the need for more "microenterprises" for spurring economic growth (see <http://www.microbiz.org/> for CAMEO: California Association for MicroEnterprise Oppourtunity, complete with California State Assembly whitepapers...)

## Feature Story by Jeff Smith

### Published August 13

Posted by dorseyland on August 14, 2:14 a.m.

Excellent story except for one thing: I would dearly love to be proved wrong on this and get the details, but I'm quite sure Houdini gave up tightrope walking when he was a kid.

Houdini walking a tight-

rope at Niagara Falls is an oft-repeated myth, almost always a mix-up with the Great Blondin.

Posted by jsmith on August 15, 10:44 a.m.

dorseyland:  
Glad you liked the story.

It was Houdini, at least according to the paper of record.

New York Times, June 29, 1911, headline: WHIRLED FOR HOURS BY NIAGARA RAPIDS. Subhead: HOUDIN [sic] MAROONED ON WIRE.

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The Niagara Falls Gazette and Cataract Journal (same date as above) also say it was "Houdin." He would have been 37 at the time.

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**Diary of a Diva**  
**Published August 13**

*Posted by ebrphoto on August 13, 12:45 p.m.*

I LOVE Project Runway! I watch too much TV and am not ashamed to admit it - usually that is, until in the presence of a holier than thou anti-TV-ite. I think the DVD solution you've hit upon is probably the best one for limiting consumption. Still, in our house the newest TV is the one we inherited from my husband's grandmother 6 years ago... no big, fancy screens for us! Wonder why we're still glued to BBC TV? Oh, b/c the original, British "Ram-say's Kitchen Nightmares"

is RIVETING! Not to mention "You Are What You Eat" and "How Clean is Your House". Gotta love those Brits!

*Posted by SDdancer on August 13, 6:27 p.m.*

Project Runway is one of my favorite shows! What a great idea, perhaps I'll copy your idea and have friends over to enjoy delicious dishes and great interactions. Another favorite of mine is Groomer Has It.

Thanks for all your great articles. Keep up the good work.

Davee

*Posted by HelenaHandbasket on August 16, 12:24 a.m.*

I have gone through

phases. In addition to following Project Runway for a couple of seasons, I've been through the Mythbusters phase, the Cesar Milan phase, the Project Runway phase, and (no, I'm not ashamed to admit it) the Dog the Bounty Hunter phase.

But now I'm in the off TV entirely phase. I'm sick of the hype of television. I just canceled my cable TV a couple of weeks ago and am currently going through withdrawal. But you know what? I'll get over it. It's too darn expensive and life is too darn expensive now. I'm finding time to do other things. Besides, TV these days is really nothing more than an advertise-

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ment delivery system. Have you ever timed the ratio of commercials to actual TV show? Try it, and you'll see what I mean.

In time I think I'll be perfectly happy with just Netflix.

**Blurt**  
**Published August 13**

*Posted by Rascally on August 14, 6:53 a.m.*

Well, actually, I probably would have said Pete shreds. He even said, "I go swimming".

I was there as well. You had better seats but mine were very good. I went because I saw him something like 6 months earlier at the Convention Hall and he blew my mind and made me feel good. Like he had done in '71 when I saw him with a music video while

visiting Boise. I had missed Lamb Lies Down on Broadway tour while living in SF and never forgave myself. I was keyed up for the SD State gig big time.

He came out and announced that because of the technical equipment, the show would have to be cancelled if the rain didn't let up. So we all sat there and thought positive thoughts for about 40 minutes before Peter came out again and said we're going to try it now. The Call, always a joy, sang about Nightly Military Raids and other songs of unity. Then came peter...

His live album had just come out, perhaps two months before. We knew the score. The lighting was excellent and very state of the art. Floor panels that

lit up, the piercing spot before his Lay Your Hands On Me, all the area lights and mood setting. Terrific.

The best? Matched against the Wall, Tommy, Ziggy Stardust, on and on... Who knows. Gabriel was so good. My question is, is anyone still laying down with the same quality and stage presence? U2's hootenany was abysmal. Who can do what the others did, these days? No judgement, just honest curiosity. And no, I would not go see Pete surf today, let alone smell his socks.

**Feature Story by Josh Board**

**Published August 13**

*Posted by tatas on August 14, 12:13 p.m.*

Hopefully the people that drink on the beach will

actually go out and vote against this ban. Unfortunately the people that show up at the polls are usually older family types that no longer have much of a social life, and therefore do not drink on the beach. These people make more money, pay more taxes, and have more influence over the politicians. It's simple socioeconomics. Families with children from other places moved to the beaches during the housing boom and changed the fun, freewheeling culture the area has enjoyed for many years. Please do not take away any more of my rights, VOTE AGAINST THE BOOZE BAN!

**Cover Story**  
**Published August 6**

*Posted by Visduh on Au-*

*gust 11, 11:36 a.m.*

Linda22 still doesn't see the point of the article. It seems obvious to me. The author is telling the readers that TJ is a very dangerous place. It has gun battles between the drug cartels, and assassinations of police and journalists. Kidnapping for ransom is a routine occurrence. And then there are the daily shakedowns of visitors by a) the police, b) those who claim to be police but are not, or c) ordinary street thugs. (A favorite situation is an American college girl, alone, who is detained until she empties her bank account via ATM, and gives the proceeds to her captors, so that she can leave.) Our local mainstream media do not report on that sort of everyday crime because, after all, it is a foreign country and the crime is petty. "Petty" unless you're the victim, when it becomes downright terrifying.

For as long as there has been a Tijuana, it has been a tourist attraction. Visible poverty, foreignness, and the dark side of the place have always been a sort of perverse attraction. It started with illicit boozing, moved on to illicit gambling and illicit sex-for-hire. Nowadays it is all about underage boozing, pharmaceuticals, and "bargains."

But if you're going to visit there, it needs to be done with eyes wide open. No, it's not a Spanish-speaking amusement park, sort of south-of-the-border Magic Kingdom. People will keep visiting there, but in smaller numbers, until the city is really cleaned up—something that may be long in coming.

Go figure.

*Posted by cepoole on August 11, 1:18 p.m.*

I too have been scared off by threats and robbery in Tijuana. A once monthly visitor to the border town, I will not set foot on Mexican soil until I am thoroughly assured it is safe again. The last three times I have visited TJ and the surrounding areas, I have been robbed by Police twice, once in broad daylight, once about 50 feet from the turnstiles coming into Mexico. I ended up paying a total of about 220.00 for slipping off of a curb while walking (to

avoid a donkey painted as a zebra) and when a couple of "officers" at the border crossing line, believed I had recently solicited sex and drugs from a prostitute. I was in my car coming from a day trip to Puerto Nuevo, with my wife and two friends, we had not even been in TJ that day.

In the Mexican town of Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point) I was drug out of the car and beaten by "policia", peppersprayed, handcuffed and thrown in jail for being in a car that made a u-turn in a parking lot. When a friend of mine asked to pay my bail at the police station, they attempted to negotiate my bail with him for all the money he was carrying (no set price), then told him they would not deal and I'd have to see a judge, threw him in the cell with me, one other American who had also been beaten, and about 30 Mexican men. He was robbed at the business end of a prison shank for about 300.00 dollars, all his money.

I've traveled alot in my life, and Mexico used to be one of my favorite places in the world. Miles of warm water, beautiful beaches, great food, good people (mostly), and fun times. I mean you can surf all day in the sun, eat some of the best homemade food on the planet and relax with a Margarita listening to amazing live mariachi music, all in the same place! Unfortunately, I've seen an escalation in violence against tourists in the last few years, and I hear more and more horror stories coming out of TJ and it's surrounding areas.

It makes me sad to think my days south of the border are over, but who knows what the future holds for Mexico and it's people. My suggestion is to stay away until things maybe get better, but if you cannot, and must go, be careful. Watch yourself, your friends, your money, and your surroundings. Don't keep all your money together, and always carry enough hidden to get home, or pay for a taxi to the border. Don't hassle the locals, the police don't care about your side of the story, and always watch your back.

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# Bellies and Hornpipes

*"Celebrate Dance" Festival*

**A**merican Tribal Style is an inclusive belly-dance form," says dancer Sandi Kay. "The dancer in the lead position can cue the dancers on what move they're going to do next, so every dance ends up being an improvisational dance even though it can look quite choreographed."

Carolena Nericcio, the woman credited with creating this particular offshoot of belly dancing, explains the name on her website: "The word 'American' made it clear that it was not a traditional version; 'tribal style' described that the dancers were working as a group with a 'tribal' look."

Tribal San Diego Style is one of over 60 dance organizations participating in the three-day Celebrate Dance Festival at Balboa Park this weekend. Cues associated with tribal style, Kay explains,

can be anything from placement of the hands to a turn of the head that signals the next move to other dancers.

"What is really neat — and I've experienced this — is you can go to some other part of the United States or Australia or England, and if any of those people have learned American Tribal Style, you can get up and dance with people you don't even know, and it can still come off looking choreographed." Kay has mastered over 30 cues and their related moves, though she says there are well over 50.

Whereas tribal dancing is about hips and hands, Irish dancing is all in the legs. "The soft-shoe dance is equivalent to a very vigorous ballet, but the knees stay tight and

the upper half of the body stays fully erect and the arms stay down," says Rori Ritchie, an instructor with the Rose Academy of Irish Dance.

"The soft shoes are known as gillies. The hard shoe, known as the hard shoe, is just crazy — it's loud, and you slam everything — which is usually an audience pleaser." In the past, nails were used to make the clacking sound in the heels and toes of hard shoes. Today a fiberglass-and-plastic mixture is used.

"A single jig is known as the hop jig, and there's a lot of bouncing. The movement is energetic, with big jumps," says Ritchie. "A slip jig is like a ballet dance; it's very graceful looking, with lots of leaps." The difference between jigs, reels, and hornpipes is the timing of the rhythm. "Each piece of music has its own personality, and we try to portray its personality in the dance."

"All dance is interpretive," says Joya Powell, artistic director for the Ayoj Llewop Body Politic dance company. "It's trying to portray something in an open way so that everyone can pretty much get something from what they're seeing." Powell classifies her style of dance as modern and says her New York-based group is "dedicated to unearthing historic and present sociopolitical issues that plague the world we live in through the healing elements of dance." The method by which they do this is to choose an



Flamenco dancer

event from the past or present and create movement to convey the scenes.

One piece called Las Madres is based on the Las Madres de Plaza de Mayo, a group of female protestors of the military regime in 1970s Argentina. "My goal as choreographer is to make sure that as much of the historical information as possible is accurately portrayed," says Powell. Music and costumes are relevant to the location and time of the event. At that time in Argentina, military personnel were known for destroying photos of citizens they took into custody. "As if that person didn't exist," says Powell. The military also kept people from congregating in groups larger than two. "Las Madres would parade around the plaza as a protest, carrying photos

and posters of their missing loved ones." To involve her dancers emotionally in the choreography, Powell asked them to carry photos of their own deceased loved ones while performing the piece.

At the festival, Powell's group will perform two works. One, called *Breathless*, was inspired by last year's succession of 50 to 60 "noose incidents" — from Louisiana to New York, anonymous intimidators left nooses in bags and lockers and on the doorknobs of their African-American neighbors. The

dance, which begins without music so the audience hears only the sound of struggled breathing, was created to demonstrate how racial tension is due to a lack of education and should not be blamed on individuals.

"It's a duet," explains Powell. "It's about looking at yourself. We can place blame on everyone else, but we need to actually look at ourselves as a nation and say, 'What is it that we have not done, and what is it that we can do?' And if we don't do anything, we're pretty much hanging ourselves."

— Barbarella

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## DANCE

**"Dancing at SummerFest"** Pascal Rioult Dance Theatre performs to pieces by Mozart, Stravinsky, and Ravel for La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Friday, August 22, 7:30 p.m.; \$15-\$50. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Ave. (NORTH PARK)

**All Things Swing Dance Party** Music, dancing, swing dance workshops, performances. Intermediate "slides and freezes" workshop; "total beginner" lessons. 619-291-3775. Saturday, August 23, 8:30 p.m.; \$8. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

**Belly-Dance Showcase** Alioth Lotus, Brianna, Jennifer, and Shalimar perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. 619-688-9845. Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m.; \$5. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**Bharata Natyam Dance** Divya Devaguptapu plans short lecture and demonstration, then presents a traditional Bharata Natyam repertoire. This spiritual dance, grounded in *bhakti* (devotion), originated in state of Tamil Nadu and has been "nurtured in its temples and courts since ancient time." Suggested reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, August 23, 3 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Celebrate Dance Festival** More than 60 regional dance companies, groups, collectives, solo artists gather to perform together and present workshops inside Casa Del Prado Theatre and outdoors on fountain stage and lily pond stage. 619-238-1153. Friday, August 22, 6 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday, August 24, noon; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**English Country Dancing** Ellie Konitshek, Terri Akin, and Tyge Legier call for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, August 24, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Ragtime-Era Tango** Learn to lead and follow American ragtime-era tango (beginners: 7:15 p.m., intermediates: 8 p.m.) during Waltz & Such dance class in Casa del Prado room 207. Open request

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### UGLY ME

Cinema en tu Idioma series, Mission Valley 7, August 22-28.

(SEE FILM)



dancing follows until 9:45 p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, August 22, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

**Scandinavian Dance Party** Enjoy live music for dancing. Bring snack to share. 619-281-5656. Wednesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Social Dance Party** DJ plays swing, Latin, ballroom, and nightclub for singles and couples of all ages. Tango lesson: 8 p.m. Open dancing: 8-10:30 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, August 23, 8 p.m.; Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

**The More the Merrier** Community band makes music (bring your instrument and sit in), Steve Barlow calls for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage (8 p.m.). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Bring food/beverages to share during (optional) potluck supper, 6:30 p.m. Wear

soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**USA Dance Ballroom Party** Ballroom, Latin, swing, salsa, more. All ages, ability levels, singles, couples. Casual dress. Fourth Saturday each month. Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing from 8-11 p.m. 760-525-5124. Saturday, August 23, 7 p.m.; \$7. Synergy Dance Zone, 7480 Miramar Road. (MIRA MESA)

## FILM

### "Tribute to George Clooney"

See *Leatherheads* when it's showcased during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky of *North County Times* leads pre- and post-film discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, August 27, 6 p.m.; Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Calavera Highway** Renee Tajima-Peña and Evangeline Griego's new film "is a sweeping story of seven Mexican-American men grappling with the meaning of masculinity, fatherhood, and a legacy of rootless beginnings." The P.O.V. documentary screens for "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies" series. Gail Perez and Ruben Murillo of USD's ethnic studies department lead discussion. 619-

236-5810. Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Surf's Up** Enjoy this animated flick during Moonlight Movies series hosted by Time Warner Cable. Games, fun for kids before movie (5 p.m.); movie begins around 8 p.m. Bring blankets and "sand chairs." 619-236-5555. Saturday, August 23, 5 p.m.; Kate Sessions Park, 5115 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**The Counterfeiters** Stefan Rozowitzky's film, starring Karl Markovics, was the winner of the 2008 Academy Award for best foreign film. Flick screens in German with English subtitles for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Ugly Me** The romantic comedy *Pretentiendo*, starring Barbara Mori, screens for Cinema en Tu Idioma series hosted by Media Arts Center. Director Claudio Dabed will be on hand on opening night (August 22). Screenings begin each day at 10:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m., 10:45 p.m. In Spanish with English subtitles. 619-230-1938. Friday, August 22; Saturday, August 23; Sunday, August 24; Monday, August 25; Tuesday, August 26; Wednesday, August 27; Thursday, August 28; \$7-\$9. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Current Events Theater** East County Democratic Club hosts screening of *Recount*, a "drama based on the events following the 2000 presidential election and how it was determined." Social networking at 1:30 p.m., screening at 2 p.m., with discussion following. 619-933-1526. Sunday, August 24, 1:30 p.m.; Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

**Film and Wine Series** Wine expert Barbara Baxter introduces wines relating to movies featured on-screen; selected films are from Athenaeum Music and Art Library's collection, each one is related to wine in some way. Series concludes with *A Good Year* (2006), set on a vineyard in Provence with Russell Crowe and Marion Cotillard; expect a glass of French wine of that region. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, August 21, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Philippine Cinema Showcase Opening Night** Philippine Cinema Showcase begins "its year-long, 365-day showcase of Philippine film" with 2007 Academy Award nominee *Donsal*, by Adolfo Alix Jr. Ticket price includes reception, film, after-party. 858-565-1264. Friday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.; \$15. Ages 13 and up. Chula Vista 10, 555 Broadway #2050. (CHULA VISTA)

**San Diego UnderSea Film Festival** Enjoy 15 different digital films each night; presentations limited to five minutes. Subjects range from sharks to shipwrecks, shot all over the planet. Jurors were John Moore, Hans Bertsch, Natasha Stenbock. 619-804-9056, 858-558-7278. Friday, August 22, 7 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, 7 p.m.; \$15. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (MIRA MESA)

**Transforming Transformers** Artists "formerly known as 'Mystery Science Theater 3000'" offer commentary to turn *Transformers* "into the comedy we all know it to be." Mike Nelson, Bill Corbett, Kevin Murphy introduce the movie, partake in the libations, including cask of Stone Ruination IPA with Chinook and Columbus hops. Film screens on 11.5-foot-wide screen outdoors. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and "get comfy." 760-471-

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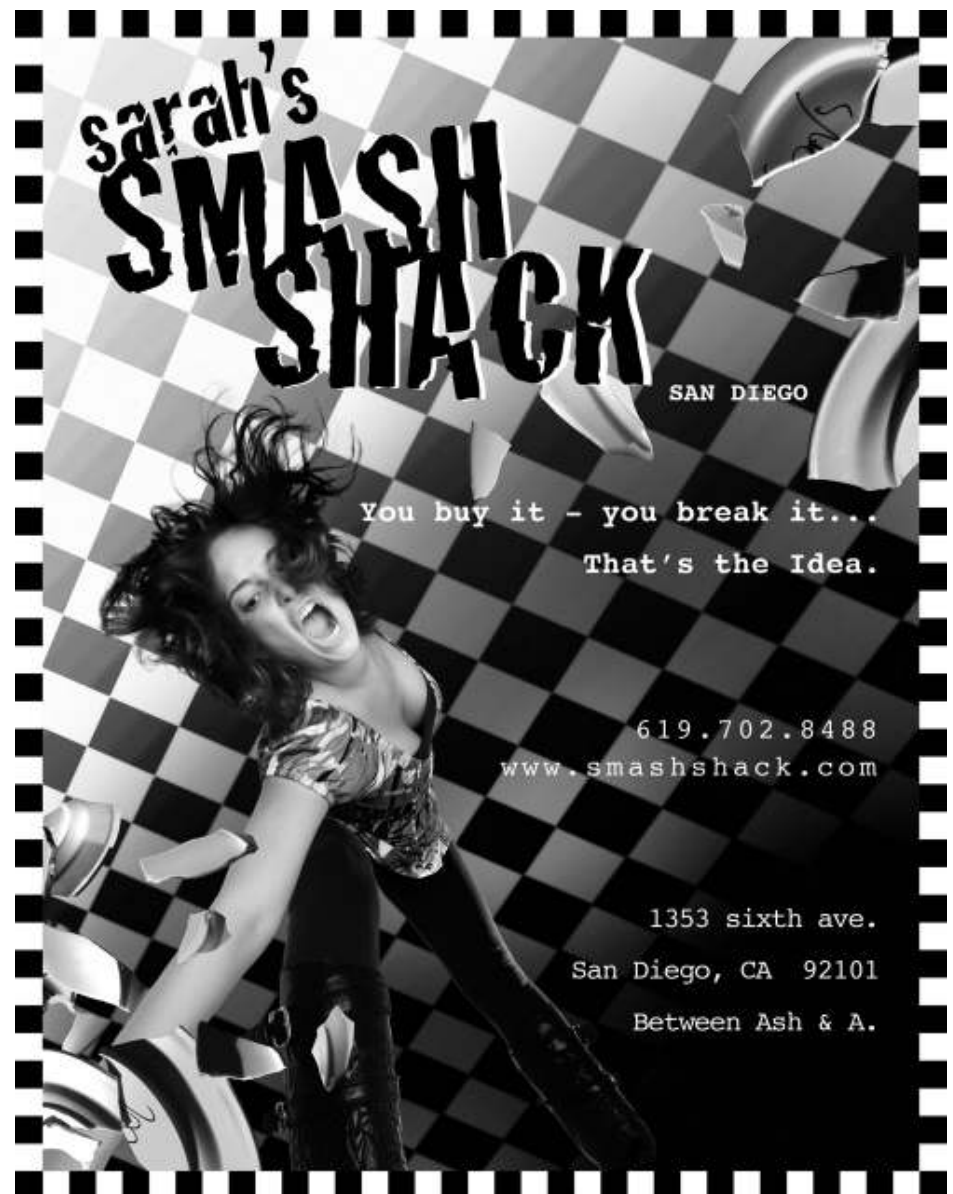


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**Warm Up Your Vocal Cords** Screen on the Green outdoor film series continues with a *Bye-Bye Birdie* sing-along. The 1963 flick stars Ann-Margret, Janet Leigh, and Dick Van Dyke. Screenings take place on east lawn, near Botanical Building and Casa del Prado. 619-232-7931. Thursday, August 21, 8 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

**“People, Places, and Paintings”** Professional storyteller Harlynn Geisler weaves “fanciful tales around museum masterpieces” for “Saturday Storytelling.” 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, August 23, 11 a.m.; ages 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Disney's High School Musical** This “musical rumble between the brainiacs, the thespians, and the jocks” boasting over 75 young county actors is presented by ACT San Diego. 619-544-1000. Friday, August 22, 7 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.;

\$12-\$21. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

**Maxfield's Time-Traveling Flea Circus** The Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers present this puppet show through Sunday, August 24. Enjoy *The Elves and the Shoemaker* when Weaver's Tales take stage, August 27-31. Curtain rises at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, August 21, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 22, 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 23, 11 a.m.; Sunday, August 24, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, August 27, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown** White Dog Theatre Company production, through August 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)

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**Mini-Succulent Gardeners** Kids create their own secret succulent garden with hidden surprises. Plants, materials, healthy snack are included. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Friday, August 22, 9 a.m.; \$12. Ages 4 and up. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

IN PERSON

**“Mankind the Human Theatre”** Jerry Hager presents one-man show incorporating music, imagery, mime, and “gesture theater.” Each of the three acts is based on the number seven and its connection to humanity, the seven corporeal works of mercy, and Shakespeare’s “All the world’s a stage.” 760-529-9140. Friday, August 22, 8 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, 8 p.m.; Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$17. Ages 10 and up. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Los Angeles Suspense Author** Evan Kilgore signs, discusses *Children of Black Valley*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, August 23, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**Medium and Clairvoyant** Lisa Williams plans appearance. 800-988-4253. Monday, August 25, 7:30 p.m.; \$38-\$68. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mission Improvable** Troupe presents an all-improvised comedy show based on audience suggestions, inviting you “to think as well as laugh...upbeat and clean, suitable for families.” 858-581-0050. Saturday, August 23, 8 p.m.; \$10. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Nouveau Cirque!** The Flying Karamazov Brothers present their “blend of nouveau cirque, visual music, juggling, dance, theater, and comedy.” 619-659-3380. Friday, August 22, 8 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, 8 p.m.; Sunday, August 24, 8 p.m.; \$30. Ages 18 and up. Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, 5469 Casino Way. (EL CAJON)

**Owlsh Interests?** Biologist, owl expert, author Stacey O’Brien discusses, signs her new book, *Wesley the Owl*. She’ll be joined by an education barn owl from South Bay Raptor Rehab program. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, August 26, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Pacific Beach Author** C.J. Koa signs “provocative and controversial novel,” *Story of an American Escort: A Fictional Guide for Success*, “based on true events,” set in San

Diego. 858-488-6688. Thursday, August 21, 10 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Guava Beach Bar & Grill, 3714 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

**Real Time** Bill Maher takes the stage. 619-220-TIXS. Sunday, August 24, 8 p.m.; \$73. Humphrey’s by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (POINT LOMA)

**Squeaky-Clean Comedy!** Matt Agosto, Naveed Mahbub, and Rahim perform for family-friendly show. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Naveed’s Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

**Thriller Author** Chris Grabenstein signs, discusses *Hell Hole*. 858-268-4747. Friday, August 22, noon; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

LECTURES

**“Budget Travel 101”** Hostelling International leads workshop for independent travel on a budget, including packing tips, cultural awareness, personal safety, more. 619-283-2374. Tuesday, August 26, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, August 27, 7 p.m.; Adventure 16 Mission Valley, 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“California Dreamin’”** Professional genealogical author, instructor Gena Philibert Ortega focuses on California city and county repositories, archives, public and private libraries, historical and genealogical societies, museums and other California resources when North San Diego County Genealogical Society gathers. Useful to those with or without California ancestors. Nonmembers welcome. 760-630-5720. Tuesday, August 26, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**“Dutch Oven Cooking 101”** Doug Ernst from International Dutch Oven Society cooks up “mouth-watering samples,” discusses selection, care, accessories, recipes, more. RSVP: 619-283-2374. Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.; Adventure 16 Mission Valley, 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“Eye of the Thunderbird: Writing in Community”** City Heights poet Jim Moreno and UPACA Center host poetry workshop for beginning or practiced poets. Participants will watch movie *The Invisible Children*, then write and read a poem. Moreno is author of *Dancing in Dissent*. 619-285-9737. Saturday, August 23, 3 p.m.; \$2-\$5. Urban Performing Arts and Creative Arts Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

**“Five Flavors of Health”** Herbal educator Charlotte Tenney leads workshop including plant identification walk, discussion of nutritional and health value of “functional food” plants, and the five flavors of health — sweet, sour, bitter, salty, and pungent/spicy — said to indicate the food’s health value. Learn to make salad of wild greens and herbs with fresh salad dressing, more. Registration required. Call (760) 436-3036 x206. Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.; \$35-\$40. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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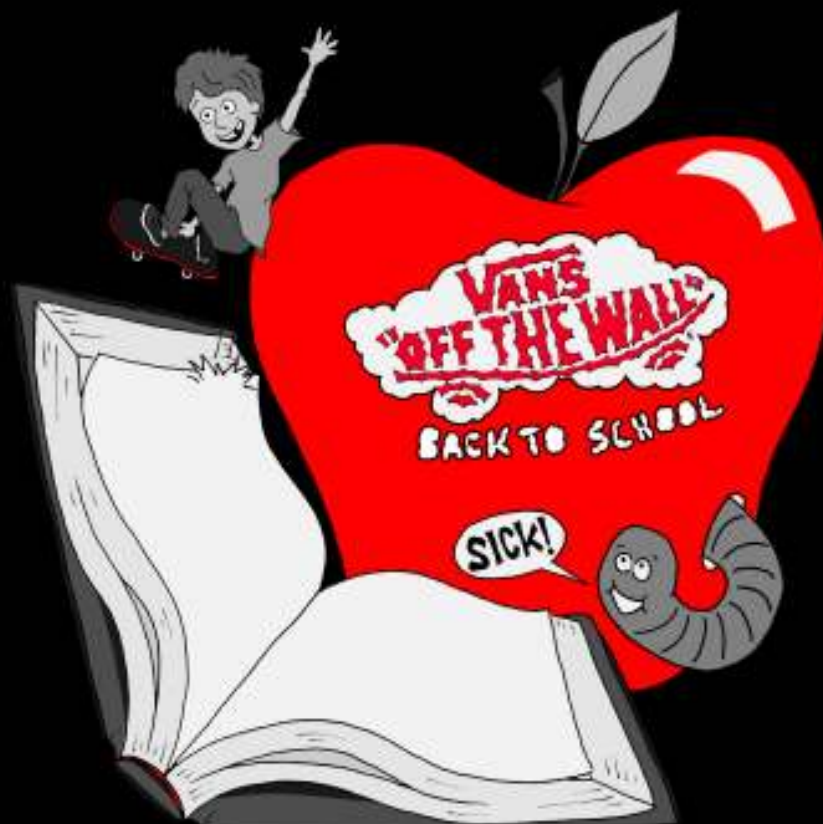
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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-3844. Sunday, August 24, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**"Really Reliable Recall"** Frustrated when Rover won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Sanxingdui and the Ancient Shu Culture of Sichuan"** Sanxingdui — described as "one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th Century" — was discovered

in 1929 when a farmer digging in a ditch found jade artifacts outside of Chengdu, Sichuan. Professors Joseph W. Ball and Jennifer Taschek will summarize their contributions to a conference in Chengdu examining the anthropology of Shu culture using the Maya, Olmec, and other ancient New World civilizations as model to discover significance of the Sanxingdui discovery. 619-338-9888. Saturday, August 23, 2 p.m.; ages 10 and up. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Sustainable Energy Workshop"** Center for Sustainable Energy plans program focusing on climate change, impacts on our water and energy supply, wildfires, public health, greenhouse gas emissions, new environmental laws (AB32), tips to reduce personal carbon footprints, more. 760-804-1969.

Wednesday, August 27, 7 p.m.; City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

**"Telepathic Communication with Animals"** Wonder what your pet is thinking? Learn about telepathic communication with animals from "animal communicator," author, consultant, teacher Brigitte Noel. Lecture aims to help "you strengthen your relationship with all living creatures," covers how intuitive communication with animals takes place, when it works (and doesn't), and why. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**"The Philippines Revealed"** Former House of the Philippines president Sam Besa relates "exciting history and geography of the Philippine Islands, including the peoples, languages, and historic events which forged this island nation" at House of the Philippines. 619-804-8424. Sunday, August 24, 4 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Protea Species: Exotic Options for Drought-Tolerant Gardens"** Walter Parkola, owner of Blossom Valley Protea, leads morning tour to discuss the protea

## OUT & ABOUT

**SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL**  
San Diego Public Library, Saturday, August 23.

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species exhibited at Water Conservation Garden, later sharing history, characteristics, and care of these exotics in classroom. Limited number of plants offered for sale. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.; \$25. Ages 12 and up. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

**"Watercolor Workshop"** Helen Shafer Garcia presents "contemporary approach to watercolor focusing on garden botanical elements." Class spends portion of time painting in gardens. Materials list supplied upon registration. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, August 24, 9:30 a.m.; \$65-\$75. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"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 future disasters and this year's fire season. 800-727-4777. Tuesday, August 26, 4 p.m.; Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, 1505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Ask the Designer** Professional landscape designer Connie Beck offers personalized, 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring a photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice, sug-

gestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Thursday, August 21, 10 a.m.; \$40-\$50. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

**Civic Center Complex Proposal, Public Meeting** Attend one of the many community meetings planned throughout San Diego to learn more about proposed renovation of downtown's Civic Center Complex, including City Hall. Expect developer presentations, review of city cost savings and alternatives, question-and-answer session with developers, consultants, CCDC staff. 619-235-2200. Thursday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 p.m.; Nobel Recreation Center, 8810 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Explore the Possibilities** Attend one of the many community meetings planned throughout San Diego to learn more about proposed renovation of downtown's Civic Center Complex, including City Hall. Expect developer presentations, review of city cost savings and alternatives, question-and-answer session with developers, consultants, CCDC staff. 619-235-2200. Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.; Monday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.; Otay Mesa-Nestor Library, 3003 Coronado Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

**First Aid for Dogs and Cats** American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning,

and broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Sunday, August 24, 1 p.m.; \$55. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**Green Gardening** Learn green techniques when representative from Water Conservation Garden speaks in conjunction with "Beyond Reasonable Drought: Water and Culture in a Changing Climate" exhibition. 619-239-2001. Saturday, August 23, 1 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Maintaining Rare Fruit Trees** California Rare Fruit Growers host ongoing "Rare Fruit Introductory Class" in room 104. Classes offer opportunity to learn to grow fruit varieties including jujube, capulin cherry, raisin tree, pitahaya, longan, jaboticaba, tropical guava, passion fruit, wax jambu, ice cream bean. 619-261-3610. Wednesday, August 27, 6 p.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Pass the Salt...** Keith Greer from SANDAG plans presentation about envisioning alternatives for the long-term future of the South Bay Salt Works property (1470 Bay Blvd., Chula Vista) during Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meeting. 619-425-5771. Monday, August 25, 6:45 p.m.; MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

**Pondering Karl Benjamin** Los Angeles art critic David Pagel presents slide lecture on art of Karl Benjamin in conjunction with "The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s" exhibition. Pagel is chair of Claremont Graduate University art department. 760-435-3720. Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m.; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

**Project 7th Grade** Program educates parents on substance-abuse prevention, trends, drug issues, terminology, more. Not open to students. 602-652-0163. Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m.; Arroyo Paseo

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## LOCAL EVENTS

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**Puzzle Out Plotlines!** Sisters in Crime host writing workshop with novelist Michelle Scott on “how to outline a mystery” and more; “webmaven” Linda Gail Walters on “Writers and the Internet.” 760-505-7037. Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.; \$80. Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**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 *Romeo and Juliet* on Thursday, August 21; *The Merry Wives of Windsor* on Saturday, August 23; and *All's Well That Ends Well* on Sunday, August 24. 619-23-GLOBE. Thursday, August 21, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, August 24, 7:15 p.m.; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

## OUTDOORS

**Thunderstorms** have visited the Imperial Valley and parts of eastern San Diego County over the past several weeks. The seasonal arrival of moisture from the east and south, more or less typical for late summer, contributes to the greening of certain kinds of vegetation. On the desert floor, for example, the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two to three weeks later if no further rain arrives. The distribution of green-leaved ocotillos tells not only where rain has recently fallen; it also indicates where the runoff has collected and remained for enough time to be absorbed by the ocotillo’s root system.

**Shore Birds** migrating southward are beginning to arrive in San Diego County. Through fall and winter various ducks, sandpipers, and plovers will be spotted in increased numbers in the county’s remaining coastal wetlands. Best bird-watching spots include the Tijuana River estuary, south San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel, Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon.

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**W**ith two steep ravines spanned by quaint footbridges, scores of well-kept, historically significant homes, and mature landscaping, Banker’s Hill is a monument to the elegance of the past. The work of early-century architects Irving Gill, William Hebbard, Richard Requa, and Frank Mead is represented throughout the area. Much can be seen on the following 1.5-mile walk, which begins on Spruce Street at First or Second Avenue, just west of Balboa Park.

Start by walking east on Spruce Street. Past Third Avenue, on the right, is a low building designed by William Hebbard in 1913 and apparently stylized after the long-gone San Diego Cable Railway powerhouse. The cable-car line went into operation in 1889, carrying passengers from downtown through Hillcrest to Adams Avenue.



Spruce Street suspension footbridge

Walk south on Fourth (there’s a sidewalk on the east side only) until you reach the Quince Street footbridge (1905), built across one of the deep ravines penetrating the Banker’s Hill neighborhood. Walk on the wooden

planks and catch sight of San Diego Bay and Point Loma. From Quince, turn right at Second Avenue. At the northeast corner of Second and Quince, and again at the northeast corner of Second and Redwood, compare classic revival styles. The residence across Second Avenue at 136 Redwood is one of the earliest (1898) results of a partnership between William Hebbard and Irving Gill. The camphor tree on the corner is one of the largest in San Diego.

A left on Redwood to First brings you opposite Irving Gill’s Bishop’s Day School (1908), now the Self-Realization Fellowship. The Gill-designed wing wraps around an older Tudor structure and epitomizes Gill’s philosophy of simplicity and — using his own phrase — “monastic severity.”

Now head north on First, go left on Spruce, and go left again on Front Street, a dead-end. The fine old houses here, some designed by Richard Requa, have a view over the canyon edge, but that view is screened at street level by tall trees.

Go back to Spruce and head west to walk across the suspension footbridge, built in 1912 to give access to the streetcars on Fourth Avenue. Stand in the middle of the swaying bridge, 70 feet above the canyon floor, and feel the breeze sweeping up-canyon from the bay.

On solid ground again, turn left on Brant Street, another dead end. The house at the end (3100 Brant) was designed by Hebbard in 1907 after his partnership with Gill ended, but retains some of Gill’s influence. Back on Spruce, at the southeast corner of Spruce and Curlew, is a 1914 design by Requa and Frank Mead influenced by Mediterranean and North African imagery. To the north a half

block, at 3226 Curlew, you’ll find a 1912 Edwardian house designed by Hebbard.

Across the street, at the southeast corner of Curlew and Thorn, is an interesting Palladian-style mansion dating from 1927. To poke fun at passersby, the plaque here reads “On this site in 1897 nothing happened.” Zigzag east on Thorn, north on Brant, east on Upas, and north on Albatross. On the east side of Albatross are some of the Gill “canyon houses,” dating

from 1912–13 and designed to blend harmoniously with the natural landscape.

Around the corner, at the west end of Walnut Avenue, is a seemingly out-of-place Queen Anne Victorian house. Built in 1892 at Fourth and Walnut, it was moved to this site in 1911. To conclude your walk, go east on Walnut to either First or Second and head south back to your starting point. Second Avenue is preferred, as it is the quieter of the two streets.

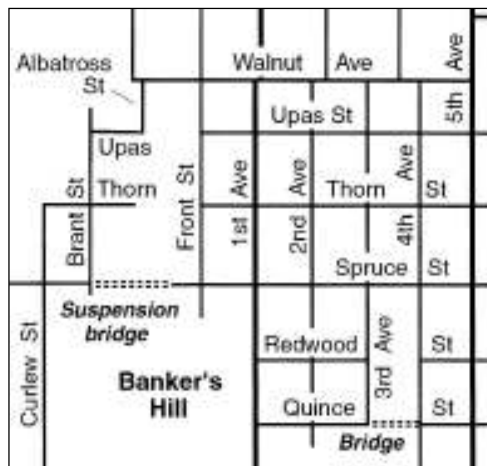
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**The Milky Way** appears at its most glorious during August summer evenings free of moonlight. This year, these favorable evenings occur from August 22 through early September. You’ll need to be in the mountains or the desert to see the Milky Way clearly; too much artificial light in or near the

urbanized parts of San Diego County renders it all but invisible. The Milky Way seems to broaden and become generally brighter over the south horizon, specifically near the constellation Sagittarius. When we gaze in this direction, we look toward the crowded heart of our galaxy, where millions of dim stars are so closely spaced in the sky that taken together they resemble puffs of steam.

**“Red Diamond Rattlesnakes”** Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 4-mile hikes and discusses rocks, common plants, and rattlers. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Audubon Society Bird Walk** Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**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)

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ter Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. 619-409-5900. Sunday, August 24, 11 a.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

**Composting Class** Learn to create a less toxic yard, garden care, with backyard composting. Registration: 619-409-5900. Sunday, August 24, 10 a.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

**Desert Garden Tour** Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.;

Balboa Park Visitors’ Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Got Shade?** Coast live oaks provide cooling shade during guided nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 23, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, August 24, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, August 27, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Got Summertime Blues?** Look for tiny, blue fruits on elderberry trees during guided walks near Old Mission Dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 23, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Night Walk in Peñasquitos Preserve** Explore transition of dusk into dark in canyon with naturalist Will Bowen. Look for nocturnal creatures and critters, night-blooming plants, and contemplate night sky. Bring flashlight, insect repellent. 858-342-8856. Saturday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**San Diego River Cleanup** Volunteers beckoned to help clean up stretch of river along Camino del Rio North. Meet on grassy area south of Quicksi 10 Minute Oil Change. Supplies provided. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.; Quicksi 10 Minute Oil Change, 4232 Camino Del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Trash Pickup in Lopez Canyon** Help clean trash out of natural areas in Lopez Canyon. 858-342-8856. Sunday, August 24, 9 a.m.; Lopez Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

**Work in the Great Outdoors** Trail maintenance continues in Paso Picacho Campground area. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 619-328-6109. Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.; Paso Picacho campground, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Highway 79, five miles north of I-8. (JULIAN)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**“And You, Where Are You From?”** Norma del Carmen Cruz from Institute of History, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, plans lecture on migration to Baja California in first half of 20th Century. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, August 27, 7 p.m.;



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**"Del Otro Lado de la Línea"**

See two short films about migration in Mexico, the United States, and France made by children and teenagers. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, August 22, 6 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**"Japan, Poetic Expression"**

Enjoy music, ceremonies, presentation of Joaquin Martínez Torres's book *Haikus*. 011-52-646-173-4307, 011-52-646-173-4308. Thursday, August 21, 7:30 p.m.; Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

**Alberto Vazquez** In concert. 011-52-664-688-1080. Saturday, August 23, 9 p.m.; Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

**Manu Chao** Chao — who "sings in the English, Spanish, Galician, Portuguese, French, Arabic, and Wolof languages, often mixing them in the same song" — in concert. 619-734-2333. Sunday, August 24, 8 p.m.; \$20. Monumental Bullring by the Sea. (BAJA)

**Readings** Planned by actress Ofelia Medina. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**SPECIAL**

**Taste of Slow Food San Diego Stagecoach Days Dinner** Scott Wagner, executive chef for ChileCo Catering, works with team of "outstanding local chefs, farmers, and food purveyors to create dishes inspired by the food cultures of early San Diego." Guests will taste their way through various food stations, sampling dishes featuring fresh, seasonal organic produce, artisan meats and cheeses in Old Town's Main Plaza. Tickets include food sampling, two glasses of local wines and beers. Saturday, August 23, 5 p.m.; \$65. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

**"Fantasy Furniture Sale"** Model home furnishings donated by homebuilders in Building Industry Association, sold to benefit charity. Home and office furniture, accessories, construction, remodeling supplies. 858-794-6130. Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.; Fantasy Furniture Sale, 3554 Ruffin Road. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Nature's Gifts"** Exhibition of fine art by local artists Elaine Davis and Dixie Sampier includes discussion of their work by the artists on Saturday, August 23, 1-3 p.m. Exhibit continues through Friday, September 12 in Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery. 619-

668-3280. Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Mondays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Friday, September 12, 2008, Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**"Pinup Girl Class with Go-Go Amy and Bettina May"** Learn vintage hairstyles and makeup, posing, more. Participants then do a pinup photo shoot; leave with book about the class, CD of your images. 619-516-4746. Saturday, August 23, 3 p.m.; \$200. Ages 21 and up. Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

**"Summer Back 2 School Conference and Festival"** Join Pazzaz Inc., the Center for Parent Involvement, and national Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield for fourth annual "New ERAA [Everybody Recommitting to Academic Achievement] Back to School" conference, rally/festival. Event is "designed to strengthen parent involvement and student achievement." Live entertainment, food, backpack and school supplies giveaway, workshops for parents and students (kindergarten-12th grade), Taste of the Diamond, more. Child care available. Translation available in six languages. 619-264-6870. Saturday, August 23, 7:30 a.m.; Lincoln High School, 150 South 49th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**"Summer Salsa"** Young Audiences 2008 fundraiser includes

professional salsa demonstration, salsa lesson, dancing to 13-piece band, food. 619-282-7599. Saturday, August 23, 7 p.m.; \$35-\$40. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

**"The Art of Making Preserves"** Chef Bernard Guillas dispenses "cans" and "cannots" for preserving fruit and canning vegetables for long-term storage. Recipes include rhubarb strawberry jam, papaya and chili pepper, more. Donation benefits Share our Strength. 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, August 23, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Urban Blight to Urban Bright"** San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Who Signed That? Signed and Inscribed Books"** Rare book exhibit in Wangenheim Room showcases over 100 signed and inscribed books by various authors, book artists, illustrators, publishers, people associated with literary world. Among the famous: Samuel Clemens, Jack London and

his wife Charmian London, Ray Bradbury, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Herbert C. Hoover. 619-236-5807. Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 2, 2008, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**(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 23, 10 a.m.; Dog Beach Del Mar, at western end of Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

**Definitions of History** P&R Discussion Group gathers for discussion. 619-370-1027. Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m.; Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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

Sundays, 8 a.m.; Mondays, 8 a.m.; Tuesdays, 8 a.m.; Wednesdays, 8 a.m.; through Sunday, August 31, 2008, UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Festival of Sail** Board ships from all over world; more than 20 tall ships and other vessels scheduled to appear. Festival kicks off with parade of tall ships on San Diego Bay on August 20, 10 a.m.; view parade from North Island, Shelter Island, Harbor Island, or along Embarcadero from Coast Guard Station to Seaport Village. Live music, food, vendors, educational booths, activities.

Also on tap: cannon battle sails (Friday-Sunday, \$65 general); 1914 pilot boat bay cruises (\$5); America's Cup boat sails (\$99 general); boat tours. 619-234-9153. Thursday, August 21, 9 a.m.; Friday, August 22, 9 a.m.; Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.; Sunday, August 24, 9 a.m.; San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Fishnet Follies Burlesque Revue** Show features Mynx d'Meanor, Hell on Heels, Sultry Savage, and Smoothini "the ghetto Houdini." Hosted by Irreverent Reverend Limp Richard. Night includes Pete Stewart, Black Hondo, and five DJs. Party starts 10 p.m.; follies at 11:30 p.m. 650-922-3310. Friday, August 22, 10 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)



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## LOCAL EVENTS

### Fun at Firehouse (Brewery)

Jennifer Alexander discusses how she brews beer and also runs a nonprofit foundation. Expect a tour of her brewery, tasting of beer paired with pizza and “valuable career advice.” Reservations: 760-635-5785. Wednesday, August 27, 6 p.m.; \$25. Ages 21 and up. Firehouse Brewery, 10306 San Diego Mission Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

### Funny Car Frenzy

Cajon Classic Cruise nights continue. Cruise nights offered on Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, August 27, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211-1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

### Gem Faire

Nearly 100 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offer jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, minerals. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. Friday, August 22, noon; Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 24, 10 a.m.; \$5. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

### Hon Non Bo Show

“Hon Non Bo is traditionally miniature Vietnamese landscapes, combinations of rocks, plants set in water to create miniature landscapes.” Exhibition takes place in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-232-8232. Saturday, August 23, noon; Sunday, August 24, 10 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

### House of Hungary

Lawn program promises ethnic music, costumes, and dance. 619-234-0739. Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

### Kruise 4 K9's

Labrador Harbor hosts motorcycle ride starting in

parking lot at Q Restaurant, ending at Menghini Winery in Julian. CrepeMaker provides food; entertainment by Cinco Tamayo Show. Proceeds benefit “labrador retrievers in need.” Donation includes lunch, drinks, event T-shirt. 619-892-0049. Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.; \$25. Q Restaurant and Bar, 2725 Vista Way. (OCEANSIDE)

### Palomar Observatory Tours

Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through multiple telescopes atop Palomar Mountain (weather permitting) during event sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Fee includes round-trip bus transportation, with San Diego and Escondido pickups. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802. Saturday, August 23, 3 p.m.; \$65-\$75. Ages 10 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

### Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference

Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, August 23, noon; Sunday, August 24, noon; Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (POINT LOMA)

### Rods and Woodies Classic Car Show

Cruise night series continues with “eclectic mix of classic cars” displayed along Coast Highway 101. Music by Jerry “Hot Rod” Demink. 760-943-1950. Thursday, August 21, 5:30 p.m.; Encinitas Smog, 682 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

### Sankei Shodo-kai Exhibition

Japanese calligraphy students studying under master calligrapher Sankei Sakai exhibit their work. 619-238-0801. Friday, August 22, 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.; San Diego Japanese Christian Church, 1920 E Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

## OUT & ABOUT

### REAL TIME

Bill Maher, Humphrey's by the Bay, Sunday, August 24.

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### Solar Education Day

Demonstrations, displays on solar domestic water heating, PV-cell power generation, passive and active home heating systems, water pasteurization, cooking methods, solar cook-off contest. 858-270-2853. Saturday, August 23, 10:30 a.m.; South Clairemont Recreation Center, 3605 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

### Suffrage Day Parade and Ball

Women's History Museum and Educational Center commemorates Women's Equality Day with Suffragist's Parade beginning at 4 p.m. at the Kate Sessions statue (on Sixth Avenue side of Laurel Street Bridge). Parade proceeds across bridge to Recital Hall in the Palisades area of Balboa Park for refreshments, screening of new documentary film about minority voters. Parade is free.

“Roaring Twenties”-themed suffrage ball takes place at Recital Hall (6-9 p.m.). Take in historic reenactments of 1920s voting booth, appearances by “Cady Stanton” and “Susan B. Anthony.” Guests encouraged to dress in “Twenties” costumes. Sue Palmer Orchestra provides musical entertainment. “Buffet dinner will highlight foods popular in 1920.” Dancing, costume contests. 619-233-7963. Saturday, August 23, 4 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

### Summergrass San Diego

Bluegrass music festival promising jamming, music workshops, kids' music camp, kids' activities, dry camping, and lots and lots of live

music (Don Rigsby and Midnight Call, Bluegrass Etc., Infamous Stringdusters, Burnett Family, Virtual Strangers, Lighthouse, others). Three-day passes: \$54. 858-679-4854. Friday, August 22, 3 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 24, 9 a.m.; \$15-\$20. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

### Surfing for a Cure

The 15th annual Moores UCSD Cancer Center Luau and Longboard Invitational includes longboard surfing contest (free), on beach near Scripps Pier (8 a.m.). “Longboard surfing legends compete with our own local surfers,” including Rusty Preisendorfer, Skip Frye, Robert August.

Luau begins at noon on Pawka Green, Scripps Institution of Oceanography (\$150), promising Hawaiian music by Tia Carrere and Daniel Ho, traditional Polynesian dancing by Heali'i's Polynesian Revue, auctions. Proceeds support Moores UCSD Cancer Center. Luau reservations: 858-822-0023. Sunday, August 24, 8 a.m.; Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

### Taste of Mainstreet International Food Festival

The 19th annual festival promises food from over 30 restaurants, live music by the Surf Kings, Rods and Woodies classic car show. 760-943-1950. Thursday, August 21, 6 p.m.; \$25. Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 South Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

### Twenty Years before the Wright Brothers...

The 125th anniversary of John Montgomery's first controlled winged flight is commemorated with entertainment, speakers, gliding, kiting, thermal pilot exhibition. 619-428-4047. Saturday, August 23, 9:30 a.m.; Montgomery Waller Park, 3020 Coronado Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

## SPORTS

### 2008 Stay Classy Fire Run

This 4-mile run/walk from La Jolla to Pacific Beach benefits San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation. 619-298-7400. Sunday, August 24, 8 a.m.; \$33. Prospect Street at Girard Avenue, Prospect Street at Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

### 31st Annual World Bodysurfing Championships

Competition by 350-400 bodysurfers from around the world, competing in their respective age divisions. Men's and women's grand champions crowned on Sunday afternoon. 310-457-2321. Saturday, August 23, 6 a.m.; Sunday, August 24, 6 a.m.; Oceanside Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

### Coastal Breakfast Ride

Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for 28-mile ride to Jolly Roger in Oceanside Harbor area. Bring money for food. 858-453-3687. Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.; Cottonwood Creek Park, 95 North Vulcan. (ENCINITAS)

### Nearing the Home Stretch!

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. The \$1 Million Pacific Classic stakes race is Sunday, August 24, with \$2.3 million in purses on the table.

Racing slated every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (August 22 and 29 at 3:30 p.m.). Parking: \$8. 858-755-1141, 858-793-5533.

Thursdays, 2 p.m.; Fridays, 3:30 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)

### Padres Baseball

Following a road trip to San Francisco, the Padres host Arizona Diamondbacks in Petco Park. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, August 25, 7:05 p.m.; Tuesday, August 26, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, August 27, 12:35 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

### Pao Pao Racing

Nine-man outrigger canoe racing, starting outside harbor. Free for spectators. Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

### Preseason Football Is Here!

The San Diego Chargers host Seattle Seahawks. Broadcast on ESPN. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Monday, August 25, 5 p.m.; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

### Snorkel with Sharks!

Adventures among harmless leopard sharks and smooth hound sharks during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, August 23, 8 a.m.; \$30. Ages 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (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 24, 1:30 p.m.; \$5-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

### Swim, Bike, Run!

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**Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam** Tour promises performances by skaters Tony Hawk, Kevin Staab, Jesse Fritsch, Sergie Venture, and Neal Hendrix. BMX riders include Kevin Robinson, John Parker, and Dennis McCoy; freestyle moto-x riders: Drake McElroy, Matt Buyten, and Greg Garrison. HuckJam demo ramp on hand, plenty of music, guest Mike Relm, more. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Saturday, August 23, 5:30 p.m.; \$39. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Up and Back** San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 65-mile "new ride" up El Camino Real to Oceanside and back. 619-473-8513. Sunday, August 24, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

MUSEUMS

**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. Significant 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** "Public Eye: A Focus on Community Art," on display through mid-November, provides look at "the variety of pieces, some commissioned, which have been on display in our community." Exhibit boasts "colorful and imaginative" models, photographs, and sculptured pieces, including a decorative bench from 2003 Benchmark project, information on some of Coronado's 38 pieces of public art, much more.

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)

**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 arti-

facts. 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)

**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 bunkhouse, 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)

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**The Tenor and the Organist** Tenor Enrique Toral joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, August 24. (BALBOA PARK)

**SummerFest Finale** La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest 2008 concludes with concert showcasing selections by Mozart and Dvořák. Soloists include Jennifer Koh and Alisa Weilerstein. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Sherwood

Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 3 p.m., Sunday, August 24. (LA JOLLA)

**This Is the End!** Twenty-first annual International Summer Organ Festival closes with concert boasting a premiere by British composer Karl Jenkins and selections by other composers, performed by civic organist Carol Williams. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 25. (BALBOA PARK)

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**"Transition and Endeavor"** Receptions for contemporary painter Henry Asencio. View original paintings "inspired by his quest to

divine the essence of the female form." RSVP: 800-599-7111. Exclusive Collections Gallery Fashion Valley (7007 Friars Road). 6 p.m., Friday, August 22; 6 p.m., Saturday, August 23; noon, Sunday, August 24. (MISSION VALLEY)

**El Cajon Invitational Art Exhibit** Reception for the 20 artists included in fifth annual exhibition. On display through Sunday, October 19. 619-448-2816. St. Clair Gallery (270 East Douglas Avenue). 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 27. (EL CAJON)

### ART MUSEUMS

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

**Mingei International Museum** "Hungarian Folk Magic — The Art of Joseph Domjan" includes several of this master woodblock printer's pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise,

phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 12.

"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.

"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. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Mingei International Museum — North County** "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** "Human/Nature: Artists Respond to a Changing Planet," uses contemporary art to investigate relationships between fragile natural environments and human communities depending upon them. Collaborative multiyear exhibition project sent eight artists to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites around globe to complete mini-residencies, create new work informed and inspired by their experiences in these diverse cultural and natural regions. Exhibit features new commissioned works by Mark Dion, Ann Hamilton, Inigo Mangano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramirez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1, 2009.

"Memory Is Your Image of Perfection" was curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucía Sanromán, 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 photo-

graphic genres that range from straight documentary photography to manipulated photography." Artists include Eleanor Antin, Uta Barth, Andrea Bowers, Sharon Lockhart, Ana Machado, and Yvonne Venegas. Through November. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

"Picturing the Process: Landscape through Time and Space" — continuing through Sunday, February 1, 2009 — includes selections from MoPA's permanent collection, exploring ideas and issues related to landscape.

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

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

"The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s" — closing on Sunday, October 19 — "illustrates how this West Coast painting icon became known as one of the founding fathers of Hard Edge." Benjamin, whose oeuvre spans more

than half a century, says, "Color is the subject matter of painting." 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

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

"Eleanor Antin: Historical Takes," on display through Sunday, November 2, focuses on Antin's recent series of large-scale tableaux photographs based on Greek and Roman history and mythology, presented together for first time. "The three series are comprised of comic and psychologically complex melodramatic enactments of actual and fictional classical narratives."

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

"Emerging Elites: Indo-Muslim Cultures in Transition," examines artistic transitions that took place in Indo-Muslim cultural centers in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Exhibition treats these paintings as creative, ongoing cultural transformations. Closes Sunday, March 15, 2009. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Not Cool** Gary John, co-owner of the Air Conditioned Lounge in University Heights, believes his bar was unfairly

Diego Police Department, Leon-Fregoso was shot in the alley on the 4600 block of 30th Street, behind the bar.

"[N]o one told me that [the suspect or victim] were in the bar," says John. "He was shot behind the bar. The detective made a point to ask all the staff if they had seen anything unusual — any

nearby residents to point fingers at his establishment, accusing it of attracting troublemakers.

"Before we opened [in 2004], what was next door? This low-budget Sanford and Son used-knickknack store. Next to that was this low-budget coffee shop.... The person who actually lives closest to the bar used to keep a file on Your Place [the previous bar that occupied the address] with the stabbings and the pimps and the drug deals and all that other stuff. He loves Air Conditioned and the customers. I hate people that toot their own horn, but we really have done a lot to help clean up this part of the block."

It wasn't the first time Air Conditioned was mentioned in association with a homicide. In 2007, a male and female were shot by a robber one block north of the club. The male died from his wounds, but his girlfriend survived. The SDPD press release said the two had just left a bar near 30th and Adams, but didn't specify if the couple was leaving Air Conditioned or Kadan, which is directly across the street. The suspected shooter, Michael Mason (also suspected of committing a 2005 home-invasion murder in Southeast San Diego), was recently arrested in Las Vegas after being profiled on *America's Most Wanted*.

— Larry Harmon

**Great, Until the Shooting** "The Static Lounge show was great, until that shooting during the last set by Cherry Chuck Gang," says 40oz Chris of

Massterpiece Entertainment, who helped promote the August 7 "DayGo Unity Concert." The downtown event ended with a shooting in front of the club.

"We got Bloods and Crips all performing on the same bill," Kayo told this

of a few and some were disrespected.

"So when the females started fighting again, it went all bad. I was on stage with Tiny Doo and the rest of the Cherry Chuck Gang, and we were showing love to the other side [Crips]....



CHERRY CHUCK GANG'S BABY BANDIT AND TINY BEEF

reporter before the event. Kayo's record label, On Fyre Entertainment, held the DayGo Unity show, hoping to "unite the divisive local factions in the hip-hop community."

A fight inside the venue spilled onto the sidewalk shortly after 1 a.m. While several patrons were being separated, gunshots were fired and an off-duty police officer working security was shot in the neck. He received a non-life-threatening wound.

"As a promoter, we were trying to take every precaution to ensure safety," Kayo said via email after the shooting. "It was some young knuckleheaded females who jumped off the b.s., throwing drinks and stuff. That set the [melee] off. We had the music stopped, security intervened, the crowd was segregated, and the show continued... but the alcohol got the best

Next thing you know, females [were] at it again; now everyone involved [was] trying to get outside, then gunshots. Unbelievable."

Show attendee ZeeMN says, "The guy who shot [the guard] wasn't part of the fight inside.... He got kicked out and went somewhere for a half hour or so. Then, [while] the guards were tussling out front, the guy [who'd been bounced] shows back up with a gun and just empties it — bang bang — into the [group of] people there."

Police took two men into custody for questioning. At this writing, no charges have been filed, though a third man is being sought by police.

— Jay Allen Sanford

## Click on the Radio

Webcast radio owner Luis Kaloyan said he launched X1FM and its streams of five music programs (alternative, electronic, disco, *rock en español*, classic rock) in 2006 because he had a "passion for the freedom of music." The National City-based Internet radio station is known for its state-of-the-art equipment.

After 11 years as the morning-show host at 91X, Chris Cantore was told at the end of last year that his contract would not be renewed. In May, Cantore signed on as a morning host for X1FM's alternative station. A couple of weeks ago, he and X1FM parted ways.

*Shoutcast.com*, a site that accommodates many different webcast streams, also indicates how many listeners are tuned in to those webcasts at any given moment. A recent perusal showed that the most



popular alternative stream was a station known as "181 the Buzz," which showed 2318 listeners. Radio Nigel, hosted by 91X midday DJ Steve West, was the 12th most popular alternative station, with 314 listeners.

# blurt

the inside track

implicated in news stories and broadcasts that covered the July 29 murder of

disturbances, altercations, or disagreements — there was nothing here that night."



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GOOD TIMES AT AIR CONDITIONED

27-year-old Miguel Leon-Fregoso.

In a July 30 SignOnSanDiego story, it was written that "Leon-Fregoso was at the Air Conditioned bar on 30th Street" and was leaving the club around 1 a.m. when he had an altercation with suspect David Barron, 25, of Spring Valley.

According to the press release emailed by the San

John says he heard "...all three of the people were at the same [house] party. The victim and the friend were walking down the alley.... The shooter was in a truck and challenged the guy over something — disrespecting — then I heard the victim told the shooter, 'You don't have the balls to shoot me.' The guy pulled the trigger."

John says the negative press has caused some

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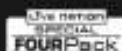
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LIVE NATION



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X1FM's alternative stream showed 42 listeners (44th place). Regular *Shoutcast.com* readings over the past two months showed that X1FM never topped 100 listeners.

"They were expecting this phenomenal surge of listeners, but it never happened," says an insider.

X1FM general manager Raul Sanchez and Kaloyan did not respond to a request for comment.

Cantore responded via email: "The radio insider, like the writer of this piece, is a complete ass-hat and has *no* idea what he is talking about. A deal was not signed and my departure had nothing to do with numbers. Regarding numbers, shoutcast, or any freeware, [they] represent a minuscule percentage of the actual audience listening/watching the X1FM network (traffic is driven internally). Regardless, it saddens me that anyone would try to disparage an upstart operation that is doing a lot of good in the community."

X1FM music director Raudel Enrique said an announcement about Cantore's replacement would be coming soon. He says that X1FM is also going to launch two new channels: reggae and hip-hop.

— Ken Leighton

**Big Label Blues (cont'd)** In early August, Encinitas record label and management company Surfdog Records released

*The Dave Stewart Songbook, Volume I.* Stewart, best known for being half of the Eurythmics (with Annie Lennox), has produced tracks for Aretha Franklin and Tom Petty.

"He actually approached us through a mutual associate," says Surfdog general manager Niels Schroeter.

Surfdog, whose artist roster also includes Brian Setzer, has released music by Gary Hoey and the Butthole Surfers. As they do for Setzer, Surfdog serves as the record label and management company for Stewart. The company gets income from most artist activities, including touring, licensing, and merchandise sales.

"We're a management company first that has also figured out how to release albums," says Schroeter, who points out that the



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STEWART GETS WITH SURFDOG

management of the Eagles and Bryan Adams have released CDs directly to Wal-Mart.

As Stewart's manager, Surfdog oversees his publicity.

"So many labels downsized, which means that a lot of really talented

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people were displaced and went into business for themselves. We have a radio-promotions guy who used to work for Hollywood Records. Our retail consultant used to be with Warner Brothers.... A company like Surfdog can hire the ideal 'dream team' to surround the artist, and you only have them on payroll as long as you need them."

Surfdog has released CDs by Slightly Stoopid, Sprung Monkey, and Agent 51 but currently has no local bands on its roster. Although Sprung Monkey no longer actively performs, Schroeter says the band's music still makes money.

"They have been excellent for licensing. Their music was used in *Not Another Teen Movie*. The band gets paid every time that movie airs on HBO."

Two years ago, Surfdog and the band Agent 51 settled out of court with Warner Bros. Records and Green Day over the charge that Green Day borrowed a riff from Agent 51's "She's My Heroine"; Green Day's Grammy-winning "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" has similarities. When asked to comment about the reported six-figure

settlement, Schroeter says, "Let's move on."

Surfdog has seven full-time employees and is located on Highway 101 behind a coffeehouse, which it also owns and operates.

— Ken Leighton

## Self-Pay Machine

+44 bassist Mark Hoppus filed a lawsuit on August 11 against Missicom LLC of San Diego, alleging the firm embezzled funds "to the tune of over 1.5 million dollars."

Hoppus's attorney, Howard King, says, "This all goes back to blink-182 [days], when Mark met this kid Jeff Mitchell, who drove a Ferrari and talked about these self-pay machines he was going to put inside McDonald's, eliminating the need for cashiers. Mark and Jeff become friends, their wives become friends, but all the while Jeff is pitching Mark on investing in these cash machines."

"So, Mark goes to Louis Tommasino, blink's business manager [1999 to 2004], and says, 'Look into this,' and Tommasino says, 'Yeah, it's a

great deal'.... He [allegedly] neglects to tell [Hoppus] that he'd already been working for the Mitchells since July 2003 or that d he'd been given 3 percent of the company in return for talking the blink guys into



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THE HOPPUSES GET ROCK-STAR MISTREATMENT?

investing their money."

In October 2003, Hoppus and his wife Skye invested around \$600,000 in Missicom, whose company principals are father and son Ed and Jeff Mitchell. The other blink members also invested, as did pro golfer Phil Mickelson.



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Hoppus's suit alleges Missicom never had a deal pending with McDonald's. Why didn't Hoppus sue Missicom until now?

"Mark's wife Skye and Jeff Mitchell's wife Suzanne were friends, and they wrote a book called *Rock Star Mama*... then the whole Missicom thing happened, and Skye wanted Suzanne to take her name off the book. Suzanne said, 'I'll take my name off the book if you agree not to sue us over Missicom.'... The lawsuit we just filed is a derivative lawsuit on behalf of the company, seeking to have the [missing] money returned to Missicom, and not against the Mitchells themselves, so it isn't affected by the agreement Mark and Skye signed to not sue them."

Hoppus's lawsuit seeks \$2.2 million. A trial date is set for September 22. Calls to the Mitchells' attorney were not returned.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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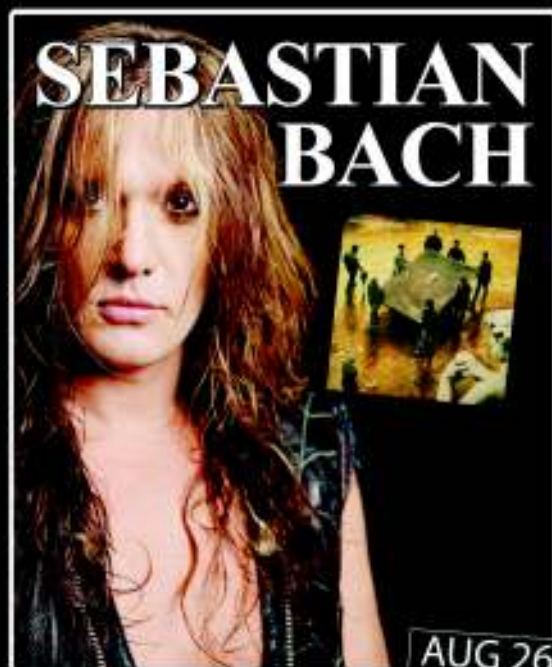
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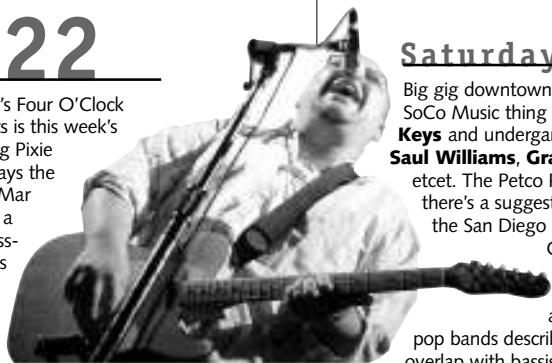
This Week In Music

## Thursday 21

Sunny Day realtor **Jeremy Enigk** has a showing at Casbah tonight. The 34-year-old Seattleite is considered one of the progenitors of today's emo sound from the heart-on-sleeve, hand-wringing rock of his former band and his faux-Brit falsetto. Since going solo in 2000, the singer/guitarist has label-hopped through four studio releases, eventually creating his own joint, Lewis Hollow Records, for '06's *World Waits*. Indeed. Recommend sampling solo debut *Return of the Frog Queen* for a taste of Enigk's strengths and weak-kneeses. Our own frog queen **Anya Marina** sets the stage.... For over 45 years, Jamaican big band **Toots and the Maytals** have been recording and rolling the globe behind their blend of roots reggae and ska, gospel, R&B, and rock. Fred "Toots" Hibbert formed the band in Kingston in 1962, and after years of critical praise and cult love won a Grammy for Best Reggae Album, *True Love*, in 2005. The Maytals roll into House of Blues behind last summer's *Light Your Light*, which also received a Grammy nod.... Speaking of Grammys, nine-time winner **Sheryl Crow** alights at Valley View Casino. The pop star's latest A&M monster is called *Detours*, a collection with a political bent, suggesting the 46-year-old has got beyond *All I wanna do is have some fun*. English troubadour **James Blunt**'s on the bill.... *Love & Hope & Sex & Dreams*. 'Sconny roots-rock band **the BoDeans** paddle out to Wave House. The songwriting partnership of Neumann and Llanas penned a slew of hits in the '80s. How many can you name? They're back with a new disc, *Still*, and will play a Mission Beach-side set tonight. **Stripes and Lines** open... Etceteras: North Park posts pop-rock bands **Hotel St. George** and **El Ten Eleven** landing at Bar Pink...the **Long and Short of It** at Radio Room...and the **Reverse Cowboys** riding out to Chasers. Hee-yaw?

## Friday 22

One of this year's Four O'Clock Fridays highlights is this week's freebie, when big Pixie **Frank Black** plays the paddock at Del Mar Racetrack. After a debatably successful re-up with his former band in '04-'05 (how'd it affect your Pixie cred report?),

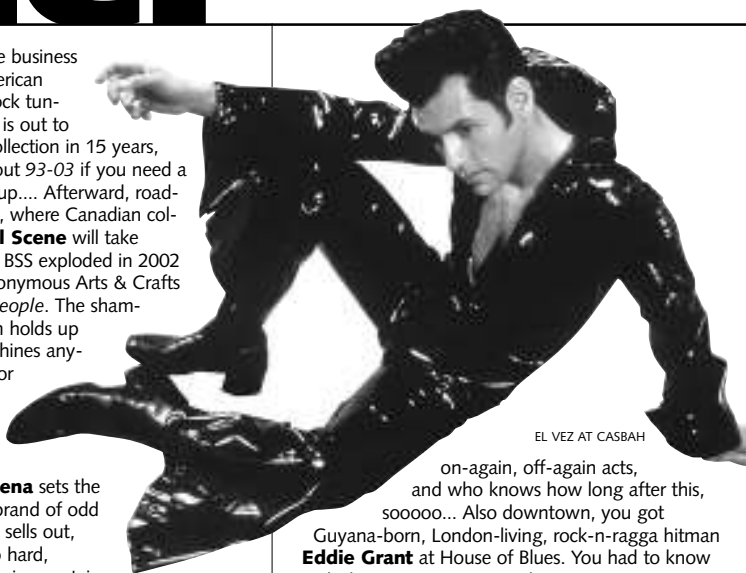


FRANK BLACK AT DEL MAR RACETRACK

Black went back to the business of deconstructing American roots music with alt-rock tunings. The prolific artist is out to tout his 17th studio collection in 15 years, *Svn Frngs*. But check out 93-03 if you need a comprehensive catch-up.... Afterward, road-rage it back into town, where Canadian collective **Broken Social Scene** will take down House of Blues. BSS exploded in 2002 with the release of eponymous *Arts & Crafts* disc *You Forgot It in People*. The shambling, catchy collection holds up brilliantly, and far outshines anything they did before or since, and they're all recommendable records. Note it: this supergroup kills live. Portland trio **Menomena** sets the stage with their own brand of odd pop.... If the big room sells out, don't kick yourself too hard, **Sondre Lerche** is playing upstairs in the Voodoo Room. Lerche is a laidback, "Bright Eye'd" indie kid from Norway who knows his way 'round a song. At 25, he's already got five Astralwerks discs. Check out '04's *Faces Down* for his high-water mark or the soundtrack to Hollywood flop *Dan in Real Life* for a compendium of the kid's hits.... Hillgrass Bluebilly presents desert Doo-Ragger **Bob Log III** over on Kettner playing Casbah sets with **Scott H. Biram** and **Left Lane Cruiser**. Don't miss one-man band **Pant Hoots** in the Atari Lounge.... Or try the sliders: **Red Ponys** at Bar Pink...the **Donkeys** and **Sarees** (SF) at Whistle Stop...**Tiger Sharks** circle O'Connells in Bay Park...**Braaiins!** (no kidding) and **deepsea good** (L.A.) at Ken...**Under the Influence of Giants** at Beauty Bar...Chasers catch the **Mice**...and from Italy, **Ponches** dial in Radio Room. Capeche?

## Saturday 23

Big gig downtown Saturday night is the SoCo Music thing featuring headliners **Black Keys** and undergarments **Kinky**, **Common**, **Saul Williams**, **Grand Ole Party**, et cetera. The Petco Park event is f.o.c., but there's a suggested \$5 donation to benefit the San Diego Music Foundation.... Casbah stages circa '60s rock-roll with **Beachwood Sparks** and the **Tyde**, both psych-pop bands describe blown-out Byrds and overlap with bassist, instigator Brent Rademaker. Been a while for either of the



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on-again, off-again acts, and who knows how long after this, sooooo.... Also downtown, you got Guyana-born, London-living, rock-n-ragga hitman **Eddie Grant** at House of Blues. You had to know with the props to Grant's "Electric Avenue" in new hit flick *Pineapple Express* that dude was gonna resurface. Where's he been? Producing records for some other English singers — Mick Jagger, Elvis Costello, Sting.... Round town ya got border boppers **Mex** and country skunks the **Deere Johns** at Bar Pink...pop-rock group **Vocoder** at the Ken...and Long Beach rockabilies the **Ziggens** at O'Connells.... Seattle swing band the **Raggedy Anns** play at campus club Ché Café with **Monsters from Mars**, **Da Bears**, and **James Rabbit**.... While **Cash'd Out** get their Johnny on at Belly Up. Openers **Hell on Heels Burlesque** will show you "how the girl next door undresses."

## Sunday 24

**El Vez** for prez. L.A. performance artist Robert Lopez and running mates Lovely Elvettes and the Memphis Mariachis make a campaign stop at Casbah Sunday night. It's greasy rock with hot sauce. With the likeminded **Mex** in support.... Sunday afternoon, Bar Pink's Swami Mass has Seattle bar-rock band **Sunday Night Blackout** preaching to the choir.... While over at Whistle Stop, Citizen Vid screens kinda cult classic *Drugstore Cowboy*, with the pink flamingo, the karate kid, and William S. Burroughs. Afterward, Mario's Skull Kontrol krew, aka the **Creep-a-Roos**, spin a "quiet set."

## Monday 25

Pop-rock middleman **Matthew Sweet** drops in on Belly Up Monday night. The Nebraskan set out

for Athens, GA, in the early '80s to make the scene down south and found himself in the Stipe family graces, recording with brother Michael and sister Lydia as the Uh-OK. Sweet broke on his own in 1991 with the release of hit disc *Girlfriend*, long considered a must-have classic from the era. The single still holds water. The singer/songwriter's got a spanking-new Shout! Factory record called *Sunshine Lies*, due to drop Tuesday — like, tomorrow. That's a good Monday-night gig.... But there's also *Pressure in the S.O.D.O.* with Seattle garage guys the **Boss Martians**, who land at Bar Pink...and M-Theory joins the Anti-Monday team at Casbah, booking local nu-wave dance band **Buddy Akai**, Seattle's indie electronicats **Head Like a Kite**, and novelty act the **Satanic Puppeteer Orchestra**.

## Tuesday 26

Go ghosting Tuesday night: Venezuelan disco dudes **Los Amigos Invisibles** materialize at Belly Up behind their latest Latin Grammy nominee, *Super Pop Venezuela*.... And House of Blues conjures Kurt Cobain, with Nirvana tribbers **Nevermind. Dirty Frank**, a Pearl Jam sham, opens.

## Wednesday 27

The hottest ticket's at Cricket this week (this year?), billing British experimental-rock superstars **Radiohead**. Ya'll know the story behind last year's F-U to the music industry, *In Rainbows*, and here's a



RADIOHEAD AT THE CRICKET

chance to catch the avant-gardians live. With dance-punk trio the **Liars** setting the stage, you got one Big Rawk Show.... Not your cup of Earl Grey? Santa Barbara pop group **Toad the Wet Sprocket** ("Walk on the Ocean," "All I Want") hops into House of Blues.... Spaz rockers **Littlest Viking**, **Sex Mannequin**, and **Hi-Fi Collossi** turn it up at Casbah.... And Whistle Stop books its Commune Wednesday into **Hotel St. George**. — Barnaby Monk

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# Groove and Jam

*Guilty Pleasure? “Cigarettes, Burger King french fries, and of course midget porn.”*

With a band name like Moontucky Risin, you might expect to hear Southern-fried or Cajun-cooked rock, perhaps with a side of bluegrass or a pinch of rockabilly. And that’s what listeners got, back when co-founders Jason Wiley (guitar/vocals) and Aaron Luke (drums) were still based in Lafayette, Indiana.

“We were called elliotness then,” says Jason, “named after the federal agent who went after all the moonshine bootleggers. We played kind of swampy, barroom, foot-stomping music, and we wore stuff like overalls onstage. But then, as we evolved into more of a jam band, we’d do things like wear psychedelic hippie shirts under the [overall] bibs.”

After the name change and a move to California, Jason says, the group’s sound became “organic groove rock. With jam bands, there’s so much going on musically that there’s never an opportunity to get bored. Nothing’s ever the same twice, from classic rock riffs to intricate psychedelic jams, from bluegrass to fusion, to songs that run 45 minutes or an hour. Whatever the situation and the day and the mood calls for.”

Drummer Aaron Luke says newer jam bands on the so-called “tie-dye circuit” have had more influence on Moontucky Risin than evergreens like the Grateful Dead and New Riders of the Purple Sage.

“Take a group like Umphrey’s McGee,” says Aaron. “They’re the epitome of a present-day jam band. Their music pushes several boundaries and genres, and to top it off the musicianship is incredible, all six players. A lot of older bands weren’t technically that precise or trained.”

Moontucky Risin performs at Canes on Thursday, August 21. Jason and Aaron answered our queries along with lead guitarist Dana Spaulding (originally the band’s keyboardist) and bassist Jay Lauterwasser.

## WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Jason Wiley:

1. Pink Floyd, *The Dark Side of the Moon*. “David Gilmour is one of my favorite guitarists, and every time I listen to this I hear something new. The simplicity of the songs, yet with such feeling and emotion, has never been duplicated.”
2. Phish, *A Live One*. “The pinnacle of jam bands playing complicated, orchestrated music with mind-blowing jams that only God-gifted musicians could pull off.”

3. The Derek Trucks Band, *Songlines*. “Derek is one of those rare guitarists that, when you hear him play, you instantly know it’s him, and that’s something I strive for in my own music. This album is blues-meets-jazz fusion — it’s intense, it’s grooving, and it’s interesting the whole way through.”
4. Bob Dylan *Live, 1966* — *The Royal Albert Hall Concert*. “His insights are still relevant today, and this show takes you from the fragileness of him singing alone with guitar and harmonica to playing with his full band.”

5. Thievery Corporation, *The Richest Man in Babylon*. “I’ve been getting more and more into electronica dance music lately.”

Aaron Luke:

1. Phish, *Slip, Stitch, and Pass*. “I’ve had this album since it was released in 1997, and yet it’s still a mainstay in my rotation.”
2. Umphrey’s McGee, *Live at the Murat*. “Their music always gives me a release from the daily grind, plus it’s recorded in Indianapolis, Indiana — my home state.”
3. The Derek Trucks Band, *Soul Serenade*. “The man can play a slide guitar in a way that makes it sound easy, like you could do it yourself.”
4. Traffic, *The Last Great Traffic Jam*. “Until recently I hadn’t given an honest effort to listen to Traffic, one of the original jam bands, but after getting this album I’m sold.”
5. The Raconteurs, *Consolers of the Lonely*. “I really dig Jack White’s guitar work in a real band setting. I can’t stand the White Stripes because the drumming is awful at best.”

- Jay Lauterwasser:
1. Wilco, *Sky Blue Sky*. “Some of the best lead guitar work ever.”
  2. Frank Zappa, *Buffalo*. “This was the touring band comprised mostly of the same players on Zappa’s album *Joe’s Garage*, which was one of my favorite Zappa bands.”
  3. The Shins, *Chutes Too Narrow*. “I love all things by the Shins, but lately this is the disc I most identify with.”
  4. Steely Dan, *Aja*. “Usually my favorite Steely Dan album, although that’s a hard decision to make.”
  5. The Beatles, self-titled [a.k.a. The White Album]. “You can never go wrong with the Beatles.”

## DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

Jason:

1. *Anchorman*. (Favorite quote:) “In German, ‘San Diego’ means ‘Whale’s Vagina.’”



Moontucky Risin

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2. *The Matrix*. “I totally resonate with the message that mass amounts of people go through life unaware of things as they really are instead focusing on things that really don’t matter.”

Aaron:

1. *The Big Lebowski*. “Because the Coen Brothers are geniuses.”
2. *Tombstone*. “Lawlessness at its finest.”
3. *Dumb and Dumber*. “Something about the line ‘That John Denver guy’s full of shit’ gets me every time.”
4. *Rocky*, numbers 1 through 4. “The other Rockys suck.”
5. *Monty Python’s Life of Brian*. “I can watch it over and over again and still laugh.”

## FAVORITE PERFORMER OF ALL TIME?

- Jason: “This question is like asking a nympho what their favorite position is...”
- Aaron: “Umphrey’s McGee really takes the audience to another place when you watch them.”
- Jay: “Frank Zappa is kind of like comfort food for my ears. He was an amazing musician and composer, and he had a knack for putting together some of the best groups of musicians.”

Dana: “Earthdog from Massachusetts always plays good, pure rock and roll.”

## BRUSH WITH FAME?

- Jason: “I once ate salmon pasta right next to José Canseco up in L.A....he seemed like a douchebag.”
- Aaron: “I was in L.A. at the Roxy watching a friend’s band play, and Jay of ‘Jay and Silent Bob’ was outside hitting on a couple of girls. I heard one of the girls say, ‘Why would I go anywhere with you? You aren’t even famous.’”

## SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

- Jason: “There’s this girl Karin Carson who sings old-school jazz at a bunch of local places. I had a chance to hang with her a while back, and she sung Stevie Wonder’s ‘My Cherie Amour’ softly to me over drinks after one of her shows.”
- Jay: “Anya Marina, because there’s something about her singing voice that’s just, well, you know.”

## LAST BOOK READ?

- Jason: *Killing Yourself to Live*, Chuck Klosterman. “The book is about how the greatest career move any musician can make is to die early and what this means to and about all of us regular folk. [The author] takes a road trip to all the spots famous musicians have died, from Kurt Cobain’s house to the swamplands where Lynyrd Skynyrd’s plane crashed.”
- Aaron: *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini. “The book is told from the perspective of a boy grow-



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ing up in Afghanistan and the many different tragedies that have taken place there — from the monarchy tumbling to the Soviet invasion to refugees escaping to the U.S. and into the reign of the Taliban regime.”  
*Jay: Soul Music*, Terry Pratchett. “It happens in a different universe, where the world is a great big disc being carried by four elephants on top of a flying cosmic turtle, and a band has to learn how to rock and roll with trolls and dwarves in this odd world.”

*Dana: Into Thin Air*, Jon Krakauer. “The true story of a Mount Everest expedition that was caught in a massive storm.”

### FAVORITE MAGAZINE?

*Jason: Men's Health*. “It’s great turd-room reading, chock full of pointers on working out, eating healthy, dressing classy, and impressing the chicks. It’s like having a dad who actually knows the answers on how to be cool and successful but who doesn’t nag you to get a job.”

*Aaron: Creativity*. “I’m a video-game designer, and this magazine has a lot of good tips about the industry.”

*Jay: Paste*. “It’s a well-written music magazine that doesn’t just focus on the flavor of the month.”

### MOST VISITED WEBSITE?

*Jason: craigslist.com*. “I seriously think I’ve got an addiction to searching for that used guitar or amp or pedal at a steal.”

*Aaron: MLB.com*. “All things baseball.”

*Jay: wikipedia.com*. “They know everything, and it’s all true!”

*Dana: ebay.com*. “Musical instruments galore.”

### GUILTY PLEASURES?

*Jason: Cigarettes*, Burger King french fries, and of course midget porn.”

*Aaron: Cigarettes* (I smoke them like it’s my job), burgers (I eat too damn many of them), and beer (I can’t ever seem to throw in the towel before it’s too late). ”

*Jay: Las Vegas*, multiplayer online role-playing games, Wild Cherry Pepsi, speeding in my car, and eating veal.”

### WHERE DO YOU HANG OUT?

*Jason: Cowles Mountain*, Torrey Pines, Sunset Cliffs, Red Fox Room, and Borders. I love the outdoors, old people, and catching up on my Britney Spears gossip.”

*Aaron: Hamilton’s Tavern* [South Park], because it’s a beer drinker’s paradise. They have so many good beers, and there’s never enough time in a day to drink them all.”

*Jay: Our practice space*, because that’s where I get to play music with my friends.”

*Dana: Ocean Beach*. Just because.” ■



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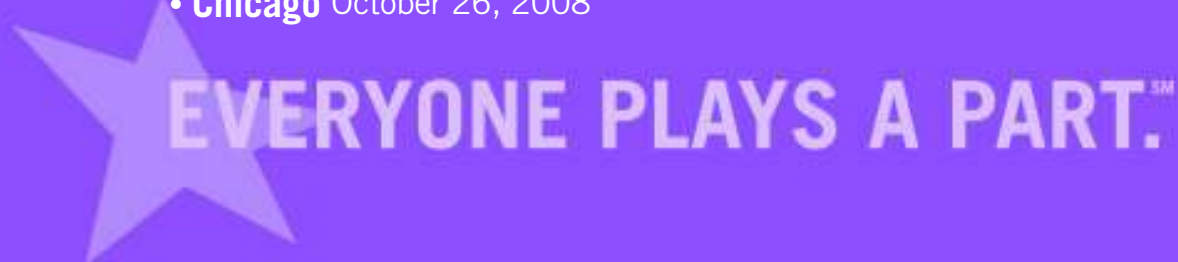


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### THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

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**The Alley:** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-1173. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays — The Love Rangers. Dance music.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Steve Tyrell. Jazz. \$36-\$45. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Steve Forbert. Americana. \$20. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — John Cruz. Latin. \$18. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Jay Nash, Meiko, Joe Purdy, Chris Seefried. Folk rock/pop.

**Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum:** 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, 760-941-1791.

Friday, 3 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. — Summergrass San Diego. Chris Stuart & Backcountry, Sawmill Road, Don Rigsby & Midnight Call, and more. Bluegrass/roots. \$17.

**Avalon Arts and Cultural Center:** 3925 Ohio Street, North Park, 858-254-8376. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Doug McCarron and Summer Mencher. Acoustic/world. \$5.

**Bahia Resort Hotel:** 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-488-0551. Saturday, 6 p.m. — Adrienne Nims

& Spirit Wind. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**Balboa Park Club:** 2150 Pan American Road West, Balboa Park. Saturday, 6 p.m. — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Boogie-woogie and swing. \$30.

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

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

**Beauty Bar:** 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746. Sunday, 9 p.m. — The Minor Keys and Gospel Gossip. Indie rock/pop. \$5.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. Thursday, 9 p.m. — Pato Banton and Mystic Roots. With Daddy Roots. Reggae/hip-hop/rock. \$20-\$22. Friday, 9 p.m. — Rub-A-Dub Friday. Live reggae music. \$5. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. With the Palominos and Hell on Heels Burlesque Revue. \$15-\$17. Sunday, 8 p.m. — Joshua Radin. With Erin McCarley and Hana Pestle. Acoustic/folk rock/pop. \$15-\$17.

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**Tuesday**, 9 p.m. — Los Amigos Invisibles. With the Bankhead Press. Latin/disco/funk. \$16-\$18.  
**Wednesday**, 8 p.m. — The Desert Rose Band. With the Slidewinders. Country/rock/bluegrass.

**Bistro D'Vine**: 3709 Avocado Road, Rancho San Diego, 619-660-2222.  
**Thursday**, 6 p.m. — David Burnett. Jazz.

**The Bitter End**: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.  
**Thursday**, 8 p.m. — Eric James Polyn and the Flowerthief. With Katie Leigh & the Infantry, Cheeky, and Nuthin SpeshL. Folk/rock/pop.  
**Wednesday**, 10 p.m. — Maddox Revolution. Pop/rock/jazz.

**Brick by Brick**: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
**Thursday**, 8 p.m. — Mad Martigan. With Anson and Electric Dynamite. Blues/rock/funk. \$5.  
**Friday**, 8 p.m. — Citradora. With the Scarry Garry Show & the Deity Girls and Encryptions in Black. Metal/rock. \$10.  
**Saturday**, 8 p.m. — Blood of the Covenant and Awaiting Samsara. With Livid Virus, Flashburn, and more. Metal/hardcore/rock. \$10.  
**Sunday**, 8 p.m. — Frank Marino & Mahogany Rush. With Anna Troy. Rock/blues/roots. \$20.  
**Wednesday**, 8 p.m. — Kings X and Given Life. With Hectic Watermelon. Rock/funk/soul. \$15.

**Cafe Lamaze**: 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222.

**Fridays and Saturdays**, 7 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues.  
**Sundays**, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

**Calavera Hills Park**: 2997 Glasgow Drive, Carlsbad.  
**Friday**, 6 p.m. — Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums. Carmin Getit joins group for jump, jive, and swing for TGIF Jazz in the Parks season finale. 760-434-2904.

**California Cuisine**: 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790.  
**Thursday**, 8 p.m. — The Neo-Happening. With deejays KC3PO and Fingers.

**Campus Lot - Ace Parking**: Imperial Avenue & Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-233-6624.  
**Saturday**, 3 p.m. — SoCo Music Experience. With MC Flow, Buddy Akai, Shark Attack, and the Silent Comedy on the SoCo Local Stage.

**Canes**: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
**Thursday**, 8 p.m. — Moontucky Risin and Rhythm & the Method. With 40 Oz. Mouse and Runhoney. Blues/psychedelic/rock. \$6.  
**Friday**, 9 p.m. — Katchafire and Iration. Reggae/dub/surf. \$20-\$30.  
**Sunday**, 2 p.m. — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds. Reggae/rock.  
**Wednesday**, 8 p.m. — Ben Johnston. Acoustic/soul. \$10-\$12.

**Capri Blu**: 10436 Craftsman Way, Suite 120, Rancho Bernardo, 858-673-5100.  
**Thursday**, 7:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Jim Lair. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**The Casbah**: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-

4355.  
**Thursday**, 8:30 p.m. — Jeremy Enigk and Anya Marina. Acoustic/alternative/rock. \$15.  
**Friday**, 8:30 p.m. — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram. With Left Lane Cruiser. Blues/punk/garage. \$12.  
**Saturday**, 8:30 p.m. — Beachwood Sparks. With the Tyde. Indie rock. \$15.  
**Sunday**, 8:30 p.m. — El Vez. Hispanic Elvis tribute. With Mex and Lysa Flores. \$20.  
**Monday**, 8:30 p.m. — Buddy Akai and Head Like a Kite. With Satanic Puppeteer Orchestra. Electro/experimental/rock. \$7.  
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**Chateau Orleans**: 926 Turquoise Street (near Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744.  
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**Tuesdays**, 5 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Acoustic rock.

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**Sunday**, 9 p.m. — ok Vancouver ok and Karaocake. With Role Mach and the Endless Bummer. Folk/experimental/pop. \$6.

**Clay Park**: 6506 Solita Avenue, La Mesa, 619-641-6125.

**Sunday**, 5 p.m. — Coastal Communities Concert Band. Swing, jazz, and blues for Sunset Summer concert series. 619-582-1093.

**El Comal - North Park**: 3946 Illinois Street, North Park, 619-239-7101.  
**Friday**, 10 p.m. — Quartet Caballero. Latin jazz.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.  
**Sunday**, 5 p.m. — The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet. Jazz.

**Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre**: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

**Friday**, 7 p.m. — The Dave Matthews Band. With Robert Earl Keen. \$39-\$70.  
**Wednesday**, 7:30 p.m. — Radiohead. With Liars. Alternative rock/experimental. \$35-\$55.

**Croce's**: 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355.  
**Thursday**, 8 p.m. — Pocket. Soul/funk/jazz. \$5.

**Del Mar Thoroughbred Club**: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1141.  
**Friday**, 7 p.m. — Black Francis. Alternative rock.

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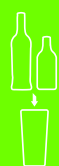
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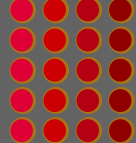
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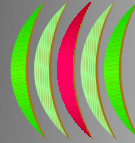
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**Janet Jackson**  
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**Saturday, November 8**  
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## Calendar MUSIC

Friday, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Classic rock.

**Dream Street Live:** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.

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With John January & the Mags. Blues/rock.

**Dublin Square:** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — The Eben Brooks Band. With Brenda Xu. Acoustic/alternative/rock.

**Embarcadero Marina Park**

**South:** 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — “The Machine: A Pink Floyd Tribute.”

Pink Floyd music promised when San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt take stage for Summer Pops concert.

Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — “Daydream Believer...Davy Jones.”

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Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-

4000.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — I Am Ghost, Eyes Set to Kill, the Urgency.

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Friday, 6:45 p.m. — The Haven, Somato Sensory, Goodnight Caulfield. With Dresden's Burning and Vessel Ascent.

Alternative/rock/pop. \$7-\$9.

**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

Thursdays — Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk.

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**Friendly Grounds Coffee House:** 9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard, Santee, 619-249-0519.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Tony Taravella. Jazz guitarist.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.  
*Sunday*, 5 p.m. — The Hip Replacements. Rock/soul.

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

**Georges 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. — Barbara Nesbitt. Acoustic/blues/country.  
*Sunday*, 12:30 p.m. — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock.  
*Wednesday*, 5 p.m. — J.D. Boucharde. Acoustic/jazz/rock.

**The Harp:** 4935 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.  
*Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Chet & the Committee. Blues.

**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 and Sven-Erik Seaholm. Acoustic.

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

**Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living:** 331 East Elder Street, Fallbrook.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — Anton Mizerak and Michael Mandrell. Acoustic/world. \$15.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Van Hunt. R&B/soul/rock.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — Broken Social Scene. Indie rock/experimental. \$25-\$37.  
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*Saturday*, 6:30 p.m. — Eddy Grant. Reggae/pop/rock. \$12-\$22.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Detour Live. Rock/punk/metal. \$10.  
*Tuesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Nevermind. A tribute to Nirvana. \$9.  
*Wednesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Toad the Wet Sprocket. Alternative rock/pop. \$22-\$57.

**Humphrey's Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — The Buick Wilson Band. Blues/soul. \$5.  
*Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — Rising Star. Covers disco and dance. \$12.  
*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — Dennis Jones. Blues/rock. \$12.

**Humphrey's by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*Monday*, 7:30 p.m. — Hootie & the Blowfish. Alternative/pop/rock.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Lucinda Williams. Buick 6 opens. Rock/Americana/country. \$42.

**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* — Angelic Dimension and Westcoast Goonz. With L.V. McCree and Cals. Hip-hop/rap.  
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**Kadan:** 4696 30th Street, North Park, 619-640-2500.  
*Mondays*, 9 p.m. — Mayhem Mondays. Punk rock every Monday. Live bands and resident DJ Nate Horror provide the tunes.

**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.

*Friday* — Braaiins!, the Atoms, the Deepsea Goes. Pop/punk/garage.  
*Saturday* — Vocoder and Red Ivy Suspect. Rock/jazz/blues.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
*Thursday* — 3 EZ Pieces.  
*Friday* — Live Wire. Covers/standards/rock.  
*Saturday* — Ghost Riders and Rock Kandy. Covers/standards.  
*Sundays*, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock.

*Wednesday* — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Down-home Americana blues rock.

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

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Nathan

James and Robin Henkel. Bluegrass/jazz/roots. \$8.

**Little Italy Spaghetteria:** 1953 India Street, Little Italy, 619-398-2974.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Willovealot. Smooth-jazz.

**The Lumberyard Shopping Center:** 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 619-987-1277.  
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**Mandeville Auditorium at** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD. *Sunday*, 5:30 p.m. — Indian Ocean. Indian fusion/rock/jazz. \$20-\$100.

**The Marquee:** 835 25th Street, Golden Hill. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Fiffin Market, Pullman Standard, Aaron Bowen. With Alex Esther. Acoustic/pop/rock. \$5.

**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646. *Fridays*, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country. *Saturday*, 5 p.m. — Fleetwood Max. A Fleetwood Mac tribute.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. *Sunday*, 5 p.m. — The Stiletos. Rockabilly/jazz/roots. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — The Taylor Harvey Band. Bluegrass/rock.

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Coldfire. Rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Metal Brigade. Metal/rock.

**Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel:** 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5.

**Nancy's Pub:** 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834. *Sundays*, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of

traditional blues, swing, and rock. Ages 21 and up.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Tigersharks and Dogmatic. Alternative/punk/rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Ziggens and Shame & Skandal. With Burnt and Exit 86. Rockabilly/punk/reggae. *Sunday*, 9 p.m. — A Scribe Amidst the Lions. With Fing and DJ Gonzo. Indie/rock/experimental. *Mondays*, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam. *Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — Incomplete Neighbor and Pocket Utopia. Alternative/rock/indie. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Carrier Signal. Rock.

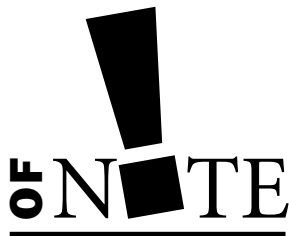
**Ocean House:** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Bandemic. Covers/standards/rock.

**Osetra:** 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. *Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge. *Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252. *Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — John Fogerty. Rock/roots/blues. \$79-\$99.

**Pasquale on Prospect:** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722. *Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077. *Thursday* — The Road Dogs. Blues. *Friday* — Aunt Kizzy's Boyz.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A few years back, rock critic Chuck Klosterman listed **Matthew Sweet** as one of the most accurately rated (as opposed to over- or underrated) artists in rock history, saying, "Every Matthew Sweet album has only one good song, and that song is utterly perfect." As examples Klosterman listed "Sick of Myself," "Girlfriend," and "Where You Get Love." He's right about those songs, but he's wrong about the albums — Sweet's filler is better than most artists' singles. And his best albums have little or no filler.

The buzz on Sweet's new album *Sunshine Lies*, his tenth, is that it's a power-pop masterpiece. And it is. The only problem —

if it is a problem — is that a number of Sweet's albums could be described the same way. Sweet is such a master of a certain kind of guitar pop song — '60s-flavored but with modern production values, featuring a wild guitar solo and beautiful vocal melodies concealing depressing lyrics — that it's easy to take him for granted.

In the years since his early-'90s commercial heyday, even Sweet himself has sometimes seemed a little bored by his solo career. He's taken up work as a producer, helped create music for the Austin Powers movies, and formed two different supergroups, one with Bangle Susanna Hoffs and another with singer-songwriters Pete Drobe and Shawn Mullins. He's also taken up pottery, and, judging by his website, he's as excited about that as he is about music. Still, *Sunshine Lies* does not sound at all like the product of someone who



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has lost the passion to create great music — it's the work of an artist rediscovering some of his strengths, working at the peak of his power.

**MATTHEW SWEET, *Belly Up*, Monday, August 25, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$20 advance; \$22 door.**

Blues/rock/soul. *Saturday* — Family Style. Blues/rock. *Sunday, Monday* — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B. *Tuesday* — Blue Largo. Blues/soul/swing. *Wednesday* — Shelle Blue. Rhythm and blues.

**Peter D's:** 5149 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-277-3217. *Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

**Prescott Promenade:** 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon. *Friday*, 6 p.m. — The Coolrays. Beach Boys tribute band for

Concerts on the Green. 619-401-8858.

**RT's Longboard Grill:** 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030. *Friday* — Da Groove. Covers/standards/dance. *Saturday* — 6one9. Hip-hop/rap.

**Ramona MainStage Theatre:** 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008. *Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Steal Dawn. Covers/standards/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.

**Renegade Inn:** 14335 Old Highway 80, El Cajon, 619-561-8105. *Friday, Saturday* — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues.

**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.

**San Diego Maritime Museum:** 1306 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-234-9153. *Saturday*, 5p.m. and 7 p.m. — The City Limits Band. On the Berkeley Ferryboat Stage. Country/rock/blues.

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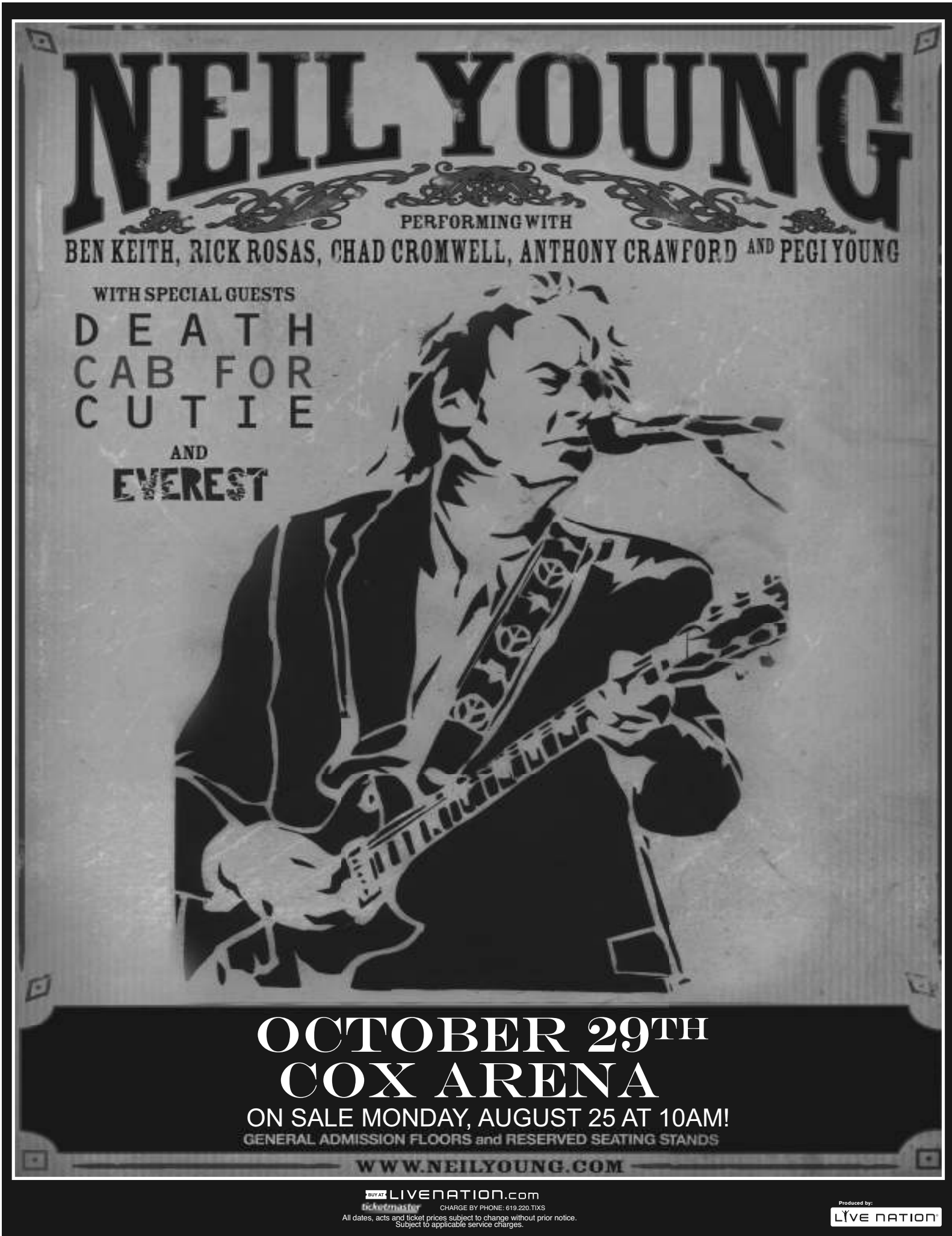
**Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*Thursday*—Sheryl Crow. With James Blunt and Toots & the

Maytals.  
*Thursday*, 6:30 p.m. — The Jones Revival. Classic rock at the Main Stage bar.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Liquid Blue. Electro pop and rock at the main stage bar.  
*Friday*, 4 p.m. — Federal Funk. Soul, funk, and jazz at the main stage bar.  
*Saturday*, 4 p.m. — Firefly. Classic rock at the Main Stage bar.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Crush.

**Vision Center for Spiritual Living:** 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 619-303-6609.  
*Saturday, 7 p.m. — Anton Mizerak*

**Wave House:** 3125 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — The BoDeans. Roots/rock/pop.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
*Friday* — Agua Dulce. Latin/soul.  
*Saturday* — The Devastators. Reggae.  
*Mondays*, 9 p.m. — The Electric Waste Band. Grateful Dead tribute. \$7.





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**WorldBeat Cultural Center:** 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-263-7911.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — “Bujo” Kevin Jones & Tenth World. Jazz/world. \$8.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

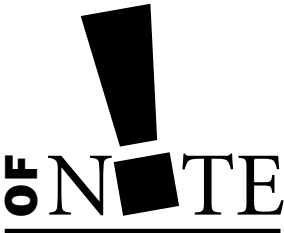
**1st Street Bar:** 656 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0233.  
*September 13* — Misty & the Mobys.  
**4th & B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*September 2* — Ice Cube.  
*September 6* — Xavier Rudd.  
*September 16* — Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds.  
*September 26* — Three 6 Mafia.  
*September 27* — Boogie Nights.  
*October 1* — Gogol Bordello.  
*November 1* — Rose Royce.  
**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*August 29* — Bitter:Sweet.  
*August 30* — Split Finger.  
*September 18* — Breakhouse.  
**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*September 6* — Barry McGuire.  
*September 13* — Rebeca & David Randle.  
*September 18* — Richard Shindell.  
*September 19* — Michael Chapdelaine.  
*September 21* — Willy Porter.  
*September 29* — Slaid Cleaves.  
*October 4* — Eric Andersen.

*October 5* — David LaFlamme and It's a Beautiful Day.  
*October 10* — Catie Curtis.  
*October 25* — Eliza Gilkyson.  
*November 1* — Dave Alvin.  
*November 9* — Ellis Paul.  
*November 28* — Tom Russell.

**Across the Street:** 4601 Park Boulevard, University Heights.  
*September 5* — Alan Silva.  
**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*August 29* — Jackie Greene.  
*August 30* — Dave Mason.  
*September 3* — Sadao Watanabe.  
*September 6, September 7* — 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.  
*October 2* — Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers.  
*October 3, October 4* — Stanley Jordan.  
*October 7, October 8* — Acoustic Alchemy.  
*October 14* — Mark Murphy.  
*October 17* — Paul Brown’s Guitar Trio.  
*October 18* — The Subdudes.  
*October 24* — Steve Poltz.

**Balboa Theatre:** 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*September 28* — Chris Thile & Edgar Meyer.  
**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.  
*August 29* — Pocket.  
*September 7* — Mad Juana.

**Beauty Bar:** 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge,



BY DAVE GOOD

He was sitting outside a coffee shop downtown with a shopping cart and a paper sign that read, “Need help/ Homeless/ And ugly.” He had a thick Southern drawl, a friendly face, and a busted pocket radio. “I dropped it this morning, and now it don’t work.” He handed it to me. “Could you see about this?” I twisted the dial. No go. His radio was dead. “All I need is to get but one station. They got a bluegrass program that comes on every Sunday night, and it means all the world to me to hear that music.”

Right then I knew where he was coming from. Music was what he lived for. It defined him. It made his bad days into good days. Music worked the same magic

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*August 31* — The New Up.  
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**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*August 28* — Patty Griffin.  
*August 29* — Rub-A-Dub Friday.  
*August 30* — Metal Snake.  
*August 31* — The Dirty Dozen Brass Band.  
*September 2* — Lee “Scratch” Perry.  
*September 4* — Amos Lee.  
*September 5, September 6* — Super Diamond.

for me, too, though long ago. Rock radio was my lifeline throughout adolescence, but via the dumbing down that commercialization brought on, rock music became less and less relevant, and eventually I stopped listening.

**Radiohead** revived all that for me. They made it safe to like pop music again, although at first I didn’t get them at all. I thought “Creep” was self-indulgent and gratuitous. I still do. Early **Thom Yorke** was weird, angry, and depressing, and for a short while his band sputtered along from one strange release to the next. And yet there was something of a rock deconstructionism going on in their music that was savory. Indie radio stations heard it and played all the Radiohead they could get their hands on, but *OK Computer* was the album that made Radiohead mainstream. Less grunge-meets-Queen, it generated an uncommon atmo-



**RADIOHEAD**

sphere that compelled me to listen to it, in whole or part, almost daily for the next several years. As for my homeless friend, I haven’t seen him in a while, and I don’t know if he ever got his radio fixed. I hope he has.

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*September 9* — The Toadies.  
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*September 11* — J.J. Grey & Mofro.  
*September 12* — The Pine Mountain Logs.  
*September 14, September 15* — Diggable Planets.  
*September 16* — Get Back Loretta.  
*September 17* — Aesop Rock and Rob Sonic.  
*September 18* — Los Straitjackets.  
*September 23* — Railroad Earth.  
*September 24* — Okkervil River.  
*September 25* — Bootsy Collins.  
*September 27* — Common Sense and LA 5.  
*September 28* — Greg Brown and

Bo Ramsey.  
*September 30* — Johnny Winter.  
*October 1* — The Dandy Warhols.  
*October 2* — The Black Lips and Grand Ole Party.  
*October 3* — Dr. John & the Lower 911.  
*October 4* — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.  
*October 5* — John Brown’s Body.  
*October 6* — Nick Lowe and Paul Cebal.  
*October 9* — Joan Osborne and Matt Morris.  
*October 12* — Jolie Holland.  
*October 15* — Lotus.  
*October 16* — The Black Kids.  
*October 21* — Pinback.  
*October 22* — Taj Mahal.

*October 23* — The Presidents of the United States of America.  
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*October 27* — Sonya Kitchell & the Slip.  
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*October 29* — Everlast and the Lordz.  
*October 30* — Cowboy Mouth.  
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9/20 Deadline Friday  
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10/31 Halloween Heat! w/80s Heat and Metro  
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9/23 Railroad Earth  
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9/25 Bootsy Collins  
9/27 Common Sense  
9/28 Greg Brown  
9/30 Johnny Winter  
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*September 17* — Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles.

**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836.  
*October 18* — Gaelic Storm.

**Bistro D'Vine:** 3709 Avocado Road, Rancho San Diego, 619-660-2222.  
*August 28, September 4* — David Burnett.

**The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.  
*August 28* — New Colossus and Dreamtiger.  
*September 25* — Carrier Signal.

**Blue Agave Nightclub:** 6608 Mission Gorge Road, Grantville, 619-521-3194.  
*September 25* — Grupo Niche.

**Bonita:** Otay Lakes Road and Bonita Road, Bonita.  
*September 27* — Charlie Imes.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*August 28* — Opus Dai and Breakhouse.  
*August 29* — New American Mob.  
*August 30* — Starline Theorie and One Lonely Robot.  
*September 2* — Dusty Rhodes & the River Band.  
*September 3* — Josh Damigo, Ernie Halter, Keaton Simons.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:** 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.  
*September 26* — Rickie Lee Jones.  
*October 18* — Linda Purl & Lee Lessack.  
*October 22* — Amy Grant.  
*October 28* — Vince Gill.  
*November 15* — The Preservation Hall Jazz Band.  
*December 31* — The City Limits Band.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
*August 28* — The Melvins and Big Business.  
*August 29* — Stranger, High Tide, Psydecar.  
*August 30* — Little Brother and Wylde Bunch.  
*August 31* — Atomic Punks.  
*September 4* — The Theory of Funkativity.  
*September 5* — Guttermouth and Chaser.  
*September 6* — Cash'd Out.  
*September 11* — Ekolu.  
*September 13* — The B-Side Players and Agua Dulce.  
*September 18* — Call Down Fire and Glacier Hiking.

*September 19* — Michael Palmer and Lambs Blood.  
*September 25* — Echo Revolution and One Lonely Robot.  
*September 26* — Sprung Monkey and Mower.  
*September 28* — Talib Kweli and David Banner.  
*October 3* — The Aggrolites and Dirty Heads.  
*October 9* — NaCalifa.  
*October 11* — Andre Nickatina.  
*October 17* — Iration and B Foundation.  
*October 18* — Stranger.  
*October 24* — Lights.  
*October 25* — Devin the Dude.  
*November 1* — Dead Man's Party.  
*November 22* — Tainted Love.  
*November 26* — Lights.  
*November 29* — Cash'd Out.

**Carvers:** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.  
*August 29, August 30* — Laguna.  
*September 6* — The Hype.  
*September 12, September 13* — Crossroads.

**Casa del Prado:** El Prado, Balboa Park.  
*October 25* — "Let's Play."

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*August 28* — Kill Me Tomorrow and Max Fields.  
*August 29* — Neil Halstead and Miranda Lee Richards.  
*August 29* — Get Back Loretta and BoomSnake.  
*August 30* — Polvo and Trans Am.  
*August 31* — Manual Scan and Self-Made Men.  
*September 1* — Southern Culture on the Skids.  
*September 2* — Middle Class Rut.  
*September 3* — The Wombats and Pop Noir.  
*September 4* — The Tighens Ups and the Shakeups.  
*September 5* — Transfer, Calico Horse, Hialeah.  
*September 6* — Witch and Earthless.  
*September 9* — Bodies of Water and Throw Me the Statue.  
*September 10* — Tom Baxter and Charlie Winston.  
*September 17* — Dr. Dog, Delta Spirit, Hacienda.  
*September 18* — The Wedding Present.  
*September 18* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
*September 19* — Liam Finn and the Veils.  
*September 20* — Cash'd Out.  
*September 21* — Miles Hunt, Wayne Hussey, Lisa Dewey.  
*September 23* — Silver Jews and James Jackson Toth.  
*September 25* — Federico Aubele and Natalie Clavier.  
*September 26* — The Black Heart Procession.  
*September 27* — TSOL and the Hollowpoints.  
*September 28* — Ra Ra Riot and

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Slightly Stoopid**  
Song: **"The Fruits"** (from the CD *Slightly Not Stoned Enough to Eat Breakfast Yet Stoopid*)  
Heard By: **Marlon Hendred**, Mission Hills



Marlon

I thought it was pretty good, but it's not like I haven't heard it before. It's pretty repetitive. It sounded kind of like "Pass the Dutchie" but in a different key. It sounded like San Diego surf rock. I would definitely compare them to Sublime or High Tide. I definitely heard guitar, a reggae bass line, drums, and someone singing. He was singing something about "the police don't let people be who they be." I think it was pretty poppy; the chord progression was kind of mainstream. It was like reggae for everyone. It'd appeal to more people than classic reggae. I think that song would go well with a back-yard barbecue or someone smoking a bowl...something chill.

Artist: **Suburban Korner Kick**  
Song: **"Lares and Penates"** (from the CD *Option B: To Linger, Remain, or Persist...*)  
Heard By: **Kevin Walsh**, Mission Valley



Kevin

It's one of those songs that's in a 3/4 time signature, so it kind of keeps going around and around...like an Irish jig or something. I would say I'd want to hear that song in the context of the rest of their album: how it fits in with the songs before and after it. It's almost a little bit of a throwback sound...kind of like the Muse. It was guitar, bass, and drums. I didn't hear anything like a sitar or mandolin. Is that something that you might hear on 91X or 94.9? I kind of doubt it. Songs that are in that time signature are not that easy to pull off. I don't know if that would work as a hit song. It kind of takes me back to the few years after high school — hanging out and going on a ski trip.

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Artist: **Laura Roppé**  
Song: **"Mama Needs a Girls Night Out"** (from the CD *Girl Like This*)  
Heard By: **George Cranford**, Mission Hills



George

I'm probably not the right kind of person for this kind of music. It seems like "pop country." It's the same stuff I've heard from Shania Twain — I wouldn't know if it was her or Laura Roppé, honestly. I guess she's a good storyteller in the way that she writes her lyrics. She's got good structure, in terms of songwriting. The lyrics were about being a single mom struggling to raise her kids and how she needs a night out. I understand that, but I don't feel it because I'm not a single mom. I'm a 25-year-old dude who listens to progressive rock. I could see some 36-year-old mommy listening to that at her vanity as she gets ready to go out on a Thursday night to In Cahoots.

Walter Meego.  
*September 30* — Pattern Is Movement and Swim Party.  
*October 5* — The People Under the Stairs.  
*October 8* — Margot & the Nuclear So and So's.  
*October 9* — Quintrón & Ms. Pussycat.  
*October 10* — Bang Camaro.  
*October 11* — Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys.  
*October 14* — The Rumble Strips and Birdmonster.  
*October 17* — Born Ruffians.  
*October 18* — Chinese Stars and Hostile Comb-Over.  
*October 19* — Polysics.  
*October 20* — Brightblack Morning Light.  
*October 22* — Pinback and Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.  
*October 30* — Ted Leo & Pharmacists.  
*November 2* — Chuck Ragan, Tom Gabel, Ben Nichols, Tim Barry.

*November 4* — Magnetic Morning and Drew Andrews.  
*November 8* — Electric Six and Local H.  
*November 11* — King Khan & the BBQ Show.  
*November 15* — Mudhoney.  
*November 28* — Deerhunter.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.  
*August 29* — Matt & Kim and Best Fwends.  
*August 31* — BoomSnake and Witt.  
*September 1* — Past Lives and Kill Me Tomorrow.  
*September 5* — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts.  
*September 9* — Ceremony and Poverty Bay Saints.  
*September 13* — Rat City Riot and Northern Towns.  
*September 20* — These Arms Are Snakes and sBach.  
*October 17* — Chinese Stars and the Awesome Brothers.

*October 19* — The Paddle Boat and Agent Ribbons.

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

**Cox Arena:** 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
*September 12* — Alejandro Fernandez.  
*October 17* — Weezer.  
*November 25* — New Kids on the Block.

**Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre:** 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.  
*August 30* — Jack Johnson.  
*September 12* — Old School End of Summer Jam.  
*September 13* — Counting Crows and Maroon 5.  
*September 21* — Luis Miguel.  
*September 27* — Third Day and Switchfoot.

*September 30* — Carlos Santana.  
*October 16* — Jimmy Buffett.

**Croce's:** 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355.  
*August 28, September 4, September 11* — Pocket.

**Del Mar Thoroughbred Club:** 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1141.  
*August 29* — Steel Pulse.  
*August 30* — Devo.  
*September 3* — The English Beat.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
*August 29, August 30* — Full Exposure.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.  
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**Embarcadero Marina Park South:** 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.  
*August 29, August 30, August 31* — “1812 Tchaikovsky Spectaculars.”

**Encinitas Library:** 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas.  
*September 7* — Rack of Bones and FriendsFirst.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
*August 28* — Orangello.  
*August 29* — A Shattered Hope and Invictus.  
*September 6* — Bamboo.  
*September 12* — Sherm the Band and Unknown Motive.  
*September 13* — The Crashing Marbles and Six Reasons.

**Escondido Library:** 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.  
*September 4* — Cahill and Delene.  
*October 2* — T.K. Gardner.  
*December 4* — Peter Sprague.

**Fannie’s Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.  
*August 29, August 30* — Loadstone.

**The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant:** 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840.  
*August 28* — Eamon Carol.

**The Flying Bridge:** 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151.  
*August 30* — The Lounge Butchers.

**The Handlery Hotel and Resort:** 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.  
*August 29* — Alyssa Jacey.  
*August 31* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

**Hennessey’s Tavern - PB:** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847.  
*September 19* — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

**Hensley’s Flying Elephant Pub and Grill:** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996.  
*September 14* — Cranky George.

**Hornblower Cruises:** 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.  
*September 5, September 12, September 19, September 26* — West of 5.  
*October 3* — Z-Bop.  
*November 7* — The Bayou Brothers.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*August 29* — Chris Cornell.  
*August 30* — La Grange.  
*September 3* — Motörhead.  
*September 6* — Shinedown.  
*September 11* — DJ Flex.  
*September 12* — Ratatat.  
*September 13* — Rebellion.  
*September 14* — Black Rebel Motorcycle Club.  
*September 18* — The Fratellis.  
*September 22* — Lila Downs.  
*September 26* — Smokin’ Joe Kubek & Benois King.  
*October 1* — Lagwagon and MxPx.  
*October 3* — James.  
*October 4* — Mindless Self Indulgence.  
*October 11* — Chris Cagle.  
*October 12* — The Kings of Leon.  
*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.  
*October 28* — Matt Nathanson.  
*November 1* — The Damned.  
*November 12* — Joe Satriani.  
*December 4* — Five Finger Death Punch.

*January 25* — Ramon Ayala.  
*February 7* — Badfish.

**Humphrey’s Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*August 29* — Rockola.  
*September 20* — Federal Funk.

**Humphrey’s by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*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 26* — Seal.  
*September 28* — Etta James & the Roots Band.  
*October 2* — David Byrne.  
*October 3* — America.  
*October 5* — Cecilio & Kapono.  
*October 9* — Duffy.  
*October 19* — Gordon Lightfoot.

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

**The Jumping Turtle:** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.  
*September 4* — Nature of the Beast.

**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.  
*August 30* — Republic of Letters

and A.M. Vibe.  
*September 13* — Sayvinyl.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
*August 28* — Chill Boy.  
*August 30* — Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat.  
*August 30* — Ghost Riders and the Travel Agents.  
*October 4* — The Farmers.

**The Lake Wohlford Cafe:** 25484 Lake Wohlford Road, Escondido, 760-749-6585.  
*September 5* — The City Limits Band.

**Little Italy Spaghetteria:** 1953 India Street, Little Italy, 619-398-2974.  
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*August 29* — The Taylor Harvey Band.

**Milano Coffee Company:** 8685 Rio San Diego Drive, Mission Valley, 619-688-1882.  
*September 6* — Mariner.

**Mission Bay Deli:** 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5056.  
*August 31* — The Hip Replacements.

**Neurosciences Institute:** 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.  
*September 18* — Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.  
*August 30* — Jimmy Dean & the Sausage Kings.

**O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill:** 13437 Community Road, Poway, 858-486-7422.  
*September 13* — Mariner.

**Old Town State Historic Park:** 4002 Wallace Street, Old Town.  
*August 30, September 27, October 25, November 29* — The City Guard Band.

**Open Air Theatre at** 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
*September 6* — Slightly Stoopid and



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Pepper.  
*September 24* — The Raconteurs.  
*September 25* — My Morning Jacket.  
*October 2* — The Mars Volta.  
*October 31* — Jason Mraz.

**The Ozone:** 406 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-722-2216.  
*August 30* — Carrier Signal.

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.  
*August 28* — Poison.  
*September 13* — JACKfest II Undercover.  
*September 17* — Kid Rock.  
*September 21* — Ana Gabriel.  
*September 27* — Anita Baker.  
*October 8* — Smokey Robinson.

**The Par Lounge at San Vicente Resort:** 24157 San Vicente Road, Ramona, 760-789-8290.  
*August 29* — MoonDance.

**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
*August 28* — The Bill Magee Blues Band.  
*August 29* — Missy Andersen.  
*August 30* — Soul Diego.  
*August 31* — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.

**Patrick's Irish Pub:** 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.  
*September 26* — The City Limits Band.

**Petco Park:** 100 Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-795-5000.  
*November 4* — Madonna.

**Pete's Place:** 8330 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-464-9535.  
*August 30* — The Farmers.

**Pine Avenue Park:** 3205 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 760-602-7513.  
*September 21* — Cowboy Jack.

**Portugalía:** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678.  
*September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5* — Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters.

**Pounders:** 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-739-1288.  
*September 13* — Hear No Evil.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.

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**Thurs Aug 21st**

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**Mon Aug 25th**

9pm- Killer Karaoke

**Wed Aug 27th**

10pm- Maddox Revolution

**Thurs Aug 28th**

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**Tues Sept 2nd**

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9pm- Killer Karaoke

**Tues Sept 9th**

10pm- Radiostar

**Wed Sept 10th**

10pm- Maddox Revolution!

**Thurs Sept 25th**

8pm- Cathryn Beeks  
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**Thurs Oct 9th**

8pm- The Bitter End  
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**Thurs Oct 16th**

8pm- Mal Hall  
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September 15 — Judy Collins and Leo Kottke.

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August 29 — The Variations.  
September 5 — The Mar Dels.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.  
September 6 — Bob Dylan & His Band.  
October 24 — Great White.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.  
August 30 — The Jones Revival.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.  
August 31 — David Dondero and D.S. Yancey.

Ramona MainStage Theatre: 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
August 29 — Coldfire.  
August 30 — The Ripples.  
September 5 — The Hits.  
September 6 — The Rumlbers.  
September 12 — Given Life.

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September 13 — Federal Funk.

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November 10 — Alanis Morissette.

San Diego Harley-Davidson: 5600 Kearny Mesa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-616-6999.  
September 6 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.  
September 20 — Janet Jackson.  
September 26 — Playhouse Disney Live.  
October 5 — Panic at the Disco and Dashboard Confessional.  
October 7 — Neil Diamond.  
November 8 — Carrie Underwood.  
December 1 — Celtic Thunder.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.  
August 30 — Caji and Salomé.  
September 6 — Peggy Watson.  
September 20 — Peter Sprague and Fred Benedetti.  
September 27 — “Tribute to Woody Guthrie.”

Scottish Rite Center: 1895 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0397.  
September 6 — The Music of Sri Chinmoy.

Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla.  
August 31 — The Heroes.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.  
August 31 — Nova.  
September 7 — The Bayou Brothers.  
September 14 — Barbara Jamerson & Two Deep.

September 21 — The Cat-illacs.  
September 28 — Nova.

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

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August 28 — Orquesta Primo.  
August 31 — La Charanga Cubana.  
September 2 — Orquesta Guarare.  
September 3 — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney.  
September 4 — BombaChante.  
September 7 — Angel Lebron y Su Sabor Latino.  
September 9 — Orquesta 8.8.  
September 10 — Charlie Chavez y Su Afro Truco.  
September 11 — Orquesta Primo.  
September 14 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.  
September 16 — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney.  
September 17 — Orquesta Guarare.  
September 18 — Son y Clave.  
September 21 — BombaChante.  
September 23 — Orquesta Primo.  
September 24 — Trece de la Suerte.  
September 25 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.  
September 28 — Orquesta Primo.  
September 30 — Charlie Chavez y Su Afro Truco.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
August 28 — Stick to Your Guns and Winds of Plague.  
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August 30 — The RX Bandits and Portugal. The Man.  
September 4 — White Chapel and Through the Eyes of the Dead.  
September 5 — Play the Fox.  
September 6 — Canobliss and Sicarus.  
September 12 — The Rocket Summer and the Secret Handshake.

September 13 — Kate Voegele and Virginia Coalition.  
September 14 — Tyrone Wells, Jason Reeves, Tyler Beach.  
September 19 — Rancid.  
September 21 — August Burns Red, a Skylit Drive, Sky Eats Airplane.  
October 24 — Chiodos and Silverstein.  
November 2 — Maylene & the Sons of Disaster.  
November 14 — Minus the Bear and Annuals.  
November 16 — Underoath and Saosin.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.  
October 9 — Sara Bareilles.  
November 1 — Ray Lamontagne.  
November 8 — Citizen Cope.

Static Lounge: 634 Broadway, Downtown, 619-544-1609.  
August 31 — Blu, Miki Vale, Pac-10.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Avenue, University Heights.  
September 6, September 7 — Amanuel Zarzowski and Brenda Xu.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon.  
September 4 — Foghat.

Terra: 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088.  
August 28 — Robin Henkel.

Theatrx: 155 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-735-2491.  
September 19 — The Bill Magee Blues Band.  
October 17 — Dennis Jones.

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### MUSIC

**Tina's Night Club:** 1956 54th Street, College Area, 619-263-0258.  
August 31 — Willovealot.

**Tio Leo's Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
October 25 — The Farmers.

**V Lounge:** 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.  
August 29 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.  
October 4 — Federal Funk.

**Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
August 28 — Firefly.  
August 29 — The Fabulous Pelicans.  
August 29 — Innovation.  
August 30 — The Heroes.

August 30 — Federal Funk.  
August 31 — Innovation.  
October 5 — Earth, Wind & Fire.  
October 15 — Randy Travis.

**Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park:** 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.  
August 30 — Melissa Etheridge.  
September 12 — Jaguares.  
September 17 — San Diego Music Awards.  
September 28 — Flogging Molly.

**Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room:** 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.  
September 14 — Sister Hazel.  
November 1 — K-Ci and JoJo.  
November 7, November 7 — The Spinners.

**Wave House:** 3125 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach.  
September 6 — Unwritten Law.  
September 26 — The Dark Star Orchestra.  
October 18 — Bob Schneider.

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**John Fogerty plays Pala Casino's Palomar Starlight Theater on August 27**

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I got a call in 1987 to open for John Fogerty at a Vietnam-vets benefit in Washington, DC. Well, I am one of those people who believe Fogerty is *the* American songwriter and whose recordings continue to reflect the American experience more than any other contemporary artist. So, yeah, I like the guy. I immediately said yes.

In the year preceding this event, however, Fogerty, because of legal snags and bitterness toward his former label, was not performing the old CCR [Creedence Clearwater Revival] stuff. I remember thinking how ironic it would be to have him skip songs like "Fortunate Son" and "Who Will Stop the Rain" while in DC for vets and families of a conflict still very much alive in their hearts and minds. It bothered me, puzzled me.

The event was scheduled for July 4th, and as the day approached, many people made a sojourn to the still-new Vietnam Veterans Memorial. So, early on the Fourth, I joined them. We walked along a wall that carries the visitor down a

path, revealing in chronological order the names of the tens of thousands of American men and women who died during the long conflict.

As I walked along the solemn path, I looked up and saw John Fogerty. Modestly dressed, he was walking alone, as though he were taking it all in. He reached up and touched a name, took a step back. I didn't say anything to him, and from what I could tell, he went unrecognized.

The next day he performed for thousands of Americans. My role had been reduced to an emcee, but I didn't mind. Even though I never got to meet him, all was cool. Especially when for the first time in years, Fogerty blasted through songs like "Fortunate Son" and "Who Will Stop the Rain."



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## DIVE BAR DWELLERS

by Josh Board

**I**'m sure most guys can say they've never had a drink thrown in their face or been slapped by a woman in a bar. Those are things you see in sitcoms.

But I had one of those things happen to me.

My girlfriend and I had met up with my buddy Gerald. He had a few female friends who were involved in a beauty pageant going on at the Beauty Bar. A blonde that was all over Gerald kept buying us drinks.

Gerald went to the bathroom, and to score points with my girl, I said, "You women are just as pretty as most of these women. And you have brains and personality to go with the looks."

When Gerald came back, this blonde, who had had a lot to drink, said, "Josh just told me I was hotter than all these women." I didn't want him thinking that I put the moves on her when he was away, so I said, "No, that's not exactly what I said." She turned to me with an angry look and said, "You don't think I'm hot?" She



then hauled off and smacked me in the face. It made a loud sound and shocked the hell out of me. A few people around us wondered what was up. I wanted to punch her. But Gerald was laughing, so...whatever.

That woman called me a few days later and said that

**"I could smell your car pull up downstairs, bro."**

they all belong to a group called the "Dive Bar Club." She told me about their next event. I didn't make it to the next few, but I did eventually catch up with them.



I asked the blonde woman, Nikki, if she founded the group. She told me that she took it over five years ago.

The event we were at was not a dive bar; it was on the rooftop of a fancy hotel in East Village.

She told me that they pick a place to go to during happy



Top left: Fans outside the Comedy Store; Top right: Nikki; Bottom right: A Cheech and Chong fan

hour and that it involves a bunch of builders and contractors who can network. Nikki said proudly, "We've had engagements come out this, business deals. People can be themselves in a casual atmosphere."

I met a woman named Pamela who started a lingerie company. She was telling me about it when a couple of guys interrupted us.

Another guy came over to greet his friends. He had a lot

of cologne on, and one guy said, "I could smell your car pull up downstairs, bro."

I overheard Nikki talking about graphic design, and she mentioned that she liked to paint. I then watched as she poured a guy's drink into her martini glass. Gerald said, "That move looked weird." I said, "I think it's classy drinking beer from a martini glass. I bet she extends her pinkie when she sips it." She flipped us off and moved on to talk to some other friends. I preferred that to being slapped.

I overheard some guys talking about the height of a building. I asked them about the Sunroad building in Kearny Mesa that was supposedly too high. One of them said, "Oh, yeah, it was 20 feet that had to be cut off that building. They weren't about to change the flight patterns because of it. There's a lawsuit for \$45 million over that."

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their ass sued off. That's why these things involve permits."

Another guy told me about a building in Miramar that was higher than 120 feet, but a deal was worked out under the table. A new radar system ended up being purchased, and they changed the flight path of the jets.

I heard a guy tell his friend that he needed a graphic artist. Someone heard this and said, "I'm a graphic artist." A woman nearby said, "How graphic do you get?"

I overheard two women talking about their rules of dating. One said, "I don't date anyone under 30. They're not cooked yet. No military. I support them, but I won't date them. No mama's boys. Nobody with a hang-up on their ex. If they talk about that on the first date, I'm outta there. Nobody that is into wrestling or plays video games for hours."

Those rules seemed reasonable.

As I headed out to my next event that evening, I saw a bunch of guys surrounding a black car at a stop sign. I thought someone must've been hit. The guy at the car was over 6'5", and I saw that he was signing autographs. It was Padres pitcher Chris Young.

There was a woman sitting in the passenger seat as he signed. One fan took off his shoe and asked him to sign it. Surprisingly, no cars had come up behind him and gotten mad. The one time I did see a car pull up, it went around him. I asked Young if it was weird to be signing like that, and he said something about being asked to sign recently at a Target store.

As I continued walking, I glanced back and saw him finish signing for the ten fans around him.

There would be more autographs signed at the next event I went to — Cheech and Chong reunited. They would be on stage for the first time in 27 years at the Comedy Store in La Jolla.

I had purchased tickets

thinking this was the case, as the ads read, "Tommy Chong and very special guest." I had hoped it was Cheech Marin but was skeptical. When we got up there and saw the limos and heard people asking if there were extra tickets for sale, we figured Cheech was there.

I saw Dangerous Dick, a former KGB and Free FM DJ. I called him over. He said, "Oh, do you want to crash this? I can probably get you in." I said, "Damn, that would've saved me \$50 on tickets." I showed Dick an album I've had since I was a kid and asked him if he could get it signed. "Yeah. I've been hanging out with them after the shows. I'm emceeing this."

Someone pulled up out front in a truck that looked just like the vehicle in *Up*

*in Smoke*. It had marijuana leaves painted all over it. People in line took photos next to it.

The first show Cheech and Chong did took a long time to let out. They were signing autographs and taking photos with fans.

Dick came out with my signed album, which I put back in my car.

Cheech and Chong weren't that funny. They did many of the things taken straight out of their movies. But it was still great to be there and witness these comedic legends. Especially when I had planned on seeing George Carlin at Humphrey's, and he died a month before the show. And Bernie Mac just died at age 50. Comedians seem to be dropping like flies.

Tommy Chong's wife

Shelby, whom he had met when she was in their movie *Nice Dreams*, was selling shirts and posters and told us it was \$20 to take our picture and get things signed. We paid it. And we asked them to pretend to smoke a joint for the photo. Dick was taking the pictures.

I didn't have anything for them to sign, and they ran out of the posters they were selling for \$5. I had a basketball keychain and I said, "Hey, why don't you guys sign this. You have the song 'Basketball Jones,' so..."

Cheech laughed as he tried to fit his signature on the small object. Chong looked at it strangely and I said, "Come on, you've probably been asked to sign weird things before. I saw you sign rolling paper outside of 4th&B ten years ago. And you've probably signed a number of bongs over the years." He smiled and said, "Yeah, that's true." ■

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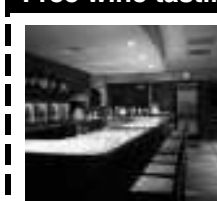
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# Indian Cuisine 101

Samurai Jim confessed recently he'd never eaten Indian food. Curries, yes — his mother cooks them Japanese style. But he didn't know a Samosa from a *pakora*, a *poori* from a naan.

Well, we can't have *that*, can we? Not in my posse! I started looking around for an interesting Indian restaurant, and the universe responded with a scattering of favorable reviews and blog postings for the Gaslamp's Royal India. It's owned by a pair of Sikh brothers, Sandeep Singh and Jagdeep Singh. According to the website, they learned to cook at their mother's knee, and they oversee every aspect of the restaurant's cuisine. They also own two Royal India Express fast-food stalls in Horton Plaza.

It's a handsome, medium-sized spot in a historic building, with portraits of rajas on some walls, nooks with antique-looking Hindu sculptures in other walls, nice medium-bright lighting, and white tablecloths — and a shaded street-front patio that we couldn't resist on a soft summer night. The waitstaff are young, smart, and universally gorgeous, all of them camera-ready for a Bollywood musical but for the gauzy costumes. Service proved excellent, too — professional and thoughtful while free of that annoying Gaylord's-style arrogant/servile hovering. (*Pax*, Bob Dylan, they speak good English, but they don't invite you up into their rooms.)

But when I opened the menu, my heart sank. Aside from a mango soup, it's the North Indian Regular Menu, same as it ever was, same as nearly every other Indian menu in town — all those Punjabi Raj classics, déjà vu all over again. And, we soon found out, they would be cooked mainly to the most naïve American tastes. This wasn't going to be college-level Indian Cuisine 101 after all, but middle-school Indian for people raised on burgers and McNuggets — Gaslamp Indian Cuisine for Dummies.

*Pappads* (deep-fried cracker-breads) come to the table gratis with two dips: a very sweet tamarind colloid and a spicy cilantro salsa. We started with a couple of plates of veggie appetizers, each topped with another *pappadum* covering one Samosa, a few *pakor*as, and a handful of *bhaji*. Samosas are triangular stuffed pastries. "These are so popular," I told Jim, "they've even become staples in the Horn of Africa — Ethiopians and Somalians call them *sambusa*. They can be stuffed with almost anything — ground lamb or chicken, potatoes, veggies — I've even had Somalian dessert versions stuffed with melted cream cheese and fruit."

Usually, Samosas are baked. Royal India's, with a flaky pastry, were apparently fried. We bit in. The filling was mashed potato and peas. Joining the posse for the first time was Anton, a



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young Chinese-ethnic Indonesian, accustomed to high spicing ("when my mother cooks Indonesian-style") at home. "I thought Indian food would have more seasoning than this," he said. "Are these always so bland?" "No," I answered in a hollow tone resembling the little "thud" my computer emits when it's about to crash to blue screen (or used to, anyway, before XP). "Why don't they cook it the authentic way?" he continued. "Do they think Americans won't like it?" "Maybe," I said. "Maybe in the Gaslamp, they assume most people won't know any better."

Instead of a pervasive, ground-spice mixture (e.g., turmeric and other powdered spices), the mashed potatoes were lightly studded with whole spices — coriander seed, cumin, black and yellow mustard seeds, and perhaps a few cardamom seeds...or were those nigella? Just then, Michelle remarked on the effect: "I'm biting into little solids that turn into sand in my mouth. Is that typically Indian?" "Yes," I told her. "In the north, especially, Indians enjoy whole spices to bite into for a sudden full hit of the spice flavor." That's fine with me — but I missed the whole warming, mystifying blend of spices that I've come to expect in Samosas.

Glancing through the restaurant window, we spotted a family of Sikhs at a table, and I remembered my years as a civil servant in San

Francisco, eating scrumptious home-cooked Sikh Samosas at all the holiday potluck office parties. Those had the full spice blend. (Where's chief clerk Sarwan Singh Boparai's sainted great-cook wife when you need her?)

*Bhaji* are deep-fried onion slices, like American onion rings but in a lighter, cleaner batter with more interesting spicing. They were greaseless, simple, but good. *Pakora* are vegetable fritters in another light batter. Most of them seemed to be filled with cabbage and onions, while a few, disc-shaped, contained circles of plain-cooked solid potato. All just okay.

The most interesting starter was a thick, sweet mango soup. "I'd like to spread this on a peanut-butter sandwich," said Jim. It came with a wedge of lemon. For the second go-round, I gave it a heavy spritz. It was better then — more balanced and interesting, less viscous.

When ordering entrées, the question of how spicy to order them was a dilemma. Anton and I could both handle authentic heat. Jim, maybe. Michelle, from small-town Pennsylvania — probably not. I hedged our bets, ordering most dishes "medium" but asked for the Madras curry "eight on a scale of ten," assuring beautiful Liya, the waitress, that I'd spent some time in Kerala and Chennai (Madras) and really meant it.

Well, the Madras curry arrived at a heat level

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**PICK HITS:** *Rogan josh*; *dal makhni*; mango soup.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Flashy website, but menu (with no prices, and only partially visible) does not scroll down. At least a dozen vegetarian and vegan dishes. Outdoor patio dining available.

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of maybe 2.7. "But this isn't spicy at all," I said, tasting. Liya overheard and hastened to bring some table hot sauce, but that's not the same as having the spice properly cooked into the dish from the start (and she knew it, too, and commiserated). Curries are typically cooked in flavor layers — first you sauté a select group of aromatic spices; next into the skillet go garlic and/or ginger (if using) and hot peppers and perhaps more spices. Then you start adding heavier ingredients — onions, other aromatics, later meat and veggies. You get the idea. Hot pepper (whether fresh or powdered) typically goes in early, and in sufficient quantity to play a strong but integrated role among the flavors. It's not hot to be hot; it's hot to taste fabulous combined with everything else. So a mild Madras curry isn't a Madras curry, it's a San Diego curry. Adding hot-pepper paste after it's cooked does it no good at all.

You can order most of the non-veg curries with a choice of flesh — chicken, lamb, shrimp, fish, or lobster. For the Madras curry I chose shrimp (Chennai is just off the East Indian coast), and the shrimp were tender. The curry was bright red, tomatoey, not bad but for the uncharacteristic mildness. The spices in it were whole and crunchy, as in the Samosas.

The other curries had a heat level of one, and

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(surprisingly) the *dal makhni* (lentils) was back up near a three. “I bet those Sikhs in there can get *theirs* as hot as they want it,” said Jim.

The best dish, hot or not, was the *rogan josh*, chosen because it’s such a central dish in Indian non-veg cuisine and a good introduction to Indian flavors. The tender lamb chunks were sauced in a rich, dark, tomato-based curry, as satisfying a lamb stew as you’ll eat anywhere in the world — and actually much more elegant than the occasional *rogan josh* that I ate in India. (I think that there, they might’ve used the meat from the scrawny goats grazing on the railroad tracks. I never saw a single sheep anywhere in South Asia. Goats, plenty, even scampering around the courtyard of Swayambunath Temple overlooking Katmandu. [It’s a Buddhist temple so everybody’s welcome there...you don’t even have to be human this incarnation.] So what species do you think *ghosht* — “meat” — might actually be?)

Among my favorites of the standard universal north Indian entrées — when done well (that is, not overdone) — is chicken tikka masala. This consists of tandoor-baked, skinless breast chunks in a luxurious tomato-and-cream curry. For a great version try the Indian restaurant on Fillmore and Waller — oops, that’s Frisco, wrong city. At Royal India, the chicken was dry and tough, the sauce unspectacular.

Next step in North Indian 101 is, of course, a tandoori dish — marinated protein quick-roasted in an incredibly hot (1800°F) clay oven. Under a skilled tandoor-master (most of them Sikhs), everything will emerge tender. I made my best-bet choice, *booti kebabs* (thick lamb slices). They emerged still a bit pink at the center but quite tough nonetheless (I don’t know what cut they used, felt like leg), and the marinade didn’t thrill us at all. (Frankly, India Air — the low-rent domestic carrier, not Air India, the showboat international airline — did better with the seasonings on its in-flight tandoori chicken thigh on the

Chennai-Calcutta run and also offered an outstanding ground lamb *sikh kebab* on the Calcutta-Katmandu leg. Both were full-out spicy — not pain-spicy, right-spicy! I’ve never yet found an American Indian restaurant that has come close to India Air in the tandoori-seasoning department.)

I wanted to include a veg dish for balance and authenticity, and when I saw *dal makhni* on the menu, it leaped out. Dal is lentils. Together with rice (*dal baht*, in Nepalese, the constant dinner of trekkers), they make a complete vegan protein, the staple of the people the way that rice and beans are a staple throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. All our curries came with basmati rice, of course, so that part was accounted for. Royal India’s dal — unexpectedly, whole brown lentils rather than the more typical, delicate pink or yellow split *moong dal* or *masoor dal* — tasted to me like the most soulful dish on the menu — complex seasoning, medium-hot, alive in some way that the other dishes weren’t.

For North Indian food, you want to order one of the tandoor-baked breads for mopping up sauces. I chose my usual favorite, *kabuli naan*, a leavened bread stuffed, usually, with pistachios, raisins, and feta-like *paneer* cheese. Here, the stuffing consisted of shredded sweetened coconut and raisins, which struck me as relatively austere, despite its sweetness. (Try that place on Fillmore and Waller...or Gourmet India, next to the entry to the Horton Plaza parking garage.)

Unlike many Indian restaurants, Royal India offers a long list of wines, as well as cocktails and Indian beers. The bad news is that they’re screamingly overpriced. An Oregon Gewürztraminer (ideal with spicy food) goes for (gawp!) \$65. The last several times I ordered this grape in restaurants, bottles were \$35 and under, including authentic Trimbach from Alsace. Ferrari-Carano Sauvignon Blanc (not their Chard, their Sauv!) also costs \$65 — approximately twice

what most other restaurants charge for it. Since I don’t like beer, I chose a nice “Indian mojito” (\$10) instead of wine to see me through the meal, and my friends shared a couple of tall bottles of tasty, authentic Taj Mahal beer (\$10 each).

To complete the course in Elementary Indian Cuisine, I ordered us a dessert of *gulab jaman* (often spelled *jamun*). Waitress Liya described it accurately as “like little donuts soaked in cardamom syrup.” Precisely. But I’ve had more tender, luscious versions; this one reminded me of packaged *gulab jamun* mix. And then, missing from the syrup was the classic top-off of fragrant rosewater — the difference between merely tasty and irresistibly sexy.

So, exquisite Liya, I won’t be back after all. I’d almost rather put forth the effort to do it myself from my dozen Sahni and Jaffrey and other guys’ cookbooks — I’ve already got the spices, right down to the nigella and asafetida, just not the time or energy. Don’t get me wrong. The food at Royal India is refined, classy, greaseless — good! Two stars means...good! The flavors are clear, not muddy. Nothing tastes like cheap buffet curry-sludge — in fact, if I wanted a lunchtime Indian buffet, this is probably the place I’d choose for it. But my local favorite remains Gourmet India at the entrance to the Horton Plaza garage because their menu is more interesting and regional, and their cooking is bolder and more authentic. Alternatively, for southern vegetarian, I like Madras up on Black Mountain Road, too.

If you ever go to India, not an easy place to be, you may soon want to run back home or anywhere else, but as the British learned, you’ll find yourself craving its authentic food forevermore. This probably won’t do it for you.

(Recommended reading: *White Tiger*, by Aravind Adiga. This recently published tale of a murderous chauffeur won’t tell you about Indian food, but it will tell you with relentless, angry brilliance about today’s India.) ■

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# Goat Guy

*“Here, health authorities say we can’t include things like organs and the eyes.”*

I’ve always been a goat guy. Yes, it’s sometimes gamey, but that’s the point: goat meat’s never bland. So today I’m thinking, why not? Right here on Imperial in Sherman Heights, where a couple of roosters are crowing like there’s no tomorrow, I notice an orange-canopied sidewalk-eatery’s sign. “Birrias: Chivos & Cheves.” Hmm... *Birria’s* stew, *chivo* is goat, *cheves* is slang for *cervezas*, beer. So hey, guess since I’m here...though I don’t see any sign of beer...I head on in.

It’s all fresh and bright inside, with light-varnished wooden chairs and tables, green skirting, orange window frames, and white walls. And lots of photos of Tijuana from around the 1920s.

I’m a bit worried about what I’ve let myself in for. I know that *chivo* doesn’t come cheap. Then this young guy comes out from the kitchen area and says, “May I help you?”

They have a menu on the wall above the pinewood counter, but I grab the paper one in front of me. “*Se Habla English!*” it says. The front page advertises \$4.95 Clamato-based drinks, *lev-antamtuertos*: “Rise from the dead.” Ah. We’re talking hangover cures.

“A lot of people eat goat meat in the morning for hangovers, too,” says the guy. Christopher. “You want *birria*?”

I’m about to nod when I tell myself to check prices first. And, hey, they have plenty of things apart from the *birria*. All-day breakfasts — you can get a steak and egg for \$6.95, ham and eggs (\$5.95), machaca *estilo Tijuas* (meaning TJ-style) \$5.95, and even menudo (\$5.95). Tacos with fish, carne asada, or *birria* cost \$1.75. Tortas “*bravas*,” big hamburgerish sandwiches of *birria*-style beef or carne asada or chicken are all \$5.75 (beef-ham

combos are a buck more), but you can see from the space they give it that the big deal is *la especialidad de la casa*. Straight goat or beef *birria*.

Uh, yeah. Only problem here is that a full order costs \$8.95. Though they do have a half-order for \$6.95.

Screw it. I’m going for the full. Because, hey, *birria* is *birria*. Why the big deal? Because from what friends tell me, it’s more than just food. It has an aura about it. An emotional thing. It’s a little bit of national defiance. They say the word *birria* in, like,

Spanish-Spanish, means “poor quality” — not so refined. So Mexicans adopted the word with pride because *birria* is a working-class dish, goat stew usually, cooked with a base of dried roasting peppers. And it’s what peppers you choose and how you combine them for the roasting that makes or breaks this dish.

“My mom does that,” Christopher says. “She’s so good. At home we kept saying, ‘Mom! We could get rich with your recipes! Open a restaurant!’ Finally Dad opened our first one in National City. That was January 2007. Then eight months ago we opened this second one, here.”

So I ask for goat *birria*, full order. And a Sangria Señorial — a nonalcoholic grape juice, \$1.50.

I sit down at a corner table. Soccer’s on the TV. France and Italy. Christopher brings out a cup of consommé soup, a round box of hot corn tortillas, and my bottle of sangria. Next he puts down a *molcajete* with chopped-up onions, cilantro, and a couple of half-limes inside. Then Gilberto passes him an oval Bakelite plate filled with my *birria*. Basically just chunks of long ‘n’ slow-roasted goat meat and ribs in a rich brown sauce. He also drops a couple of tall plastic squirter bottles.

“Salsas. They’re both my mom’s. The lighter one’s sesame. People love it.”

I sip the soup. Ahh... *Birria* juices, mostly drippings from the slow-cooked goat, I’d say. But hiding down in the liquid are beans and onions and stuff. Deelish. I grab a steaming corn tortilla from the hot box, stick onions, cilantro, and some of the beans in it, squirt the red salsa on, roll it all up, dip it into the broth, and take a bite along with a chunk of goat. Don’t know if that’s the way, but it’s a heckuva combo and taste. And, unlike other goat *birria* I’ve had, this doesn’t have a gamey kickback aftertaste.

“That’s my mom too,” says Christopher. “She does it Guadalajara-style. They say it’s the best in Mexico.”

Still, he says, this isn’t quite the real thing. “Here, health authorities say we can’t include things like the organs and the eyes and the head in the *birria*. People ask for those parts, but we just get the meat, sent precut.”

I finish up. Still haven’t used his mom’s other salsa, though, the one with a sesame flavor. “That really goes with our *queso frito birria*,” says Christopher. “It’s like an empanada. We put *masa, birria*, Monterey [jack] cheese, cream, marinated purple onion, and top it with Mom’s sesame salsa.”

Man. Sounds too good. And only about four



Arturo

more bucks. I go for it. It’s like a super-savory pastry turnover, with *birria* meat and cheese inside and stripes of that sesame seed sauce over the top. It’s good, but by the time I’m halfway through, I’m fit to bust.

As I waddle out, I notice the sign again. *Birrias, Chivos & Cheves*. “What about the *cheves* — the beer?” I ask Christopher. He shakes his head. “Getting the liquor license...well, it’s taking a while.”

So now I’m at the bus stop a few steps away. Get talking with an elderly Mexican gent who’s also waiting for the Number 4. He tells me that goats only came to the Americas with Cortés, but *birria* goes way back. “The Aztecs used deer,” he says, “or possums or armadillo or turkey. Goat’s only been on the *birria* menu since 1500.”

“Only” on the menu since 1500? Oh, man. Beautiful. And people say we have no history here? ■

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## BEACHES

**A.R. Valentien** 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a country inn on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-priced cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**California Pizza Kitchen — La Jolla** 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. — *E.B.*

**The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery** 7596 Shingle Lane, La Jolla, 858-456-1640. Pretend you're going to Tape-nade, then veer off up Shingle Lane. You come to a sunny brick patio with mosaic tables, trees, plants, and a little Curiosity Shoppe-looking place. Ask for Joan, the Cookie Lady. Think Hermione Gingold ("There's no business like show..."). She's so bursting with life you'll almost forget to eat. Yes, this is soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half turkey sandwich (and it's real turkey, roasted here each morning) and Italian wedding soup will overstuff you. Best of all: your total here is about what you'd pay for the tip next door. Open daily except Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Great Khan's Mongolian Festival** 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Gringo's** 4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a sea-

side resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The *chile verde*, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of P.B. party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Harry's Coffee Shop** 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmans, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Piatti Ristorante** 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. If this is a chain, then tie me up, tie me down! Piatti started in the Bay Area and retains that foodie ethos, giving chefs at the local branches freedom to produce splendid, classic Italian menus including multi-regional starters, interesting pastas, and thin-crust pizzas. The quality of ingredients and cooking is beyond suspicion. You are almost guaranteed a tasty meal. This is one of a few local eateries to offer sweetbreads to those who love them. Ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart are



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## RESTAURANTS

among the favorites. Californian-Italian wine list, full bar. Plenty for vegetarians, plus some vegan dishes (varying seasonally). Reservations essential — beg for patio seating in good weather to avoid the indoor din. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Ranchos Cocina — Ocean Beach** 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard #H, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the housemade mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Red Marlin** Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. When you've got vacationing relatives or friends in tow or just wish you could take a vacation yourself, this view-endowed, indoor-outdoor seaside dining room is a great escape, offering beautifully executed food that appeals to all palates. Emphatically a "hotel-chain restaurant," Red Marlin features a cautious menu of light California fusion cuisine featuring fine unendangered seafood and sustainably raised ingredients. What makes it special is the flawless cooking and creative tweaks by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. If you like your Kurobuta pork chop medium-rare, he knows the secret of perfection. And his blue crab cake is all crab, barely any filler. The flaw: The hotel company's remodeling plans severely skimmed on signage, so the

stand-alone restaurant is hard to locate (and so is its ramped wheelchair entrance). Get detailed directions when you call to reserve, as there's ample free parking at the restaurant's back door that can save you a long trek through the grounds. Good wines at all prices, full bar. — *N.W.*

**Sushi Ota** 4529 Mission Bay Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? This renowned sushi bar offers seafood of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, such as the aji sashimi, a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. These joys don't come easily. First, reserve. Then find the place, tucked into the corner of a minimal mini-mall on the east side of the street, marked with the large 7-Eleven sign (opposite Rubio's). Don't waste your time with the California roll ilk; instead, snoop on your neighbors' choices (particularly those of Japanese customers), watching for off-menu extravaganzas. A printed *omakasa* menu at the tables (the equivalent of a lavish chef's tasting dinner) of either sashimi or sushi will feed one person royally or two lightly for under \$30. Cooked dishes are dull except for seafood miso soups and *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play, so best bet is to go late in the week, when the master's most likely to be present and keeping an eye out. To be served at the counter by Ota-san himself, reserve one month ahead. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

## BAJA

*From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.*

**Cien Años** Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Baja, 664-634-3039. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all, a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own

distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, posole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mescal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Vegetarian on request. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**La Leña** Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Baja, 664-686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fummy, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even essentially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Señor Frog's** Via Oriente 60 C6, L4, Zona Río, Baja, 664-682-4962. Normally this is a moderately priced eatery, but Tequila Tuesdays promise as much food and drink as you can handle for one cover charge (\$15, last time we checked in). Food includes a buffet with good fish tacos, *birria* (stew, usually beef), pork, *chicharron*, carne asada, ceviche, on and on. House beers and Mexican liquors, including tequila, are in the deal, too.

Refill your plate and glass as often as you want, truly. Only caution: if a sombrero-totin' *charro* comes up offering tequila shots from his bandolier, you'll pay. Free food and drink 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays only. Other days, inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

## CENTRAL

**Athens Market** 109 West F Street, Downtown, 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white tablecloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Bambu Bistro** 3882 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian-fusion cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical *palapas* (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick Salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Bread and Cie** 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least 20 breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth

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**Chow Noodle House** 540 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-269-9209. If you want to taste your way through Asia and you're looking for economy fare, this could be your one-stop destination — with no reservations needed. Renowned Thai restaurateur Alex Thao (Celadon, Rama) set his sights lower, wider, and cheaper here, serving noodle dishes and rice bowls of China, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam in cool, airy, black-and-white surroundings. It sure ain't Chinatown, Jake, but it's kind of fun and very filling. The best dishes (e.g., pot-stickers, tom yum soup) are equivalent to those at good restaurants specializing in these specific cuisines. But mostly they seem "gringofied" to appeal to less-traveled American palates. Oddly, Thai dishes suffer most, from severe reductions in hot spice and heavy doses of sugar in many sauces, with few veggies to lighten

their weight. (It's not Rama either, Jake.) Good desserts, smart wine and sake list. Inexpensive. Open daily, 11 to 11. — *N.W.*

**Cilantro Live!** 3807 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-325-1949. Founder Christina Guzman believes raw is beautiful. "The secret is in the enzymes," she says. Cook food and you kill them. "There is so much more life in [live, uncooked] food, you need eat less of it." Maybe just as well, because these raw dishes don't come cheap. So, how to eat vegan, raw, and not gag? Start with the surprisingly strong-tasting Heavenly Taco. The tortillas (made out of dehydrated veggies) are filled with nut "meat" (almonds, walnuts) plus sun-dried tomato, chipotle, and avocado. Has a bit of molasses taste. Now try the Fortuna sunflower-pumpkin pâté wrap. You're on your way. Open daily, midday to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**East Village Tavern and Bowl** 930 Market Street, Downtown, 619-677-2695. "Tavern" says it all. This is a big, rowdy but not bravly, street-open, multiscreen sports bar. Half drink, half food, half bowling alley. East Villagers are making it their local because the kitchen's open late, plus, on a date, rolling those balls helps break the ice. The food's surprisingly good. List topper: steak sliders. Imagine three New York strip steaks, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. A perfect strike. Then there's the pretty good Don't Mess With Texas burger, a *Panino Cubano*, and even chicken wings brined in salt, water, and herbs that have their own taste. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends, breakfast from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Fat City Steakhouse** 2137 Pacific Highway, Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, two vegan pastas, or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden din-

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**Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant** 1065 12th Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5478. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner Monday through Friday. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — N.W.

**Golden Dragon Asian Bistro** 414 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese dive. Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef Miss Song Sri (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss Atomic Hog's Wings (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving

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**Lotus Thai — Hillcrest** 3761 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu

## User Reviews — RESTAURANTS

*Best user comments from Reader website- issue of August 1*

### Cowboy Star, downtown San Diego

I was very disappointed with the Cowboy Star....I read all the reviews in the Reader about how this place was supposed to be better than Ruth's Chris. The food and service was decent at best. It felt like all the service staff was fresh out of high school or college.....they had good personalities but seem to lack general fine dining knowledge. The quality of my steak (NY Strip) was closer to a steak that I would find at Outback than a steak at Ruth's Chris or Flemings. I feel that you do not need to put a sauce on a steak to make it taste better, the steak should be able to stand alone....it was a little like window dressing the steak. 2 of the 3 desserts were over cooked and left a bad taste in our mouth. The vibe in the restaurant was okay, I just would play some different music (they are trying to be fine dining restaurant, not a country bar). I would not go back....maybe worth a try if you go out to eat a lot but I would not spend my money here again. I will stick to the other steak houses downtown.

By **rich8310** 1:29 p.m., Aug 2, 2008

### Karinya Star, Pacific Beach

When you first walk into the restaurant you first question whether or not the food will be good due to its vacantness, lack of noise, background music, and conversation of fellow diners. However, just ask to be seated on the floor, and the host will take you past the normal seating to a huge dining room (you must remove your shoes before entering this floor-seating area) where tables are low to the floor but nonetheless are still comfortable thanks to the open holes to put your legs and feet under the table, and plush Asian pillows scattered around each seating area. The room is decorated in an assortment of Eastern decor, giving off a Thai Buddhist shrine feel.

The food is delicious, and can be specially ordered for vegetarians AND vegans. Spiciness can be requested on a scale of 1 to 10, but beware: this is one of the few Thai places I've been (including restaurants actually in Thailand) where they will ACTUALLY make it spicy if you ask for it.

Prices are very reasonable considering the quality of the food.

Dining suggestions: Try the Tom Gah soup and Phad Thai with a spiciness of "7" made with vegetables and tofu.

By **La\_Critica** 12:56 p.m., Aug 2, 2008

### Blue Point Coastal Cuisine, downtown San Diego

It was such a good deal for \$30!! I loved the fresh oysters that I had for my appetizer! I was amazed that they served me 3 mignonettes with 6 oysters total. For the main dish, I had the dried apricot and fig stuffed pork tenderloin which was perfectly sweet and savory. However, I think it was too much food for me! I should have ordered the stuffed trout instead. But the pork was delicious nonetheless. The dessert was excellent as well. My roommate and I both had the liquid center chocolate cake with caramel hazelnut ice cream and orange anglaise. I would definitely eat at Blue Point again!!

The only con was that there were not a lot of options on the wines by the glass list. My roommate had a buttery Mondavi chardonnay that was pretty good and perfect for her linguine...I unfortunately ordered the merlot since I am a fan of (good) red wine. The merlot was not good.

By **lsyun1** 8:09 a.m., Jul 2, 2008

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**Mission — North Park** 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast-beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, postin-

dustrial, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Pete's Quality Meats** 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sauteed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B.

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**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria** 939 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish—slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount). — *N.W.*

**Los Reyes** 2496 Broadway, Southeast San Diego, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A pork Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tight-

wad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sadaf — Downtown** 828 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0008. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. 33 Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**St. Tropez — Downtown/Horton Plaza** 926 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-696-8695. If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Sushi Itto** 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go

with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Trieu Chau** 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koi tiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Turf Supper Club** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, reestablished in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cookout, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*

**Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen** Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, Downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate Hotel and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled

with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## NORTH INLAND

**Abbey's Real Texas BBQ — Mira Mesa** 6904 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**El Bizcocho** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury-resort ambience. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Flavor Thai** 4768 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. This uplent-feeling, great-value place (especially for lunch), is housed in an ex-Taco Bell restaurant, but you'd never know it. It has a small rose garden outside and ferns and plants inside. Nearly two dozen lunch specials include curries, soups, rice, and noodle dishes. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. They set the spice heater-meter at low but respect heat requests. Check out the chef's specials — a couple of dollars more but usually interesting, like *ho mok* (shrimp,

green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Rancho Valencia** 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *S.M.*

**Spices Thai Cafe — Mira Mesa** 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Sunrise Buffet** 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Uno Chicago Bar and Grill — Escondido** 890 West Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Uno's expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak 'n' cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mis-

sion Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — *E.B.*

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## NORTH COASTAL

**Beach Grass Café** 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and Beach Benedict with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multiethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like Moroccan Crabcakes and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

**Besta Wan Pizza House** 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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**Café Zinc** 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Firefly** 251 North El Camino Real, Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Pacifica Del Mar** 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. Pacifica Dine-In offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Ruby's Diner** 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3-mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a \$1 shuttle tram, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red-leatherette-and-chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, Dewey-Warren presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings, too — try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Tony's Jacal** 621 Valley Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained-glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheap-

est: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## SOUTH BAY

**Coronado Boathouse 1887** 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days. — *N.W.*

**Filipino Desserts Plus** 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo pork*, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Dinuguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — *E.B.*

**Jimmy's — Chula Vista** 1198 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned, American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast Eggs and Cakes (two eggs, three pancakes), the Touchdown (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the Monte Cristo hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins

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**McP's Irish Pub and Grill** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Peohe's** 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

## EAST COUNTY

**Barnes Bar-B-Que** 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouthwatering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke.

Open Monday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Jimmys — Mission Gorge** 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Los Michoacanos** 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus:

The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B.*

**The Omelette Factory** 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American) to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location outside Santee from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ** 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* EOF

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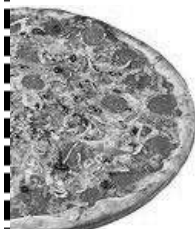
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# He Grabs the Gold

*Henry's convinced he has "the milk of human kindness by the quart in every vein."*

I've always been fascinated by sources of artistic inspiration. What triggered *Hamlet*, say, or *The Iliad*? What alchemy transformed ambient noise into *Don Giovanni*? Was it something writ large: a sign in the sky, a real or imagined muse? How about something psychobiological: congeries of chemicals marauding defenseless synapses in the right brain? Or merely, as Dickens says, "an undigested bit of beef"?

Read George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* and you hear stately, cadenced sentences and acerbic wit. You hear Professor Henry Higgins lecturing about phonetics and social class in curmudgeonly tones and Fabian Society entitlement. But when you read the play, do you hear "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face" or "I Could Have Danced All Night"?

And not just the unforgettable melodies. In the text, do you hear that speed, that bounce, that feathery music-hall lightness in "With a Little Bit of Luck" and "Get Me to the Church on Time"? Lerner and Loewe were lucky in one sense: they had a familiar, well-shaped story to work from (they grafted chunks of Shaw's dialogue into the libretto). But still, how did they make the leap from point A to point B, when most of us struggle to get from point A to point Loma?

Plus, Lerner and Loewe took a major risk for musicals: they kept Shaw's lectures! Henry waxes

didactic at 27A Wimpole Street, and in detail. After the original opening on March 15, 1956, an amazed Brooks Atkinson wrote in his review, "Probably for the first time in history a typical musical comedy audience finds itself absorbed in the art of pronunciation and passionately involved in the proper speaking of 'pain,' 'rain,' and 'Spain.'"

When you watch a good production of *My Fair Lady* — and Starlight Musical Theatre's got one — you hear the great songs and literate speech, but there's another kind of music as well. Along with the various accents, from clipped Brahmin Ascot to the dropped H's of Lisson Grove, the cast shouts so many *oohs* and *ahs* and *cor-blimes* you'd think you were watching the Beer Pong Championship of the British Isles. Among the many strengths of Starlight's current staging are the characters' spontaneous exclamations. These nonverbal curlicues arc, like sudden rainbows, and become a leitmotif running throughout the Carlos Mendoza-directed show.

The production always feels sure-handed. If an upstaging jet blasts overhead during a song, the singer keeps going — Lerner and Loewe will take *no back seat* to air traffic! If it happens during a speech, the cast doesn't freeze; they adopt expressive Pageant of the Masters poses, as if in defiance of silver-bellied interlopers.

The show's real strength is the leads. Norman



My Fair Lady

**My Fair Lady** by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, based on *Pygmalion*, by George Bernard Shaw  
**Starlight Musical Theatre**, South Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park  
**Directed and choreographed by Carlos Mendoza**; cast: Norman Large, Jennifer Boswell, Stephen Reynolds, Chanlon Jay Kaufman, Danny Campbell, Lance Arthur Smith, M. Susan Peck; scenic design, Musical Theatre West; costumer, Tanya Bishop; lighting, Jason Bieber; sound, Steve Stopper and the Stopper Group; musical director and conductor, Parmer Fuller; plane spotter, Alexandra Olson  
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Large plays Professor Higgins big, but not grandiose. He sings with clear, pointed tones and drenches the man in Shavian attitude (Henry's convinced he has "the milk of human kindness

by the quart in every vein") but leaves just enough room for vulnerability.

As Eliza, Jennifer Boswell runs the vocal gamut from "Just yew woit, 'enery 'iggins" to "Without

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## THEATER

You” and does it beautifully. Red-faced Stephen R. Reynolds is always fun as Alfred P. Dolittle, especially when he becomes “respek-able.” And Chanlon Jay Kaufman, who plays smitten Freddy Eynsford-Hill, has a narrow aperture. Like an Olympic athlete, he’s got one chance to star, in this case one song. And when Kaufman sings “On the Street Where You Live,” he grabs the gold.

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Priscilla Allen, one of San Diego’s most beloved actors, passed away last week, after having battled cancer for 12 years.

Millions will remember her as the large lady in *Total Recall*. Wearing an earth-toned outfit, she’s a disguise to get Arnold Schwarzenegger through customs on Mars. She keeps repeating, “Two weeks.” Then her head splits apart and out pops Ah-nolt.

To those who knew and loved her work, that cameo ranks among the least of her efforts. Among her favorites: Mrs. Peacham in the Old Globe’s *Threepenny Opera*; Mrs. Wall, the piano-player in the San Diego Rep’s *Holy Ghosts*, which went to New York, where she garnered high praise from reviewers; and the ribald hooker in the Rep’s *Red Noses*. I dramaturged that show and was always amazed at how focused she was during rehearsals — every new choice felt definite — and how giving; and what a prankster she’d become when the cast took ten. She could be Shakespearean literate or *Red Noses* bawdy (I wish she could have played Chaucer’s Wife of Bath). When the casting guru, Michael Shurtleff, watched her perform, he exclaimed, “The talent of this woman is



Priscilla Allen (left) in *The Killing of Sister George*

unbelievable!”

Born in Buffalo, in 1938, but raised in San Diego (a graduate of La Jolla High with a B.A. and master’s from SDSU), Priscilla taught at the School of Creative and Performing Arts, Point Loma High, and Mesa College. She loved the theater and her three daughters: Jennifer, Meredith, and Hilary. And, a testament to her talent and personality, she performed with every company in town. She was the A on their A-list.

There will be a memorial for Priscilla Allen at the Lyceum Theatre on Thursday, August 21, beginning at noon. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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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. Its perplexities are much more lifelike than most of the happy-enders (how many weddings have you attended where people whisper, “Give it six months” and are being optimistic?). All may be well that ends well, but at the ending of *All’s Well*, Helena and Bertram have only just begun.

### Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M.

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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.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. THURSDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1:45 P.M. TUESDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14.

### Anything Goes

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.”

KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

### 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 express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads’s direction and the four-piece backup band. You won’t learn why the pump don’t work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you’re of a certain era, *Boomers* will time-machine you back in a lively manner.

### Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 619-234-9583. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

### Cadillacs of Comedy

Carlsbad Village Theater hosts the comedy group that vows to “take the funny business from crass to class in 4.7 seconds.” CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE, 2808 STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-434-5944. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

### The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr (Abridged)

“It is I, Hamlet, the *cheese Danish!*” Bardolators may wince at how their sacred cow gets sent up in the Reduced Shakespeare Company’s antic speed-read through the plays. *Othello*’s a rap number, the histories a football game (the King’s crown becomes the ball), and *Titus Andronicus* is a cooking show, for cannibals. *Compleat* began at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1987 and ran for 10 years in London. New Village Arts’s updated version’s a kick. To the credit of director Rob Salas, and the three performers — Joshua Everett Johnson, Tim Parker, and Adam Brick — the entire show feels improvised (some actually is, but the border between planned and ad-libbed material blurs). And it flows like a toga party trashing the “musty, 400-year-old plays.” Audience participation contributes, especially when sections of the house become parts of poor Ophelia’s psyche (“cut the crap, Hamlet,” one section screams, “my biological clock is ticking and I want babies

NOW!”). Late in Act Two (which sprints through *Hamlet*), the lights dim and Johnson recites the “what a piece of work is man” speech “straight,” and with such skill it becomes obvious that he must play Hamlet — and not the cheese Danish!

### Worth a try.

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](http://fritztheatre.com).

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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.

### Jerry Herman’s Broadway

For one night only, the Old Globe Theatre presents a tribute to Broadway legend Jerry Herman, composer-lyricist of, among others, *Mame*, *La Cage aux Folles*, and *Hello Dolly!* OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.

### The Joy Luck Club

During the second Sino-Japanese War, Suyuan Woo founded the Joy Luck Club with three friends to cope with the chaos around them. When Amy Tan’s novel begins, Suyuan has died and her daughter, Jing-Mei “June” Woo, has been invited to take her seat at an American version of the club. The novel, and Susan Kim’s dramatic adaptation, shoots off in four directions (literally the four compass points

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and the four winds), as June and her friends and their mothers and grandmothers tell "talk stories" of fragmentation, conflict, and a shared/lost cultural heritage. Ultimately, the women of June's generation find their voices in new-found gifts, from a past they previously avoided, that have been in their bones all along. Staging the 18-scene, tree-like structure's a vast enterprise. I wish I could report that the San Diego Asian American Repertory has pulled it off. But the night I caught the show, the production had good moments (the red dragon spectacle, for instance, and performances by Elise Kim Prosser, Joyelle Cabato, Tiffany Loui, and Robert Borzych), but the cast overall needed to project a good third more. Loud fans behind the audience (especially the one in the middle) drowned them out. Also, many of the narrators spoke in whispers, and their voices consistently trailed off at ends of sentences, which blurred key factual information and made the stories hard to follow if one hadn't read the book. These difficulties can be overcome, and the production could improve a great deal during the course of its run.

ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-

DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14.

### **The Merry Wives of Windsor**

Shakespeare on short notice: legend has it that Queen Elizabeth wanted a play featuring Falstaff in love. The Bard had, the legend says, two weeks to write the five-act comedy. The script takes longer than his others to get going. And once it does, it's mostly setups and punch lines. Shakespeare used a fascinating shortcut, however: he didn't have time to develop characters, so he gave them distinct voices and turned the stage into a Babel of warped idioms. For the Old Globe, director Paul Mullins reset the play in the Old West. Ralph Funicello's versatile, stained-wood set becomes a dusty street, a dance-hall saloon, and a moonlit forest (okay, the relocation doesn't work 100 percent). Denitsa Bliznakova's multilayered costumes make the transition from buckram to buckskin with ease. If the production has a concept, it would be "Merry Wives is goofy. We're honoring that. Enjoy." Mullins's large cast communicates the fun of doing one farcical lick after another. As Falstaff, Eric Hoffman's opening night was, at best, okay. Hoffman pushed for emotional breadth almost to the

point of straining his voice (plus, Falstaff relishes language as much as he does capons; Hoffman gave his words more utilitarian deliveries). Some individuals shine. Katie MacNichol and Celeste Ciulla, as the merry mistresses Ford and Page, bookend the show with schemes and class (a favorite bit: at one point they adopt a 19th-Century melodramatic style and frolic with histrionics). White hair down to his shoulders, Jonathan McMurtry looks like Wild Bill Hickock, until he draws his six-shooters and terrorizes the town. Wynn 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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### **My Fair Lady**

Starlight Theatre stages Lerner and Loewe's majestic musical, based on George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, in which a professor of philology and phonetics transforms a young woman from Lisson Grove. STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE, SOUTH PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-544-7827. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

### **National Comedy Theatre**

Improvational 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



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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 grand father 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 tines of a huge bamboo rake, on the rear wall. Nate Peirson's lighting illumines the fan with cascades of raindrops then burns an ugly fire.

### ***Worth a try.***

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### **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 Jeannie Reith's somber charcoal business attire (which gains 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 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



*Sight Unseen*

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.***

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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 Hamil-

ton dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later he hit his accents and began to mean what Romeo meant. Heather Wood not only expresses Juliet's youth and intelligence, she has a naturally melodic voice that only rings false when she tries to add melody to it. The production offers strong visuals, and the story, as so often in Shakespeare, works on elemental levels. But the second half's a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy's opera-like impulses. *Romeo and Juliet* runs in repertory with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *All's Well That Ends Well*. Call the theater for days and times of each.

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### **Sailor's Song**

New Village Arts is restaging its popular production, which earned director Kristianne Kurner the San Diego Critics Circle's Craig Noel Award for best direction in 2007. Rich never found a "breakthrough cause" that would put him "on the other side, with the people who know they're alive." Rarely in theater has someone so confused been so eloquent. And that goes for all of 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 Sifton and Amanda Morrow charm as the sisters Lucy and Joan, the former

"normal," she says, the latter a spirit medium. Morrow gets the best line. When Lucy pleads her case for Rich's love, she says that just because Joan "can see around a corner once in a while doesn't make her sane." (Note: the new version has two cast changes — Joshua Everett Johnson now plays Rich and Manny Fernandes plays gruff, sagacious Uncle John.)

### ***Worth a try.***

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### **Sight Unseen**

Jonathan Waxman's paintings are in such demand people from Park Avenue to Tokyo are buying work he's yet to do "sight unseen." He's enjoyed far more than 15 minutes of fame. What he misses, as he's having a retrospective of his work in London, are his 15 minutes of inspiration — 17 years ago. A story rarely has just two sides. Good ones, like Donald Margulies's 1991 drama, can have a dozen. *Sight Unseen* refuses to stand still. Waxman, for example, is a montage of competing impulses. Why has he come to see his ex-lover, Patricia? Lord his success over her? Ask forgiveness? Rediscover lost inspiration? Or just connect with someone, anyone? All, and possibly more, of the above. Like Sondheim's *Merrily We Roll Along* (also about an artist who has lost his way), *Sight* moves back in time. Given its technical experimentation (Waxman's one of the best examples we have of a deconstructed character), you'd think the play would be stiff and depersonalized. It isn't. It's alive and unfolds like a slowly turning prism, revealing new, unexpected twists. Although the Old Globe's opening night had some rough edges, the Esther Emery-directed production served Margulies's fascinating script. Anthony Crane (Waxman), Ron Choularton (Nick, the ex-lover's husband), and especially Kelly McAndrew as Patricia effectively probe the play's twisting, emotional core.

### ***Worth a try.***

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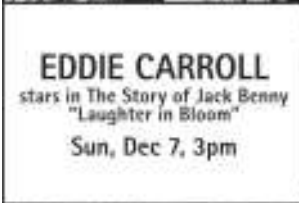
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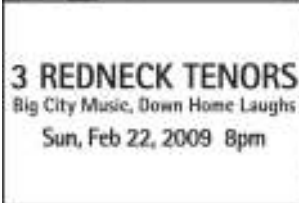
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# A Jungle Out There

*The raging megalomania serves as a full-coverage mask for the actor's chronic overacting.*

**H**uman pretension is generally good for a laugh. Two new comedies to do with the Creative Process, unequal in size, equally uneven in quality, equally unsteady in mood, deliver the laugh over and around constant obstacles. *Tropic Thunder* is the bigger one, a major-studio satire on a major-studio Vietnam

War epic. The slipshod plotting, the willful misinformation about how movies are made, and the pandering to the groundlings do not close off all avenues of inspiration. Four fake trailers at the top of the movie, introducing the motley cast of the movie-within-the-movie, give a hint of the allowable latitude. The ones of the over-the-hill action star (Ben Stiller, the movie's director and co-writer besides), the gross-out comedian (Jack Black), and the hip-hop gangsta (Brandon T. Jackson) are but a tepid warm-up to the topper, the one of the multiple-Oscar-winning thespian from Down Under (Robert Downey, Jr.), a monastery love story called *Satan's Alley*, a tony period piece aimed at the art circuit. The narra-

tor's clipped phrases, pregnant pauses, and portentous tones are dead-on. Patrons of Landmark Theatres have heard all these a thousand times.

Downey dominates the action in the Vietnam jungle as well, his character having undergone a "controversial pigmentation alteration" to play an African-American foot soldier,

emphatically putting the grunt in the grunt. Unthinkable though it would be for a white actor nowadays to perform in blackface, this is a diplomatically modest exaggeration of the depths to which a Serious Actor will go to "get into" a role, and not get out of it again until the DVD commentary is complete. (One thinks of another Australian actor, in multicolorface, who never surfaced from such depths: Heath Ledger.) Downey might be in slightly uncomfortable proximity to the drug-crazed character of Jack Black, an ugly and unfunny portrait on any account (was there ever a temptation to offer this part to Downey?), but it takes only a little effort to recall that the actor's father was once the director of *Putney Swope*, a far more comfortable point



*Tropic Thunder*

of comparison: boundary-pushing race comedy. Downey, too, although often unintelligible (wallowing in the guttural), gets to recite an incisive critique of the action star's misguided grasp for Oscar as a hayseed halfwit in *Simple Jack*. (We see a fake trailer of that one also, allowing a coasting Stiller to stretch himself to the danger point.

Protests of advocacy groups notwithstanding, the only affront is to Oscar Graspers, and perfectly justified.) "Never go full retard," is the belated advice from the master, holding up the prudent *Rain Man*, *Being There*, and *Forrest Gump* — perhaps *Charly* was too long ago to remember — against the foolhardy *I Am Sam*. Nam-

ing names.

Downey's only competition for acting honors comes from outside the jungle (though Nick Nolte has his moments as a wizened Vietnam-vet advisor, the company's guide to the Heart of Darkness), back home in Hollywood, where a heavily disguised Tom Cruise models a bald dome, bushy



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chest and arms, a bumpy nose, and a padded middle as a Harvey Weinsteinian bullying studio boss. (Funny notion: his everyday tough talk goes beyond anything ever heard by a cut-throat Asian heroin dealer and hostage taker.) As long as Cruise has become something of a joke anyway, this seems a sensible role to play, right through to the exhibitionist hip-hop dance in the closing credits. And the raging megalomania serves as a full-coverage mask for the actor's chronic overacting. Similarly, the gut-spilling, blood-squirting gore in the movie (at least the gore in the movie-within-the-movie) is made more palatable by the satire. Through it, you can have a retrospective laugh at the pretensions and pieties of *Apocalypse Now*, *Platoon*, *Rambo*, *Saving Private Ryan*, what-you-will.

*Hamlet 2* is the smaller one, a low-budget indie directed by Andrew Fleming, about a lame-duck Drama teacher at West Mesa High in Tucson, forced to share classroom space first with the cafeteria workers and then with the girl volleyballers. Taking the place of the prelude trailers of *Tropic Thunder* are some fake TV ads from the portfolio of the teacher's dried-up acting career (a Jack LaLanne juicer, a herpes med, etc.), and taking the place of the "retard" critique, while offering continuing commentary on the teacher's persistent pretensions, are the allusions to Inspirational Teacher movies, *Dead Poets' Society*, *Dangerous Minds*, et al.

The beady-eyed, seaweed-haired Steve Coogan, who happens also to play the over-his-head director in *Tropic Thunder*, soon the off-with-his-head director, is often funny as the affected artiste in a cruel and mocking world, and even when he's not making you laugh he's persuading you of his talent. Best evidence: his dark night of the soul in front of his word processor, staring at the blank screen with inextricable shock and terror ("Writing is so hard!"), snarling at the placid housecat ("What is your fucking problem?"), responding to a sudden burst of inspiration, or anyhow a sudden burst of actual typing, with a blurred back-and-forth between tears and laughter, a sort of Bipolar Express.

His latest and last project, a musical time-travel sequel to *Hamlet*, never sounds remotely plausible (the eventual sight of it doesn't improve matters), and the fractious Latinos in class, in addition to further reducing the plausibility of the project, take precious time away from the teacher's devoted disciples, a repressed homosexual and a goody-two-shoes ingenue, winsomely embodied by Skylar Astin and Phoebe Strole. Elisabeth Shue — remember her? — is well cast as Elisabeth Shue, more precisely as an alternative Elisabeth Shue who might have quit Hollywood in disgust and taken up a new career as a nurse at a fertility clinic in Arizona.

*Frozen River*, a stoical prole sob story, has some fresh ground to go over — the smuggling of illegal aliens through the slushy snow of the Mohawk Indian reservation on the Canadian border — and some stark scenery to go with it. Writer and director Courtney Hunt, whose plotting and pacing are sloggingly pedestrian, expends a lot of energy explaining how a law-abiding white woman could get caught up in that sideline: a gambling-addicted husband who skips out on Christmas week, a fifteen-year-old son eager to drop out of school and go to

work, nothing to put under the tree for the five-year-old, a dead-end job at Yankee Dollar, bills due. Melissa Leo, aging in a characterful way, able to assume the lead role without a Charlize Theron reverse makeover, does a solid professional job, so much so as to highlight the amateurism around her.

*Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, or in the order the words appear on screen and in the ads, *Star the Clone Wars*, fills in events on the timeline between parts two and three of the second cycle in George Lucas's space saga. If, from this remove, that's still of concern to anyone. Under the guiding hand of Dave Filoni, the full computer animation, as opposed to the extensive but partial computer animation in the aforesaid cycle, nudges the action ever farther into the universe of the video game. If, again, that's of any concern. Best let the zealots fight it out.

Cinema en Tu Idioma, the year-round extension of the San Diego Latino Film Festival, resumes its monthly programs this Friday at the UltraStar Mission Valley in Hazard Center, with Claudio Dabed's *Ugly Me*, starring the spectacularly un-ugly Barbara Mori. A later program, November's, will bring back one of the better films I saw in last spring's festival, *El Violín*. Even if it were not one of the better ones, the black-and-white photography would accord it the status of an endangered species.

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Simple acknowledgment: Manny Farber, b. February 20, 1917, d. August 18, 2008. I'll try to say more, when and if I collect myself. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

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**American Teen** — A slice of sociology. Documentarian Nanette Burstein follows four principals through the stresses of senior year in Warsaw, Indiana: the Jock, the Princess, the Nerd, and the Rebel, all quite touching in different ways and degrees. Despite some stabs at MTV commercialism (animated fantasy sequences in contrasting styles), it's in the nature of real life, as well as in the law of averages, that the events will be unsensational. You'll have to settle for the snit of Miss Popularity when her Japanese prom theme loses out to a jungle theme ("I know it's wrong, but I just believe in getting even") and she thereupon sets out — on camera! — to toilet-paper the car of her nemesis and to spray-paint "fag" on his window, imperilling her dream of Notre Dame. (Of course the presence of a camera automatically raises questions of credibility. Did it somehow inspire or inflame the vandalism? It's also in the nature of real life that it will be funny and embarrassing. Also that it won't add up to much. 2008.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROME-

NADE 24, FROM 8/22)

**Bottle Shock** — Unpalatable promo for California wines, more broadly a paean to good old American know-how and a chance, at the same time, to stick it to the French, the British, the Old World. A competitive wine tasting in the Bicentennial year of 1976, boiled down as "a bunch of hicks taking on the French," has been freely fictionalized into a chipper comedy (or so we intuit from the prodding music), boasting bright photography, a spotty period atmosphere, a flimsy vinicultural backdrop, and, apart from Freddy Rodriguez in a small role, an assemblage of oddly unappealing people: the stereotyped snob (Alan Rickman), the tactless capitalist (Bill Pullman), the dippy hippie (Chris Pine), the blithe blonde (Rachael Taylor), the snooty barmaid (Eliza Dushku), among others. Directed by Randall Miller. 2008.

● (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/22; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 8/22; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 8/22; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 8/22)

**Boy A** — British drama about a young ex-con (Andrew Garfield) attempting to start anew, directed by John Crowley. (KEN, 8/22 THROUGH 28)

**Brideshead Revisited** — The Evelyn Waugh novel revisited, at roughly a fourth the length of the early-Eighties TV miniseries. Matthew Goode, as the self-pro-

fessed atheist artist Charles Ryder, murmurs his way through the pages of a radical rewrite (particularly the gay abandon): first year at Oxford, the tormented Catholics of Brideshead manor, Venice, Marrakesh, and so on. A white-haired Emma Thompson as the tyrannical Catholic matriarch supplies brief relief from the tedium. With Ben Wishaw, Hayley Atwell, and Michael Gambon; directed by Julian Jarrold. 2008. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**The Counterfeiters** — Stefan Ruzowitsky's Holocaust survival tale, loosely based on fact, tells how "the world's best counterfeiter" (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, theoretically affecting the outcome of the war. It is a passably interesting tale to tell, a new path through old territory, but the interest is rather in the tale than in the telling. At any number of stopping points along the path, the sights are liable to seem all too familiar (the bullet in the head, etc.), never mind the refreshing route that led there. And the coarse, raw, desaturated image, whether a chosen cliché or an imposed hardship, is at no point much to look at, a harsh thing to say about a motion picture. 2007.

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**The Dark Knight** — Fashionably “dark” comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for “the bat man,” as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan’s restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment, although we must acknowledge that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker —

banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan’s lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White

Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can’t trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008.

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**Death Race** — Futuristic action film with Jason Statham, Joan Allen, and Ian McShane, written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR

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**Elegy** — Isabel Coixet’s filming of the Philip Roth novel, *The Dying Animal*, with Ben Kingsley, Penelope Cruz, Patricia Clarkson, and Dennis Hopper. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/22)

**Fly Me to the Moon** — Badly drawn houseflies (general conformation and consistency of troll dolls) stow away aboard Apollo 11. The 3D computer animation may escape the screen; it can’t escape the insipidness. With the voices of Trevor Gagnon, David Gore, Philip Bolden, Christopher Lloyd, and (as himself) Buzz

Aldrin; directed by Ben Stassen. 2008.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

**Frozen River** — Reviewed this issue. With Melissa Leo, Misty Upham, Charlie McDermott, and Michael O’Keefe; written and directed by Courtney Hunt.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Hamlet 2** — Reviewed this issue. With Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener, Joseph Julian Soria, and Elisabeth Shue; directed by Andrew Fleming.

★★ (LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 8/22)

**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.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**A Hard Day’s Night** — The Beatles’ hyperthyroid first film, directed by Richard Lester with a sense of comic and cinematic inventiveness — funny, silly, and stupid, by turns — that never stops asserting itself for a minute. 1964.

★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/23 AND 24, 8:30 P.M.)

**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

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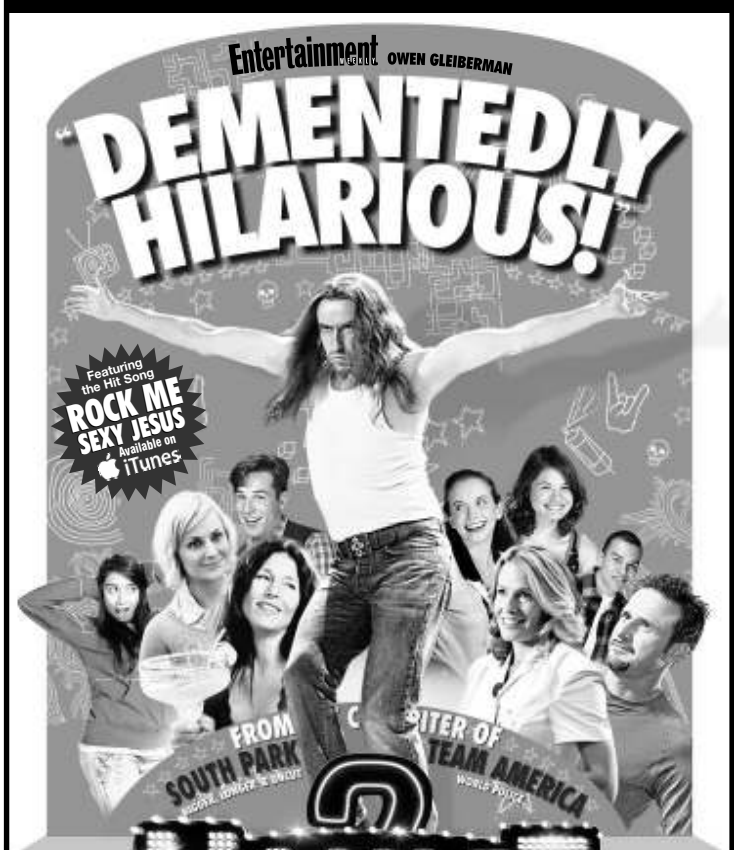
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tug-of-war between self-interest and the commonweal, and the would-be wrenching death scene at the climax. They are likely to feel further that it disqualifies the movie from subsequent sequels. With Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Luke Goss, and Anna Walton. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

**Henry Poole Is Here** — The new homeowner just wants to be left alone to drink himself to death, but his next-door neighbor sees the face of God (subtly rendered) in the water stain on the re-stucco. Is it a miracle, a new beginning? Is it significant that the pretty single mom on the opposite side is named Dawn? Matters of faith are treated with sincerity, but much more with schmaltz. And Luke Wilson is a natural barrier to sincerity, higher and wider even than his monotonously scoffing character. With Radha Mitchell, Adriana Barraza, Morgan Lily, Rachel Seiferth, George Lopez, and Cheryl Hines; directed by Mark Pellington. 2008.

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**The House Bunny** — Sorority comedy with Anna Faris, Colin Hanks, and Kat Dennings, directed by Fred Wolf.

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SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/22)

**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.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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)

**The Longshots** — Keke Palmer as a trailblazing female in Pop Warner football, with Matt Craven and Ice Cube, directed by Fred Durst.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA

BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/22)

**Mamma Mia!** — The Catherine Johnson stage musical brought to the screen under its stage director, Phyllida Lloyd: a romantic-comic bauble about a scheduled wedding on a Greek island, to which the bride-to-be, unknown to her mother, has invited the three men who are sole candidates to be her biological father. (All three prove to be remarkably uncurious and acquiescent guys.) But that's a mere pretext for the players at short intervals to warble tunes from the ABBA songbook. Among the things that might be said about the movie are (a) that ABBA, infectious though they can be, are not exactly the Beatles, as witness the latter's similar use in *Across the Universe*; (b) that another and better wedding movie, *Muriel's Wedding*, had already successfully plundered the ABBA songbook, without asking its cast to do the singing; (c) that this cast for the most part are not singers (Pierce Brosnan in full throat looks as if his head's about to explode), although no apologies need be made for Meryl Streep, who, besides her lusty belting, supplements her usual emotion-plumbing with some peppy physicality; (d) that the natural settings, clearly, brightly, sunnily photographed, somewhat temper the inherent campiness; and (e) that this tempering, in a work of such fragile artifice, is not necessarily a good thing. To get down to a couple of specifics, the "Super Trouper" number on the eve of the wedding is a definite high point, and despite the shortage of competition for high points, the closing credits are well worth hanging on for, providing two higher

points in the form of encores — twin peaks, if you please — with Streep and her bosom buddies (the blissfully confident Christine Baranski and the indomitably plucky Julie Walters) stepping off the Greek island and onto a secluded concert stage, in disco-era Vegas costumes. With Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard, and Dominic Cooper. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**A Man Named Pearl** — Scott Galloway's and Brent Pierson's documentary portrait of the self-taught black American topiary artist, Pearl Fryar.

(GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/22)

**Man on Wire** — Filmmaker James Marsh takes a novel approach to the topic of the World Trade Center, a caper documentary (to coin a genre) on the forty-five-minute funambulist stunt undertaken in 1974 by the Frenchman Philippe Petit, walking a tightwire between the Twin Towers. The events of 9/11 are never mentioned, but they're an irrepressible subtext in the found footage of the site before and during construction, and in the cloak-and-dagger planning and execution of the covert assault on the Towers. One still photo of the wirewalker poised in midair even captures an overhead jet — at a safe clearance — in the same frame. Because so much of the film consists of present-day talking heads (interwoven with black-and-white reenactments and authentic archive footage),

there's something a bit coy about the omission. Certainly the enormity of the later crime needn't be introduced in mitigation of Petit's mischief. But the disappearance of the Towers from the face of the earth would serve to underscore the singularity, the unrepeatable, of the stunt. Perhaps that goes literally without saying. And yet, if the Towers meant so much to Petit from the first moment he learned of the project (sur-reptitiously ripping a page out of a magazine at the dentist's office), then it would be only natural to solicit from him something in the way of an elegy. The documentary's function as a caper thriller, meanwhile, is on balance a success. The narrative information doesn't always come in the best order or fullest form, and it comes with a good many interruptions and side trips, but the details of the operation will often, for one reason or another, boggle the mind. And although the undimmed history, along with the manifest survival of the talking heads, would seem to put a low ceiling on the suspense, anyone with the slightest touch of acrophobia will not, at the climax, be able to keep palms dry. 2008.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Mirrors** — It begins (after a pre-credits throat-slit) with a promising setting, a burned-out department store of charred mannequins and hallucinogenic mirrors. It proceeds, however, into repulsion, incoherence, and tedium. With Kiefer Sutherland, Paula Patton, Amy Smart, and Jason Flemyng; directed by Alexandre Aja. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16;

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

*Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.*

## CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

**Town Square 14**  
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Death Race** (R); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **The Longshots** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Mirrors** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **The Rocker** (PG-13); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG); **Step Brothers** (R); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13); **WALL-E** (G)

**DOWNTOWN**  
**Gaslamp 15**  
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**Death Race** (R); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Henry Poole Is Here** (PG); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **The Longshots** (PG); **A Man Named Pearl** (G); **Mirrors** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Sex and the City** (R); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Tropic Thunder** (R)

**Horton Plaza 14**  
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
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**LA JOLLA**  
**La Jolla 12**  
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 3:00, 6:25, 9:50; **Death Race** (R) Fri.-Sun.

(11:50) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Hamlet 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; **Henry Poole Is Here** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 7:25; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 2:05, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **Mirrors** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 4:25, 10:20 Sun. 4:25, 10:20; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **The Rocker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

**La Jolla Village**  
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

**Bottle Shock** (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Brideshead Revisited** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:50, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:50, 8:00; **Tell No One** (NR) Fri. 2:10, 5:00, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 8:15; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

**MIRA MESA**  
**Mira Mesa 18**  
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)  
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**MISSION HILLS**  
**Cinema Under the Stars**  
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)  
**A Hard Day's Night** (G); **To Kill a Mockingbird** (Not Rated)

**MISSION VALLEY**  
**Fashion Valley 18**  
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)  
**American Teen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:25p.m.; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:50, 6:10, 9:35; **Death Race** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:40p.m.; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00; **The Longshots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:20; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; **Mirrors** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 12:45, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30, 10:55 Sun. (10:20) 12:45, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:45, 5:35, 8:10, 10:50 Sun. 12:05, 2:45, 5:35, 8:10; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:30) 12:40, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 11:30) 12:40, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30;

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## MOVIES

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RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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 te-

dious 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)

**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 yetis, 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; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Rocker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15 Fri.-Sun. (10:10) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00) 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 12:10, 1:15, 2:25, 3:40, 4:50, 5:55, 7:10, 8:20, 10:40 Sun. (11:00) 12:10, 1:15, 2:25, 3:40, 4:50, 5:55, 7:10, 8:20; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 1:25, 3:55, 6:20, 8:45, 10:50 Sun. (10:55) 1:25, 3:55, 6:20, 8:45; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:45) 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6:05, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 10:55 Sun. (10:30, 11:45) 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6:05, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 1:20, 3:45, 6:05, 8:20, 10:35 Sun. (11:05) 1:20, 3:45, 6:05, 8:20, 10:30; **WALL-E** (G)

**Mission Valley 7**  
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



**Ugly Me** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Rocker** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:45; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:45 10:00; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00 12:00 2:00) 4:15 6:15 8:30 10:30; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:00 9:30; **Tropic Thunder** (R) (11:30 2:15) 4:45 7:30 10:15; **The Dark Knight** (12:15 3:45) 7:15 10:30 \*No 12:15pm Sat & Sun; **Sushi Pack** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

**Mission Valley 20**  
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)  
**The Dark Knight**; **Death Race**; **Hamlet 2**; **Hancock**; **Henry Poole Is Here**; **The House Bunny**; **Journey to the Center of the Earth**; **The Longshots**; **Mamma Mia!**; **Mirrors** **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**; **Pineapple Express**; **The Rocker**; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2**; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars**; **Step Brothers**; **Tropic Thunder**; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona**; **WALL-E**

### STATE UNIVERSITY

**Ken**  
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Boy A** (R)

### UPTOWN

**Hillcrest Cinemas**  
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Bottle Shock** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; **Brideshed Revisited** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55; **Elegy** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35; **Frozen River** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Man on Wire** (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05

**Museum of Photographic Arts**  
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)  
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**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**Bears** (NR) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk** (NR) Fri. 11:00, 3:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00; **Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs** (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Sea Monsters: A Pre-historic Adventure** (NR) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 5:00

**San Diego Natural History Museum**  
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)  
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### LA MESA

**Grossmont Center 10**  
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Death Race** (R); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Mirrors** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **The Rocker** (PG-13); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG); **Tropic Thunder** (R)

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Rancho San Diego 15**  
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)  
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### SANTEE

**Santee Drive In**  
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

**Chula Vista 10**  
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



**Donsol** (Pg-13) *Friday: 7 pm, 10:30 pm, Sat-Tues: (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The House Bunny* (Pg-13) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **Death Race** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **The Long Shots** (Pg-13) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **The Rocker** (Pg-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00 12:00 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:15; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (Pg-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:00 9:30; **Mirrors** (R) (11:30 2:15) 4:45 7:15 10:00; **Tropic Thunder** (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (Pg-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 9:45 \*No 7pm Tues; **Sushi Pack** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

**Otay Ranch 12**  
Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)  
**Cirque du Soleil DELIRIUM** (NR) Sat.-Sun. 12:00p.m.; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45; **Death Race** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; **The Longshots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:50, 4:25; **Mirrors** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05 Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. 2:50, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30; **The Rocker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:05, 9:25; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10

**Palm Promenade 24**  
770 Demery Road (858-558-2262)  
**American Teen** (PG-13); **Cirque du Soleil** (Not Rated); **The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Death Race** (R); **Fly Me to the Moon** (G); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Henry Poole Is Here** (PG); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **The Longshots** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Mirrors** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **The Rocker** (PG-13); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG); **Step Brothers** (R); **Tropic Thunder** (R)

**Rancho Del Rey 16**  
East H Street (619-216-4707)  
**Bottle Shock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:45, 7:25, 9:50; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00, 9:40, 10:15; **Death Race** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; **Henry Poole Is Here** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 9:45; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **The Longshots** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:40, 10:10; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 6:40, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 6:40, 9:20; **Mirrors** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 5:05) 8:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 5:05, 8:00, 10:35; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 3:45, 6:45, 9:25; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:50) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:50, 7:45, 10:20; **The Rocker** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:55, 10:25; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:50; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:35; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri. (11:30, 12:05, 2:05, 3:00, 4:40, 5:30) 7:20, 8:05, 10:05, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:05, 2:05, 3:00) 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:05, 10:05, 10:40; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 6:55, 9:15; **WALL-E** (G)

### IMPERIAL BEACH

**South Bay Drive-In**  
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)  
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### NATIONAL CITY

**Plaza Bonita 14**  
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Death Race** (R); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **The Longshots** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Mirrors** (R);

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**Pineapple Express** — A buddy comedy, a stoner comedy, a crime comedy from the House of Apatow, about a user and his dealer — best friends — on the run from the mob. As the two dopers, James Franco mimics the classic symptoms with dedication, while Seth Rogen is content to be Seth Rogen or else powerless to be otherwise. The rampant violence and gruesome may-

hem are meant to be as full of merriment as, say, the puke on the computer printer or the English subtitle beneath the Asian thug, "Prepare to suck the cock of karma." It might be interesting as a penal experiment (for you Apatow devotees, that has nothing to do with the penis) to compel anyone amused by such stuff to sit through, in succession, *George Washington*, *All the Real*

*Girls*, *Undertow*, and *Snow Angels*. Those are the complete previous credits of the director, David Gordon Green, instantaneous poster boy for the Indie Sellout. With Danny McBride, Gary Cole, Rosie Perez. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12;

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CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN  
MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Rocker** — Pop music comedy starring Rainn Wilson and Christina Apple-

gate, directed by Peter Cattaneo.  
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**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **The Rocker** (PG-13); **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13); **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG); **Step Brothers** (R); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **WALL-E** (G)

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**Mirrors (R); The Mummy: Tomb of the**  
**Dragon Emperor (PG-13); Pineapple Ex-**  
**press (R); The Rocker (PG-13); The**  
**Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2**  
**(PG-13); Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG);**  
**Tropic Thunder (R); Vicky Cristina**  
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 3:00) 5:00 7:15 9:30; **Star Wars: The Clone  
 Wars** (PG) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 9:30; **Mirrors**  
 (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45 \*No 12:45 *Sat*  
 & *Sun*; **Tropic Thunder** (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:15  
 7:45 10:15; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) (12:15  
 3:45) 7:00 10:15; **Sushi Pack** (G) 10:30 *am*  
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8:30 10:45; **Death Race** (R) (11:30 2:00) 4:45  
7:15 9:45; **The Rocker** (Pg-13) (10:00 12:30  
3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Fly Me to the Moon**  
(G) (10:15 12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:15;  
**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) (11:15  
1:45) 4:30 7:00 9:30; **Mirrors** (R) (11:45 2:30)  
5:00 7:30 10:00; **Tropic Thunder** (R) (10:15  
12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Sisterhood of the**  
**Traveling Pants2** (Pg-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00)  
7:00 10:00 \*No 7:00pm Tues; **The Dark Knight**  
(PG-13) (12:15 3:45) 7:15 10:30; **Mamma Mia**  
(Pg-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15 \*No  
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**House Bunny (Pg-13) ((11:30 2:15) 4:45 7:30**

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10:00; **Death Race** (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 7:45  
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 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G)  
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 Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) (11:15 1:45)  
 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Mirrors** (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:00  
 7:30 10:15 \*No 12:15 Sat & Sun; **Tropic Thun-  
 der** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45;  
**Pineapple Express** (R) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:00  
 9:45; **Sushi Pack** (G) (10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

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**Bottle Shock** (Pg-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45  
8:15 10:45; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13)  
(10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Sisterhood  
of the Traveling Pants2** (Pg-13) (10:00) 5:30;  
**Henry Poole Is Here** (PG) (12:30 3:00) 8:00  
10:30; **Mamma Mia** (Pg-13) (11:30 2:00) 4:45  
7:30 10:15

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8:00 10:30; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00  
12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:15; **Star Wars:  
The Clone Wars** (PG) (11:15 1:45) 4:45 7:15  
9:45; **Tropic Thunder** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15)  
5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Dark Knight** (Pg-13)  
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**6:00 8:30 10:45; Death Race** (R) (10:15 12:45  
 3:15 5:45 8:15 10:45) **The Long Shots** (Pg-13)  
 (11:45 2:15) 4:45 7:15 9:30; **Vicky Cristina**  
**Barcelona** (Pg-13) (10:45 1:15 3:45) 6:15 8:30  
 10:45 \*No 6:15 & 8:30 Tues. **The Rocker**  
 (Pg-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Fly**  
**Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00 12:00 2:00 4:00)  
 6:00 8:00 10:00; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars**  
 (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Mir-**  
**rors** (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Tropic**  
**Thunder** (R) (10:15 11:15 12:45 1:45 3:15) 4:15  
 5:45 7:00 8:15 9:45 10:45; **Pineapple Express**  
 (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00 \*No 11:30 Sat  
 & Sun; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon**  
**Emperor** (Pg-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30;  
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the autopsy cadaver and the supposed victim. All along the way the storytelling employs withholding and delaying tactics whose effect is more annoyance than suspense; and at the finish it features a long-winded verbal summation that, besides its bookishness, compresses the absurdities into an intolerably small space. All that aside, the film is perforce populated with Frenchmen (and bilingual Canadian and British women), who, true to form, work hard and selflessly to engage our interest: François Cluzet, the Gallic Dustin Hoffman, in looks at least, if not also in rodenty intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as the absent wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) as an uptown lesbian; the formidable Nathalie Baye as a high-priced and all-business attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessive-compulsive cop on the case (exasperated, for example, at his underling's carelessness in differentiating between the trash bin and the recycling bin); and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, with supreme poise and not a hint of a knee-buckle, shoulders the brunt of the absurdity. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**To Kill a Mockingbird** — Harper Lee's nostalgic novel, a junior-high-school favorite, about growing up in smalltown Alabama, and about the lessons learned along the way, gets a slick and overstressed treatment from Robert Mulligan. The episodic narrative, which takes its time and varies its moods, has a serialized quality, and some of the installments, notably the last one, on a stormy Halloween night, with Robert Duvall putting in an appearance as the mysterious recluse Bo Radley, command attention better than others. The movie's most lasting effect may have been that Mulligan got strapped with an unshakable reputation as a patient and painstaking coach of child actors. With Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, Philip Alford, and John Megna. 1962. ★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/21 AND 22, 8:30 P.M.)

**Tropic Thunder** — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Stiller, Jack Black, Robert Downey, Jr., Matthew McConaughey, and Tom Cruise; directed by Stiller. ★★ (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)

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** — You can't claim that Woody Allen's rapid rate of production doesn't show. Even the title of this one sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision: three names off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen's British sojourn seems to be over, though he's not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist's ex-wife re-enters the scene after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer's laziest declarative vein — *I'm this, you're that, he or she's the other* — has not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the dryadust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor: "One evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend's art gallery." The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and



Hamlet 2

rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontentment and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pick-me-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. With Javier Bardem, Patricia Clarkson, Kevin Dunn, Chris Messina. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA 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 psychiatrist. The action is set back in 1994, but that's no excuse for the colors fading almost to ashes. And while Olivia Thirlby is appealing as the girl, Josh Peck isn't the most credible friendless virgin, a social pariah despite his superficial attractiveness (in a too-cool-for-school sort of way, sleepy-eyed, slack-jawed, froggy-throated) and despite his flourishing candy store. Ben Kingsley's strangeness as the psychiatrist is more the strangeness of an actor than of a character, the strangeness of an affected, abstracted manner and a stifled, indefinite accent. With Famke Janssen, Jane Adams, Mary-Kate Olsen, and Method Man; written and

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**Water Lilies** — The sexual stirrings of the *jeunes filles* of synchronized swimming. The aquatics do spruce up the adolescent banalities, if only occasionally. And the ambiguity of the "pretty girl," a virgin reputed to be a slut, rises slightly above banality. With Pauline Acquart, Louise Blachère, Adèle Haenel, and Warren Jacquin; written and directed by Céline Sciamma. 2007. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/21)

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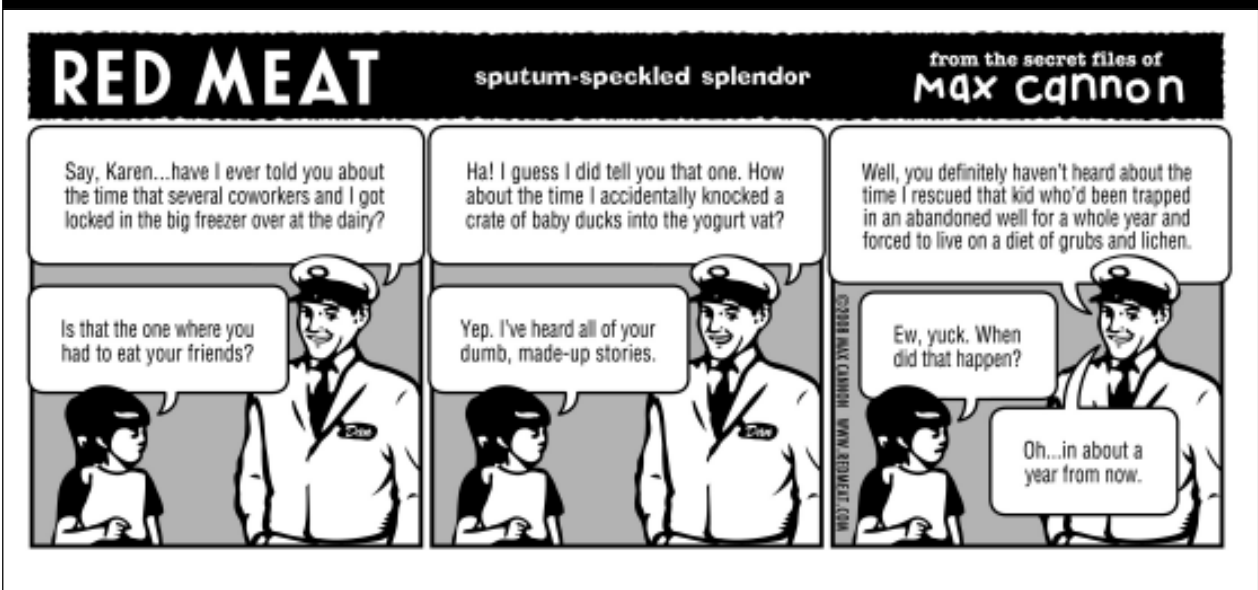
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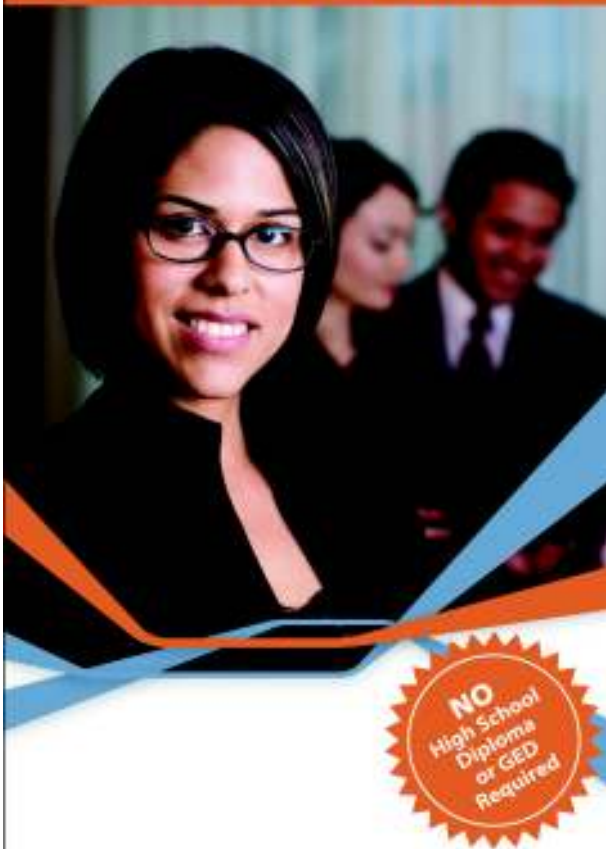
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## Sporting Box

Page 18: cycleways" . *should be* cycleways."

## Diary of a Diva

Page 23: bon bons *should be* bonbons

## Large Loud Parties

Page 26: (pullquote) the city earns *should be* the City earns

## Unforgettable

Page 30: Carl Sandberg *should be* Carl Sandburg

Page 32: nose-wheel *should be* nosewheel

## Event listings

Page 66: Anza-Borrego: *A Photographic Journey*  
Power Point *should be* PowerPoint

Page 68: *Sunset, Full Moon Walk*  
and the hike down *should be* and then hike down

## Classssical listings

Page 73: *Classical Pleasures and Treasures*  
Ravel, Beethoven, Ravel, and *should be* Ravel,  
Beethoven, and  
Page 73: *Oceanside Museum of Art*  
black and white *should be* black-and-white

## Music listings

Page 80: *The Bitter End*  
Lord L.B" *should be* Lord L.B.

## Restaurant listings

Page 110: *Donovan's*  
bearnaise *should be* béarnaise  
Page 112: *La Espadaña*  
in their *espadanas* *should be* in their *espadañas*  
Page 113: *La Doña*  
zoot-suitors *should be* zoot-suiters  
Page 114: *The Ritual Tavern*  
Coca Cola *should be* Coca-Cola  
Page 117: Village Club *should precede* Ye Olde  
Bicycle Place (alphabetization)

## What the Chef Eats

Page 117: saute *should be* sauté  
jalapenos *should be* jalapeños

17 found by **Karelyn Kimokeo** (\$170)

## Music listings

Page 82: *Canes*  
L.O.T.B" *should be* L.O.T.B.  
Page 90:  
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Page 94: *The Casbah*

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People under the Stairs *should be* People Under the Stairs

Page 104: *Sevilla*

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## Restaurant listings:

Page 117: *Swaddee Thai*  
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5 found by **Darien High** (\$50)

## Music listings

Page 94: *Cricket Wireless*  
Buffet *should be* Buffett  
Page 100: *San Diego Sports Arena*  
Disney Live!. *should be* Disney Live!

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## Event listings

Page 66: *Introduction to Pine Needle Basketry*  
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## Breaking News

Page 6: "Campaign for nonviolent offender rehabilitation" *should be* "Campaign for Nonviolent Offender Rehabilitation" (3 typos)

## Theater listings

Page 120: *The Receptionist*  
which gain meaning *should be* which gains meaning

## T.G.I.F.

Page 167: unknowingly *should be* unbeknownst

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Page 161: **The Job Pitch**,  
first-class *should be* first class

## Breaking News

Page 6: ex-Congressman *should be* ex-congressman

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Page 164: seeth *should be* seethe

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Page 167: barber shops *should be* barbershops  
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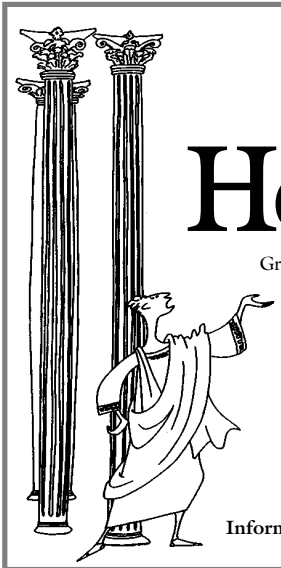


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## THE READER PUZZLE:

### RULES OF THE GAME

1) Each week we're printing a list of EVERYONE who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzle. See this week's contenders below.  
2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great opportunity for you to give a shout out to your mom, or toot your own horn! Each time you submit a new puzzle, you may submit a new message.  
3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.  
4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy.  
5) Wow! Now we're giving away 15 Reader T-shirts each week to contenders chosen randomly!  
And now for the really small print:  
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.  
2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.  
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.  
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Across

- 1. 1970 movie whose title includes three asterisks
- 5. Ming things
- 10. Wingding
- 14. Trudge
- 15. Novelist Calvino
- 16. Sound in a cave
- 17. 1969 movie whose title includes a comma and an exclamation point
- 19. Puzzle solvers' cries
- 20. Actor Holbrook
- 21. Peak period
- 22. 1995 movie whose title includes a period and an apostrophe

- 28. "Mon \_\_\_\_!"
- 29. Like some pyramids
- 30. You have to study for them
- 32. Expedia suggestion
- 33. Massage table sounds
- 36. 2000 movie whose title includes a comma, an apostrophe and a question mark
- 39. Some 45s, briefly
- 40. A lot may have a lot of them
- 41. Kama \_\_\_\_
- 42. French friends
- 43. Clears (of)
- 44. 1948 movie whose title includes an apostrophe and a question mark
- 50. Barbecue rods
- 51. Whichever
- 52. \_\_\_\_ Ness monster
- 53. 1972 movie whose title includes an apostrophe, a comma and a question mark
- 60. Furniture retailer since 1943
- 61. QB Rodney
- 62. Replica
- 63. Prell rival
- 64. She played Sophie in "Sophie's Choice"
- 65. 1997 movie whose title includes three periods

### Down

- 1. Radar reading: Abbr.
- 2. Drink on draft
- 3. Pine-\_\_\_\_
- 4. "Good" cholesterol inits.
- 5. Author Gore
- 6. Coral island

- 7. Actor Mineo
- 8. Building wing
- 9. Dim sum sauce
- 10. Relate to
- 11. Have \_\_\_\_ on one's shoulder
- 12. SeaWorld attraction
- 13. Firefighting equipment
- 18. "What have we here?!"
- 21. Book after Job
- 22. Snafu
- 23. Page-turners are good ones
- 24. "A Treatise on Human Nature" author
- 25. Spanish sherry
- 26. Hoopsters Thurmond and Archibald
- 27. Gray concealers
- 28. "\_\_\_\_ Dinah" (Frankie Avalon hit)
- 31. Wise guys?
- 32. About 39 inches
- 33. It may follow the first intermission
- 34. Can opener?
- 35. Span. ladies
- 37. Cinq + trois
- 38. Mongolian tent
- 42. In addition
- 44. Long Island town
- 45. Piped up
- 46. More pleasant
- 47. One of baseball's Alous
- 48. Photographer Adams
- 49. Where JFK Jr. got his law degree
- 53. Typist's stat
- 54. Part of a giggle
- 55. \_\_\_\_ Lingus
- 56. Chem. contaminant
- 57. \_\_\_\_ good deed
- 58. Vs.
- 59. Coleman and Young

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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

**John Rosenbach, Escondido, 10.**  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 10.** "Cats rule!"  
**Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 10.** "Register Libertarian."  
**Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 9.** "The forty dollar bill didn't matter no more."  
☛ **Vince Cuseo, Vista, 9.** "Leave the gun; take the cannoli."  
**Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 9.**  
**Karen Davies, San Carlos, 9.** "This is fun!"  
**D Faulkner, University Heights, 9.** "I rode my bike over here."  
**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 9.** "Got beer!"  
**George Jackson, Oceanside, 9.**  
**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 9.**  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 9.** "Yay team!"  
**Phil Cashman, University City, 8.**  
**Ron Meyer, Santee, 9.** "Happy Birthday, Jill!"  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 9.**

**Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 9.** "Love my family."  
**Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 9.** "JG — You are making all of my dreams come true."  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 9.** "Thursday's SD Reader puzzle is a big part of my week."  
**Julie Osburn, North Park, 9.** "Ethan Hoffner is the best boy in the world!"  
☛ **Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 9.** "If two can be alone, why can't one be together?"  
**Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 9.** "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."  
**Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 9.** "Chin more than shin, I feel nacre(d) knackered."  
**Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 7.**  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 9.** "Hi Gail at Cass Street Bar & Grill."  
**Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 8.** "Hi Kevin. Hi Pepe. Peace!"  
**H. J. Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 8.** "Another week, another message. Hi Milla!"  
**Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8.** "Thank God for football."

**Anna Cornett, Mission Hills, 8.** "It is hard to tolerate intolerance."  
**Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 8.** "I love being a winner."  
**Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 8.** "Danielle - Good luck at Oberlin!"  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 8.** "Maybe they'll get your name right, Carol!! xxx"  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 8.** "Go on vacation? And off the line!"  
**C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 8.** "Vied for a fine, fancy prize T-shirt to like, love."  
**Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 8.** "Go Kendall!!!"  
**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 8.** "Let's roll."  
**Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 7.** "Thanks Will!"  
**Jessica Romero, Chula Vista, 8.** "Hi Lucas and Lisette. John, where are the boulders?"  
**Shirley E Bolden, College Area, 7.** "Another one solved, oh yes!"  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 7.** "Grandma says Welcome to San Diego, Marie."  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 7.** "Boss, boss, de plane! De plane!"

**John L. Drehner, North Park, 7.** "How do you say, infield-fly rule in Latvian?"  
**Janet Goff, Cardiff, 7.** "Keep trying, Harry."  
**Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 7.** "The Military Industrial Complex rules!"  
**Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 7.** "Godzuki roars for you, baby!"  
**Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 7.** "www.paintwithdan.com"  
**Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 7.** "Now that you're giving away large shirts, maybe I'll get one."  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 7.** "Welcome home Joseph. We missed you."  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 7.**  
**Bill Stevens, Bay Park, 7.** "Solum potestis prohibere ignes silvarum."  
**Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 7.** "Happy Birthday Jen, Tina, and me!"  
**Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 6.** "Det var inte lett den her veckan! Tuck sa mycket."  
**Barry Newman, Escondido, 6.**  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 6.** "Hey J - do it in pen."  
**Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 6.**  
**Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 6.** "Thanks Dustin!"

☛ **Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 6.** "Michael Phelps is gold!"  
**Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 6.** "Tom and Tina's turn. Brew 4."  
**Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 6.** "Don't use a cross word except in a Reader puzzle."  
**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 6.** "John, Santa Barbara was stunning! Come next time."  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 6.**  
**Jennifer Rabner, Escondido, 6.** "Not fun!"  
**Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6.** "Say no to red and yellow cards and yes to green cards."  
**Dave Small, San Carlos, 6.** "I love a puzzle."  
**Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 5.** "Quando omni flunkus moritati."  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 6.** "Time flies when you're having fun."  
**Marie Turock, North Park, 6.**  
**Bob Werner, Bay Park, 6.** "Sydnie SDM"  
**Laurence Altobelli III, Carmel Valley, 5.** "I will catch you, John Rosenbach!"  
**Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 5.**  
**Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 5.** "Cats rule, dogs drool."  
**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 5.** "Keats and Yeats - poetic treats."

**Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 5.** "Bye, Acona. You were a good dog."  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 5.**  
**Rand Feura, Santee, 5.** "No bird cage liner, this weekly crossword!"  
**Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 5.** "Go Minnesota Twins and Vikings."  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 5.**  
**Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 5.** "Possessed by my chocolate-stained T-shirt."  
☛ **Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 5.** "You you you!"  
**Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 5.** "1, 2, 3, 4 ... Bacon!!!"  
**Barbara Neill, Santee, 5.**  
**Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 5.** "Shhhh...your zeal is showing."  
**Eric Ople, La Jolla, 5.** "Hey there Maniquis clan - rock on B.O.B. Go team USA!"  
**Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 5.** "Gwenma Hunter, keep buying green bananas! I love you, Mom!"  
**Alan Richards, San Diego, 5.** "Are you sure this time?"  
**Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 5.** "Welcome back Tibu, Bobby, and Michael."  
**Jeff Van De Moere, Banker's Hill, 5.** "San Dimas High School football rules! Open 6th already."



## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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**Tom White, University City, 5.**  
**David Castillo, Bay Park, 4.**  
*"Love you Korey Girl."*  
**Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 4.**  
*"Love you Ert Man."*  
**Maria Coda, Oceanside, 4.** *"Hi All!"*  
**Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 4.** *"Hi Nevus!"*  
**Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 4.**  
*"Dogs rule!"*  
**Nicolette Jurevics-Richards, La Jolla, 4.** *"Yes, I'm a nerd."*  
**Patrick Koegel, North Park, 4.**  
*"Another one bites the dust."*  
**James La France, Escondido, 4.** *"This one was tough!"*  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 4.** *"Last wee, missed it by that much!"*  
**Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 4.** *"The city does not own the sand at La Jolla."*  
**Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 4.** *"This was a lovely Reader from watching the Olympics."*  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 4.** *"4 on a match."*  
**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 4.**  
*"Google, cheating. Dictionary, crutch. Sister-in-law Tara, o.k."*  
**Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 4.**

☛ **Carol Simpson, Pacific Beach, 4.** *"Thanks Mom for getting me hooked on crosswords."*  
**Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 4.**  
**Jeff Smith, UTC, 4.** *"No on Prop. 8 and so-called Sarah's Law."*  
**Eddie Spaghetto, Coronado, 4.** *"TOKA143! Recherche! Pourquoi me taquines tu autant sans pitié? CIUM21."*  
**Tom Stam, Lakeside, 4.** *"Love you Teri-Dactyl."*  
**John Stead, Santee, 4.**  
**Kelley Wilson, Santee, 4.** *"Hi Mom and Dad! Love you!"*  
**Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 4.** *"B squared minus 4 AC all over 2 A."*  
**Mike Adkins, Santee, 3.**  
**A. C. Alvarez, Chula Vista, 3.** *"Super Bowl wins - Raiders 3, Chargers 0."*  
☛ **Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 3.** *"This was harder. Kearny High, c/o 1998. Love you JR."*  
☛ **Ray Batenich, North Park, 3.** *"You're a twisted puzzle maker. Thanks."*  
**Brian W. Beach, Santee, 3.**  
**Ben Brainard, Santee, 3.**  
**Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 3.**

**Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoy, Chula Vista, 3.**  
*"Destiny."*  
**Doug Coffin, Santee, 3.**  
**Dan Collins, Santee, 3.**  
**Laura Conshafter, Santee, 3.**  
**Matt Dene, Santee, 3.**  
**J. DeWitt, Santee, 3.**  
**Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 3.**  
**Kathleene Evans, Santee, 3.**  
**Mark Franc, Santee, 3.**  
**I. C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 3.** *"To have faith is to have blind trust in that certainty."*  
**Jim Glover, Santee, 3.**  
**Hugh Hagues, Santee, 3.**  
**Andy Harrison, Santee, 3.**  
**L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 3.**  
**Mark Hill, Santee, 3.**  
**Anne Hinton, 3.** *"A little help from Roger."*  
**Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 3.** *"Go crazy!"*  
**Jim Hutchings, Santee, 3.**  
**E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 3.**  
**Gary Kuske, Santee, 3.**  
**Bill Love, Santee, 3.**  
**Linda Millsberg, Santee, 3.**  
**Donnie Nelson, Santee, 3.** *"Good show!"*  
**Stephen Young, Santee, 3.**  
**Sande Penuliar, Mira Mesa, 3.** *"Hi Kuya Bong, Te Beck, Karen, Brad, and Vinniekins."*  
**Gillian Schulman, Cardiff, 3.** *"Gigs up HTL! Y'all ought to get some human sized shirts."*

**Al Stumpfhauser, Oceanside, 3.** *"You, you can do better!"*  
**Stacy Tool, Santee, 3.**  
**Woody Weaver, Santee, 3.**  
☛ **Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 3.**  
**Warren Winters, Santee, 3.**  
**Mary Woodbury, Santee, 3.** *"Fun!"*  
**Sheil Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 2.** *"This one's for you, Michael!"*  
**Doretha Albee, Santee, 2.**  
**D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 2.** *"Woo hoo! Another one done!"*  
**Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 2.** *"154 days"*  
**Carl Bennett, Escondido, 2.**  
☛ **Lorie Buehler, Carlsbad, 2.** *"Lulu, let's be a team! OX...Mom"*  
**D Martinez, Santee, 2.**  
**Max Calhoun, Vista, 2.** *"It's real nice. I got it at Target."*  
**Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 2.** *"Hey John and Mariana. Go Cubs, go!"*  
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**Monty Landy, Santee, 2.**  
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**Erin Marin, Santee, 2.**  
**Charles Overdorf, Santee, 2.**  
☛ **Jim Pilburn, Point Loma, 2.** *"Pumped a lot of 'pane' down in New Orleans."*  
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**J. Schwendinger, Santee, 2.**  
**M. Sherritt, Santee, 2.**  
**Ron Shields, Santee, 2.**  
**Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 2.**  
**Gayle Squire, Santee, 2.**  
**Bill Stevens, Oak Park, 2.** *"Bay Park Bill is my father. Luv ya Dad."*  
☛ **Hal Van Aken, Mira Mesa, 2.** *"Take someone fishing."*  
**Eli Vinson, Santee, 2.** *"Bella - sit!"*  
**Lee Woodbury, Santee, 2.**  
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**Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 1.**  
**Mary Ann Magnes, Weston, 1.** *"Hope I'm right!"*  
**Dalia Reynolds, Solana Beach, 1.** *"Happy Anniversary, Susan and Dave."*  
**Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 1.** *"22 weeks to go."*  
**Joanne Sanchez, Mira Mesa, 1.** *"6 friends + Google = solved"*  
**Don Tague, San Marcos, 1.** *"My Roro is the bomb!"*  
☛ **Mary Bradley, Clairemont, 1.** *"This is my first entry. I hope it's a winner!"*  
☛ **Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 1.** *"Thanks Grandpa Joe"*  
**Becky Reeb, San Diego, 1.** *"First time, but not my last!"*  
☛ **Jim Cacolice, San Diego, 1.**  
**Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 1.** *"Is there another word for synonym?"*  
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Retired  
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Why me? I would ask God, or whoever, why did I have a stroke at 13. I was in the hospital for two years. I had two strokes and some respiratory problems and medical conditions. I'd ask why I'm still here and kicking.



Keith Robertson  
Musician  
Sydney, Australia

My question would be why they shot and killed John Lennon. Was it just some crazy guy? Was it the government? I want answers to this. He was a big star, and he was a great musician and songwriter. He was all about spreading love and happiness, and they killed him. I want to know why.



Alonzo Lopez  
Firefighter  
Rosarito, Mexico

I'm not sure. Who am I asking the question to? Is it God? It might be a contradiction. Maybe I don't believe in God. In my culture, Catholicism is the main religion. I'm Catholic, too. But I have so many questions I'd like to ask about that. I'd have questions about miracles. I might want to ask why everyone doesn't have happiness and why there is suffering.



Ian Frazier  
Photographer  
Pacific Beach

I wasn't sure what question to ask. If you ask if there's a God or about God, or if you ask something about alien life on other planets or some deep question, and then the question is answered — well, nobody would believe me. They'd just think I was nuts. So if any question could be answered for me, I'd ask what is the easiest and fastest way to make \$10 million.



Sophie Khrash  
Assisted Living  
East County

I would ask about me and my loved ones. I'd ask about the rough path we have gone through. I would want advice and to know about any future obstacles we might have to face.



Casey Cheal  
Home Care  
Chula Vista

I would ask if things would've turned out different if I had my dad. I never knew him. I think I probably would've been the same. I had a stepfather. I just didn't know anything about my father, and I guess I'd like to have some questions answered about how my life would've been different and just know more about him.

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Reader Pop Quiz

This week's questions

- 1. Two of Eve Kelly's cousins collide this week in what recreational feature, sending one of them to the emergency room?
- 2. Whose pants fell off by accident in Barbarella's yoga class?
- 3. Lindbergh Field enforces a curfew against planes departing during what hours?
- 4. In what setting does a blonde, feeling insulted, slap Josh Board in the face?
- 5. Name one Tijuana veterinary pharmacy where a "suicide tourist" can legally obtain pentobarbital.
- 6. Name the dance piece described in "Local Events" inspired by cases of intimidation of black Americans.
- 7. In 1903, according to Don Bauder, the U.S. government declared that the Cupeño Indians were guilty of what crime?
- 8. On August 11, +44/blink-182 bassist Mark Hoppus filed suit against local firm Missicom LLC, charging it with what?
- 9. Jeff Smith rues the fact that the recently deceased local actress Priscilla Allen never got to play what literary character?
- 10. According to Matthew Alice, can drinking milk straight out of the carton make it go sour too soon?

Answers to last week's Reader Pop Quiz

- 1. A broken ankle and some abrasions. (p. 145)
- 2. Sixty percent. (p. 42)
- 3. An eagle. (p. 52)
- 4. Project Runway. (p. 23)
- 5. Fruit paste. (p. 107)
- 6. Pig rectum. (p. 109)
- 7. "We're straight edge." (p. 76)
- 8. Neon Vein, Ethyl Meatplow, and Scarnella. (p. 90)
- 9. Tane. (p. 61)
- 10. Being a spy. (p. 106)

Congratulations to last week's winner, Henry Hernandez.

Rules

Pop Quiz answers must include page number the answer is found on.  
First five correct sets of answers delivered to the Reader wins — one Reader T-shirt or \$25 per entrant.  
Answers must be submitted by Monday at 7 a.m. after the issue in question.  
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**LEAD STORY**  
— Brother Cesare Bonizzi, 62, of a Capuchin Friars monastery near Milan, Italy, is the lead singer in a heavy-metal band that recently released its second album, *Misteri* (“Mysteries”), following a successful performance at Italy’s “Gods of Metal” festival (headlined by Iron Maiden and Judas Priest). On stage, the white-flowing-bearded Brother Cesare booms out gritty but non-proselytizing lyrics while wearing his traditional brown robe. He told BBC News in July that his superiors have never interfered with his sideline and that he plans to send a copy of the new album to the pope. “He’s a music lover, and metal is music.”

**The Entrepreneurial Spirit!**  
— High Point University (just south of Greensboro, N.C.) provides free ice cream for students, a hot tub in the middle of campus, wake-up calls, and a concierge service. A campus “director of WOW” has the job of thrilling the “clients” and attracting new ones. This is the strategy of president Nido Qubein, a motivational speaker and “customer comes first” businessman, and so far, enrollment is way up (even at higher tuition), new construction is transforming the campus, and

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— Challenging New Products: (1) stilettos for toddlers (though with soft heels), from Bellevue, Wash., designer Britta Bacon, selling recently in Toronto for \$39.95 (Cdn) a pair; and (2) a rotating ice cream cone on which the scoop gently revolves counter-clockwise (sold by Kitchen Craft in the UK).

**Leading Economic Indicators**  
— The U.S. government’s \$100 billion stimulus distributed to taxpayers this spring achieved mixed results, according to economists, but at least the Internet pornography industry flourished (according to a July trade association spokesman). Adult Internet Market Research Co. reported that “20 to 30 percent” of “adult” websites reported that sales rose during the time checks were being issued. However, Nevada brothels were suffering, even though Hof’s Bunny Ranch ran a stimulus-check special: Hand over your \$600 check and get the usual \$1200 “party” (“three girls and a bottle of champagne”).  
— A July *Los Angeles Times* investigation revealed that professional fundraisers keep so much of the money donated to charity that 430 different Cal-

ifornia charities over the past ten years got not one penny of the contributions. In fact, in 337 cases, the charity paid an additional fee on top of getting nothing back (but did come away with the donors’ names and addresses, for further solicitation). Philanthropy watchdogs say fundraisers should never keep more than 35 cents on the dollar, but the *Times* found the overall average was 54 cents, and for missing-children charities, fundraisers kept 86 cents. (Fundraisers for an organization called Citizens Against Government Waste kept 94 cents.)

**Frontiers of Science**  
— Many nations are exploring how to curb cattle’s release of the greenhouse gas methane, including altering cows’ diets to reduce flatulence (which requires monitoring the gas compositions from the old and new diets). To collect the gas for measurement (according to a July report in London’s *Daily Telegraph*), researchers at Argentina’s National Institute of Agricultural Technology rigged a large plastic tank to the cow’s back with a tube to the backside to directly capture each emission. (The alternative, researchers pointed out, would require a human to follow a cow around with plastic bags.)

— Higher-Order Animal Research: (1) Britain’s Sea Life Centre announced a study in July that would give octopuses Rubik’s Cubes to play with in order to ascertain whether they use a certain tentacle for such activities or any tentacle at random. (2) Writing in the journal *Nature* in July, a team of University of Oregon biologists showed that roundworms do “calculus”-type computations, using chemosensory neurons to determine how to find food or avoid trouble.

**One Obsessive American**  
— Sam Bloomfield, 58, grew up poor on Tonga but arrived here in 1976 and says he has tried to show his gratitude ever since, according to a July 4 profile in his hometown *Herald* of Everett, Wash. He has tattooed “God Bless America” under his left eye, “Land of the Free” under his right eye, and a large “USA” across his forehead, and last year spent another 15 hours with the needle to cover the rest of his face with stars and stripes resembling an American flag.

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Age: 25  
Lives In: O.B.  
Occupation: Professional Brewer  
Favorite Surf Movie: *Endless Summer*  
Favorite Local Surf Spot: Black's

Yiga, who has surfed since he was eight, braves the crowds for a Saturday-morning session. Having been in the water bodysurfing and swimming his whole life, he has seen his share of hassles. Today is no exception.

"The beaches are always going to be crowded in the summer. The seasonal surfers come out — people who just surf during warm weather, guys that are gonna get a 6'8" and try to be Kelly Slater."

Yiga approaches the packed parking lots and full breaks calmly.

"You just have to surf around [excess people]. It's not this crowded in the winter, and the conditions are better."



He approaches surfing with a serious attitude and prefers solitude to social interaction.

"Half my friends surf, but surfing is a solo thing for me, for my own self.

Like, how people say it's a 'church'? It's good for my body, good for my soul. If friends wanna go surf when I'm going out, I'm all for it, but I don't call anyone up to arrange it."

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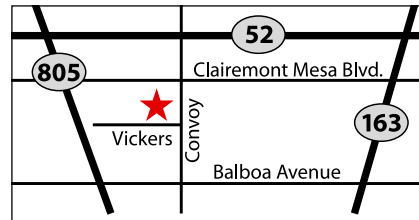
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“That’s it,” my husband Ben said as he squeezed the last box into the truck before closing the camper shell. “That’s all we can fit.” We were finally leaving Texas and moving back to California to a town whose name we couldn’t even pronounce — Guatay.

I found the ad for our new abode in the San Diego section of a popular online source for classified information. It showed a picture of a 1979 Airstream trailer with its awning unfurled, parked in a setting that was surrounded by hills. “Trailer on privat poperty in Guatay,” it said. “\$365 per monts include water.” I was met with skepticism as I showed Ben the printed page and declared that I had found the Shangri-la to where we would relocate.

It was January and freezing as we made the 1300-mile trek from Austin to San Diego. Our Nissan pickup truck labored to climb the last 4000 feet through the pass to the steep, narrow driveway of our final destination. Feeling as if we had just landed on another planet, we pulled into the narrow space by the Airstream and exhaled a loud sigh of relief.

We were barely out of the truck when we spotted a tiny woman madly waving and running toward us. She wore a brightly colored print skirt and combat boots with argyle kneesocks that were visible above the footwear. She donned a Russian Cosack jacket over a man’s sweater and a large hat that sat on top of a ski cap and tied into a big bow under her chin. Her beady eyes darted back and forth as wisps of curly gray hair poked out of her cap and danced in the wind. Her name was Giselle, and she was a former ballerina from Russia. At 80 years of age, she was still agile and graceful. We would find out later, she was also extremely nosy, pushy, and outspoken.

“You don’t have to stay here,” she said in a thick Russian accent. “Zees place may not be suitable for you.” Ben and I shot a confused look at each other as we opened the camper shell to unpack.

“This will be fine,” I answered while surveying my new home and its strange owner. “We were looking for an adventure,” I said, forcing a smile.

Before my journey I had envisioned Guatay (a town 43 miles east of San Diego that stands at an elevation of 4000 feet) as a lush, romantic hideaway. Upon my arrival in midwinter, however, what I found

was a cold, desolate, and frozen wasteland where I could hear the wildlife rustling in the bushes and the wind whipping through the sparse trees.

We unpacked quickly and collapsed into a heap inside the trailer. Aching and tired, we were anxious to get some rest. Unfortunately, rest was the last thing we would get that night.

The heater had stopped working. To assess the problem, Ben crawled under the console in front of the trailer and removed the fuse box (which wasn’t supposed to be removable). Outside, the fierce wind blew so hard it shook the trailer and seeped through the fuse box hole, blasting us with a teeth-chattering draft. We were miserable.

The next morning we told Giselle about the heater. “I have zee electwic heetah,” she responded. “I go get it.” Minutes later she came scurrying down the little slope that separated her home from the trailer pad with a small, radiator-like electric heater. We plugged it into the outlet that evening and basked in the warmth. Just as we were toasty enough to finally peel off our parkas, the electricity stopped flowing.

“When you use zee heetah, you cannot use zee lights.” Lights? We were only using a small night-light so we could find our way to the bathroom in the darkness.

The following week we experienced an overflowing toilet, pilot lights refusing to ignite,

Editor’s note: The winner of the \$250 second-place prize for July is printed below.

Next issue, August 28, we’ll print the third-place July winner (\$100).

The deadline for neighborhood essay entries for this month is August 31, 12 midnight.

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a regurgitating bathtub, more propane problems, a leaking water heater, and frozen water lines. Although annoying, these inconveniences paled in comparison to the inexplicable visions I was having of a tribal chief who was paid nocturnal visits to me on a regular basis.

I was sure the Airstream was parked on sacred ground — or haunted. Every night, somewhere between midnight and dawn, I would wake up from a sound sleep to see “the chief,” as I called him, standing by my bed. He never said anything — just stared out the small window above me into the clear, starry sky. I didn’t know if it was a dream, an apparition, or the pressure of being one notch above homeless causing me to go insane.

The first time he appeared I screamed, and he vanished. The next time I wanted to get a better look at him, so I held my breath and merely trembled in my sleeping bag. He was tall and muscular, with graying hair pulled back into a braid. He wore fringed buckskin and had a full headdress adorned with elaborate feathers and beads. He was very handsome — fairer than the stereotypical Native American. His blue crescent-shaped eyes matched the soft, early-morning sky. His sanguine skin stretched over high cheekbones and curved into his full lips that formed a slightly lopsided grin above his well-defined chin.

“What do you want?” I asked. No answer. “What is your message?” I thought by using the word “message” that it sounded more spiritual and he

would respond. Still no answer. “Who are you?” Silence.

After about a month I told Ben about the chief. Ben wasn’t interested. He was still having his own issues with the fuse box — and now, exorbitant electric bills. Giselle had presented us with a \$150 invoice resulting from the use of the electric heater (along with a \$50 bill for the collective trash we hauled down the hill every week and a \$25 bill to access her DIRECTV).

My nightly visions consisted of seeing Ben’s bare posterior sticking out of the trailer’s console while he jiggled fuses and a mute tribal chief staring out of the window by my bed.

Months passed, and by spring we finally adjusted to life in Guatay. We accepted the Airstream’s ailments along with the long journey to civilization and the proper way to avoid rattlesnakes. We made friends with the propane/grocery/hardware-store owner and the workers at the two small cafés where we dined. We personally knew our mail carrier — when he would be at our mailbox (a mile down the road) and when he would be at the post office, which closed for an hour or so every day during lunch. We discovered how life is lived “4000 feet above care” and the quickest route to a Laundromat (13 miles away). For an exciting night on the town we ventured into nearby Descanso or Pine Valley for pizza.

By this time Giselle had totally invaded our privacy and dictated our eating, living, and working habits. I never knew a

tiny, Russian ex-ballerina could be such a Gestapo agent. More than once our intimate moments were interrupted by her pounding at the window. Every day we found a bowl of leftover organic something or other at the door. I would eat my share. Ben would throw his away. Giselle was an avid user of colonics and would always inform us of the latest meal that went into her body where it should have been coming out. I once informed her of a new organic coffee I found, only to have her relate, in great detail, how she absorbed the same product while inverted. So much for full-bodied flavor.

The chief was still making his appearances without saying a word. I scoured the library and spoke with locals to try and find out who he was. No one knew. By late spring I had grown comfortable with his company and chatted in a one-sided conversation. I complimented his outfit and always asked if there was anything he needed. I was hoping to pass Giselle’s leftover organic meals to him, but he never indicated interest in her cuisine.

As the weather became warmer, flowers began to bloom, and the hills became a vivid shade of green. Guatay almost resembled the picture I carried in my mind before that day in January when we first arrived. I watched a beautiful lilac bush that grew by our door sprout little shoots and then buds. I was anxiously awaiting the blooms when, to my horror, I awoke one morning to find all the stems lopped off. Giselle coyly informed me that she presented the bud-

ding flowers as a birthday gift to a friend.

The balmy days lured us into making a daily pilgrimage to the beach. With summer approaching, we couldn’t bear to be away from the sounds and smells of the ocean. Sadly, we would have to leave the shore shortly after noon to make it back to Guatay before rush hour so that the truck could get a running start up the steep grade. When an opportunity presented itself for us to permanently move to the beach, we did.

It was the end of May when we once again packed up the Nissan to head to yet another new home. This time it was to a beautiful apartment with no heating problems. We waited for Giselle so we could say goodbye, but she didn’t arrive before we had to head down the driveway for the last time. Passing through the gate that she was now keeping locked, I noticed a new sign posted at the entrance that threatened trespassers with imprisonment. “She misspelled the word ‘sheriff,’” I said quietly as we took the sharp turn to the main road.

Not long after we were in our new home we received a check from Giselle for \$150. It had a note attached that said, “Refund for heet. Hope you not mad.”

We haven’t been back to visit since that warm, sunny day we left. The old Nissan probably wouldn’t make it up the hill these days. But I often think about Giselle, Guatay, the Airstream, and the chief and wonder how they all are doing.

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**MISSION BEACH.** \$1495. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Parking. No pets. Nonsmoking. Small patio/storage. Carpet/paint. Appliance. 725 Rockaway Court. Juno, 619-275-3455.

**MISSION BEACH.** Bayfront. \$2400. 3784 Bayside Walk, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Lease September 2008 to May 2009. Phillips Realty, 858-354-2344.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1200/up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking. Pets OK. La Paloma Apartments. Open daily, 1-5pm. 3911 Dove. 619-297-1134.

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**MISSION VALLEY.** \$2500. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, beautiful newer 2 story condo. Refrigerator, stove, 2-car garage, yard with patio. Gated community. Near trolley. 7691

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**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1250. Friars Pointe. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Downstairs. Carport. Pool, spa. Cat OK. 6354 Rancho Mission Road, #501. Agent, 619-469-7790. [www.westmanproperties.com](http://www.westmanproperties.com).

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1295. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, gated, walk-in closet, all appliances, air conditioning, balcony, pool, spa, fitness room. 6780 Friars Road #248. 619-804-3325.

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**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1060. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, parking included, fitness center, fireplace. Fee. Free search at [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com). 619-367-3333.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 baths apartment, 6-months lease, close to freeways/dining/shops. Fee. Free search at [www.westsiderentals.com](http://www.westsiderentals.com). 619-367-3333.

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**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath cozy condo features spacious walk-in closets in both bedrooms. Ceiling fans throughout. 2258 Gill Village Way #1016. [www.UtopiaManagement.com](http://www.UtopiaManagement.com) 858-598-1111 x193.

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**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750. Charming upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath, appliances, walk-in closet, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Near all. Cat ok. 4625 35th Street #12. 619-804-3325.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$725 rent. \$600 deposit. OAC. 1 bedroom duplex. Parking lot. No pets. At 3039 Monroe Avenue. Agent. 619-299-8515.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$750 rent. \$600 deposit. OAC. Large 1 bedroom. Parking space. Laundry room. No pets. At 4044 32nd Street #5. Agent. 619-299-8515.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750/month. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment. Wood floors. \$500 deposit. 4120-A Iowa Street. No pets. Available now. 619-669-9953.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$895. Very nice, large, clean and bright 1 bedroom apartment. Dishwasher. Lots of tile. Off-street parking. Laundry. 2524 Polk, #B. 619-795-8691, 760-238-2222.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Available now! No pets. 4328 Louisiana Street #4. Call 858-926-6093. www.Cal-Prop.com.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$975. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Large living room. Small pet on approval. 3766 Villa Terrace. Agent. 858-560-1178.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$875. 1 bedroom. Bright, upstairs apartment with huge closets in quiet small complex. New designer carpet. Controlled access, off-street parking, coin laundry. No pets. 4381 Utah #5. TPPM, 619-296-8802.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1060. Large 2 bedroom. Quiet, garden setting. Close to golf course, restaurants and shops. Laundry. No pets. 3058 Ivy Street. TPPM, 619-255-8638.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Small well-maintained property with courtyard and pool. No pets. 4192 Mississippi Street. TPPM, 619-299-9897.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1250. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, dishwasher, 2 car garage, free basic cable TV. 3960 Idaho #9. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

**NORTH PARK.** \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, laundry, parkin. No pets. 4060 Iowa #7. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

**NORTH PARK.** \$1695. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, all appliances, washer/dryer hookups, private patio. Parking. Cat ok. 3376 Grim Avenue. 619-804-3325.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. 3 blocks to beach. Carpet, refrigerator, stove. No pets. 4970 Muir Avenue. 619-222-6427.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1450. Large, quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath, all appliances, washer/dryer, new carpet, gardener, off-street parking. Clean. Bright. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-457-3905.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1995. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, all appliances, washer and dryer, fireplace, ceiling fan, private patio, pool. Blocks to beach. 3845 Groton Street #2. 619-804-3325.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1450. \$1000 deposit. OAC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available 9/7. Upstairs. 2 blocks from water. Cat OK. 4878 Saratoga Avenue #202. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$975, large studio. \$1600, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. No pets. Block to beach. Walk to shops and nightlife. 1929 Bacon Street. 619-224-3443.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1245. Block to beach! 2 bedroom apartment. Berber carpeting. Ceiling fan. Laundry. Shared 35' deck. Parking. No pets. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

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## *In the Reader*

### Thirty Years Ago

"I came across polyethylene foam in the 1960s," he told me recently. "But it took a long time to turn it into something that could be used to ride waves. You could say I developed the Boogie the same way you're going to develop your article about it — piece by piece, very slowly."

Three years later Morey had improved the design to the point where he felt he had a marketable piece of merchandise.... In Carlsbad that same year he ran into Jim Faivor, an unemployed carpenter in his early 50s. "He had tooling experience and seemed to know just how to tool the board and shape it."

—**"LESS IS MOREY,"** Gordon Smith, August 24, 1978

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

According to an eyewitness, one of the whales — identified solely by its *nom de théâtre*, Kando — held trainer Bud Crames by his left side in its mouth for approximately 60 seconds. During that time, Crames made sounds of the resonance and intensity that one normally associates with cries for help. The other trainers rushed over, ordered the whale to release him, and pulled him from the pool.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"HARD ACT TO SWALLOW,"**

Abe Opincar, August 25, 1983

### Twenty Years Ago

When I first learned about the "Marketplace" Mr. [Sol] Price was going to open, I thought, *Isn't it great to see someone take a chance on our community?*

Now we find out that for the most part, between the six acres the San Diego City Council donated for his project and the "sales-tax rebate" with which his corporation will be repaid for the money he did invest, it looks like Mr. Price will come out a big winner in this whole matter.

Of course, the big losers will be the Southeast and Logan Heights communities — as usual.

—LETTERS: **"HERE'S TO THE LOSERS,"** Al Ducheny, Chairman, Steering Committee, Harborview Community Council, August 25, 1988

### Fifteen Years Ago

There are 18,000 deaths in San Diego County each year. A single San Diego funeral home handles 15 corpses a month. Five of those bodies — former military personnel, late Mexican nationals — are sent back home. Ten are disposed of here. "Out of ten funerals" calculates Frankie Clemens, "four are cremated, for sure. Two are shipped elsewhere, one is buried in an exist-

ing grave."

—**"REMEMBER YOU MUST DIE AND SOMEONE HAS TO CARVE YOUR EPITAPH,"** Mary Lang, August 26, 1993

### Ten Years Ago

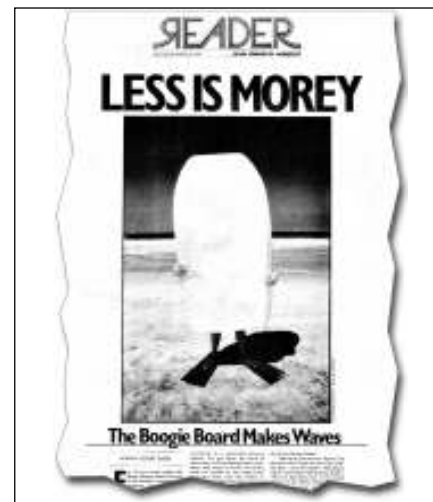
My husband and I are in a rock band. It keeps us married. Well, that and the psychiatrist we see monthly. We used to see her weekly, but after ten years, we're on the maintenance plan. Or that's what my husband says.

We built a music studio in our garage, insulated it with soundboard, and padded it with those foam mattresses they use in hospitals. We bought out the supply at several UFO stores. The foam we bought looks like a sea of egg cartons. "Lots of surface area" would be the chemist's explanation (my husband's a chemist). We crossed our fingers that the neighbors wouldn't call the police.

—**"NO ONE COMPARES ME TO OTHER FAMOUS FRENCH HORN ROCK AND ROLLERS,"** Jennifer Ball, August 27, 1998

### Five Years Ago

Luckily, someone in Bronwyn managed to arrange a show at the Cherry Bomb, a place I used to know as the Boardroom on First Street. I was still responsible for finding a



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place for all seven of them to sleep. When they arrived on Friday, they first came to my place. Standing in my room, they were just barely able to fit. I was fortunate enough to have a friend whose place they could crash at. So after a few drinks at Scolari's Office, we headed over there.

—CRASHER: **"PRETTY MUCH A PARTY ALREADY,"** Daniel Ridge, August 21, 2003

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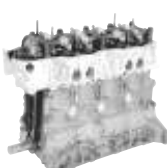
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you. In Russia...wait...I have my “ride one funny joke into the dirt and whip the corpse until it turns to dust and salt” comedy tours confused.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

ATCHAFALAYA HOUSEBOAT

PBS 10:30 P.M.

I swear there’s a Ministry of Unpronounceable Words somewhere in Louisiana whose motto is: “Let’s see if those dumbass Yankees can say this!”

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

ABC 10:00 P.M.

Once again the major networks

choose the less-entertaining option. The National Convention of Schizophrenic Aestheticians is by far the more interesting rally to cover. “What do we want?! Eyebrows! When do we want them?! Teddy Bears! What do we Scotch Tape?! Unicorns! When do we...uh... My hand is on fire.”

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

BLOODSPORT

VERSUS 7:00 P.M.

If you haven’t seen this in quite a while, you are in for a treat. Eighties action movies didn’t age well. I caught the last hour of this the other day, and my running commentary consisted wholly of: “I don’t remem-

ber this being gay. Holy cow is this gay. Wha...? He just pledged eternal devotion to that big hairy guy from *Revenge of the Nerds*. He’s totally ignoring that hot chick. Wow, this is gay.”

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

GUARDING THE QUEEN

PBS 8:00 P.M.

Since this is on PBS (stupid PBS), I’m guessing this is about an actual queen, most likely of England, and that’s *muy stupido* and boring. I’d totally be in if this were about something interesting...say, Freddie Mercury’s toothbrush and jock-strap handler. FREDDIE! I LOVE YOU! FREDDIE!



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## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

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(MARATHON)

VERSUS 5:00 P.M. UNTIL 11:00 P.M.

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**DESK,** blond, 5'x2-1/2', 4 drawers, \$25. 858-792-7317.

**DESK,** oak rolltop, 52"x45-1/2", \$150. 2 highback fireside chairs, both \$40. Corner fireplace, will heat by sternal, \$40. 760-599-0249.

**DESK,** very nice 2 drawer wood, beautifully turned legs, \$20. 619-269-1153.

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**DINING TABLE,** sturdy oak, nice finish, 36x54 with leaf, only \$40. Desk lamp, green shade, \$12. 2 high oak chairs, padded, \$25. Encinitas, 760-230-6542.

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# T.G.I.F.

"Someone owes us respect, the right of way, and the freaking parking space."

By John Brizzolara

We San Diegans are a self-congratulatory lot; the weather itself is, to us, a kind seal of approval on our meritocracy. After 28 years here, I see it much this way if I don't think about it too thoroughly. My first and pretty much only shot across the bow at what has become my town is our apparent lack of humor when it comes to us. Not much criticism of our paradise is brooked in casual conversation on elevators downtown, at the water cooler, and never during weekend recreational activities. And why should it? We host America's Finest Fridays and America's Finest Weekends.

In a recent conversation with a neighbor from the Bronx, he was groping for a word to describe a certain unfortunate attitude about us and eventually hit upon the word "entitlement." It is as if, he said, by virtue of our finding ourselves here one way or the other "someone, somehow, and everywhere owes us respect, the right of way, and the freaking parking space. Know what I mean?"

I do, in a way. Nathanael West put it very well at some length in his short Hollywood novel *The Day of the Locust*. While he was talking about Los Angeles, he may as well have been talking about us and all Californians who, after some life-upheaving hassle, made our way here and found ourselves cheated in some unidentifiable way. I stand by this, especially after meeting the proportionately few native Californians and San Diegans who suffer no such sense of being screwed.

I resisted this town for years and for

typical New Yorker reasons, but no longer. Within four years of moving here I would find myself at regular intervals looking around me and seeing that it was good.

The weekend I have planned for this third of them in August will be a quiet one. It may involve the beach if I can swing it, a number of paperback books, and a swimming pool among friends. Other props likely to play a role will be a borrowed Yamaha acoustic and what I assume will be an adoring audience of bikini-clad college girls at either pool or surfside. Some kind of barbecue is hardly out of the question, liberally peppered with intelligent conversation among smart professionals, some artists, teachers, and at least one family member. I say this with reasonable confidence after making only the most tentative plans with a few relatively new Californians but folks who have been here long enough to assure me that one way or another, some version of this idyllic scene will materialize. This, after a conversation consisting only of phrases such as:

"We'll play it by ear."

"Are you okay with me taking your guitar to the beach?"

"Whatever. Maybe we'll do some billiards in the rec room after lunch."

"Something light."

"Chicken."

"Something."

"You gonna drive or Rick?"

"We'll go with the flow."

Had this conversation taken place 2000 miles to the east, no information would have been exchanged, no commitment from anyone to even show up. Nothing would have been established, and the weekend would still be a question mark. Here, it's a done deal, time and place being left to a cell-phone call on Friday, maybe Saturday morning, and this is assumed. No phone call is even mentioned. In the lead time between that conversation and that third weekend this month, we may well have gone to war with Iran, forest fires may be choking the skies of North County, and Obama may have been outed as a radical Islamic terrorist; but with the possible exception of the second contingency, I am reasonably certain that I will be doing something much like what I described.

"What about a movie?"

"Sure, if we've got time."

"Your kids gonna be there?"

"Who knows?"

"I'll pick up something we can enjoy."

"Like what?"



Beach-blanket Brizz

"I don't know. What am I? A wedding planner?"

"Don't get that one."

"No."

"I'll call you back?"

"When?"

"I don't know...you know."

Being vague is not feeling entitled. It is, when you think about it, an evolved sense of faith. Presumption may be unwise, but look at the record. For every miserable weekend I've spent in 28 years here, I can point to hundreds more that have more or less fulfilled the promise of California extended to me in Annette Funicello movies 45 years ago in Chicago.

So I am unlikely — as Donald Sutherland did at the end of the film version of *Locust* — to stomp to death an effeminate, preadolescent boy singing "Jeepers Creepers" at the rec-room premiere of whatever it is I select at the video store for that day. Even if mushroom clouds sprout in the Middle East or our own skies are apocalyptically raining ash, and Obama cracks during a speech to the Daughters of the American Revolution — deranged on hashish and begins shouting, "May the rivers flow red with the blood of the infidel!" — I am reasonably assured of yet another of America's Finest Weekends. I may register as a Republican after all.

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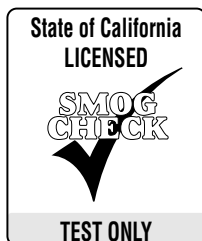
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