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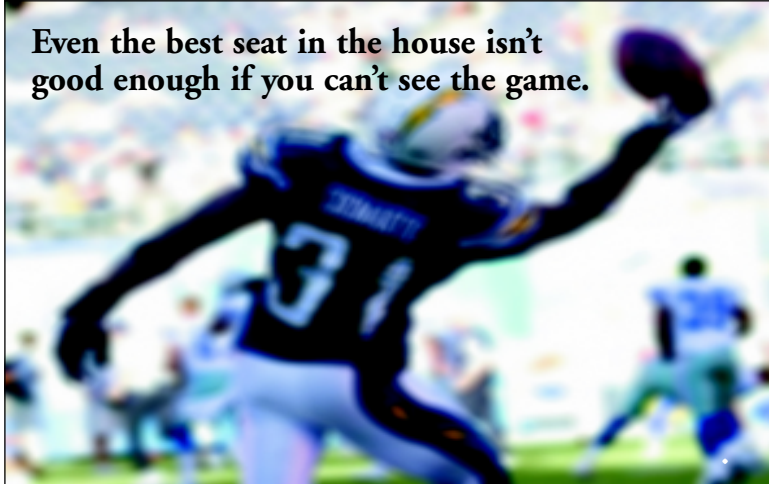
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Anything for a buck One of La Jolla's most august and well-heeled institutions is



throwing a fund-raising party inspired by the classic 1970s porno movie, *Debbie Does Dallas*. A flyer for the September 6 bash, "Debbie Does Disco," put on by the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego,

announces that "Everyone at MCASD scores when your pom-poms fly!" It continues: "After the sun sets, MCASD invites you to put on your boots, tease up your hair, and two-step over for some wild and naughty antics at Debbie's Disco."

The invitation, which features a facsimile of the poster for the movie, goes on to warn that admission to the racy affair is limited to "ladies and gentlemen over 21." The event is part of a bigger fund-raiser on the same night called Monte Carlo Does Dallas, billed as the museum's "annual gala fundraiser." Tickets start at \$650. The Debbie portion is \$50 for museum members, \$75 for nonmembers. But those tapped-out La Jollans whose subprime mortgages have gone into default needn't fret: according to the small print at the bottom of the invite, city law mandates that "no purchase is necessary to participate in the casino party, which is open to the general public." According to the museum's IRS filing for 2006, the latest available, the Monte Carlo event grossed \$428,485 that year, netting \$199,842; the salary of museum director **Hugh Davies** was \$305,834. ... Yet another highly paid administrator at UCSD has gotten a hefty raise. This time it's engineering dean **Frieder Seible**, whose annual salary was boosted a whopping 25 percent, or \$65,200, to a total of \$326,100. The university justified the increase by saying that Seible has just completed a "stellar five-year review" and helped raise "\$240 million (\$40 million more than originally planned) in UCSD's recent \$1 billion fund-raising campaign."

Extremism in the defense of politics

Just how ideologically polarized is San Diego's state legislative delegation? Pretty much, judging from a recently released scorecard of how legislators voted on a series of critical bills. But some are more absolute than others. According to the survey, conducted by Sacramento-based, nonpartisan *Capitol Weekly* — in which a perfect liberal score was 100 and a perfect conservative score was zero — El Cajon's Republican assemblyman **Joel Anderson** was tied with six of his GOP colleagues for most conservative, all with zeroes. North County assemblyman **Martin Garrick** wasn't far behind, with a 2. By comparison, La Jolla's **George Plescia**

looked like a raving liberal, with 15, and Chula Vista's **Shirley Horton** was even further to the left, with 22. Crossing the aisle to the Democrats, San Diego's **Lori Saldaña** posted the delegation's most liberal voting record at 97. Chula Vista's **Mary Salas** had a 94.

Over in the senate, Escondido's **Mark Wyland** tied with four of his GOP colleagues, all of whom came in with zeroes. Democrat **Denise Ducheny** looked more like a moderate, with 73. By contrast, her Democratic colleague **Christine Kehoe** was awarded 100. Among the assembly votes sampled were those on gay marriage (Saldaña and Salas, yes; Anderson, Garrick, Horton, and Plescia, no) and handing out condoms to prisoners to help prevent AIDS behind bars (Saldaña, yes; Salas, not voting; all the Republicans, no). ... JMI Realty, the development outfit belonging to Padres owner **John Moores**, has just registered to



Christine Kehoe

lobby the state legislature regarding two of the firm's big projects: Ballpark Village in San Diego and a condo development near the train station in Fullerton. Representing JMI will be KP Public Affairs, the home of **David Takashima**, a former top aide to ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace**, who currently works for Moores. The firm also represents Petco and the Barona tribe.

Marriage vows Late summer has been a busy fund-raising time for opponents and advocates of Proposition 8, the measure on November's ballot to ban gay marriage in California. And, in what has become a regular theme of the campaign, yet another Sempra Energy executive joined the fray. **Gloria Rowland**, the giant utility firm's senior vice president for human resources, gave \$26,000 to the No on 8 forces on August 21. The San Diego-based American Institute of Bisexuality also gave \$5000 to the "no" side. Locals in favor of the measure included conservative talk-show host **Roger Hedgecock** (\$1000); Poway's **Pamela Capelo**, a lawyer with Cooley Godward Kronish (\$5000); Escondido lawyer **Ned Israelsen** (\$3000); Qualcomm engineer **Gary Short** (\$1000); Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop **Salvatore Cordileone** (\$3000); and Rancho Santa Fe's **Richard Romney** (\$2000). ... Meanwhile, local money has started to come into the campaign for Proposition 5, a controversial measure to water down drug laws opposed by the likes of San Diego County district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis** and ex-governor **Pete Wilson**. **David Bergman**, a physician from Rancho Santa Fe, and **Joann Clark**, chief executive officer of Valhalla Scientific, each gave \$1000.



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— Matt Potter

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Hoax?

By Don Bauder

Is the proposal to build a 40-foot-high, 100-acre concrete deck over the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal so far-fetched from an

engineering and economic viewpoint that it is really a hoax? Is the envisioned project, which citizens will vote on in November, essentially a ruse to get the public's okay to utilize the facility for non-maritime purposes and then use that vote as a crowbar to oust the port altogether? In short: a bait and switch?

Engineering experts, scratching their heads over a proposal they consider preposterous, say it may be a subterfuge to accomplish a takeover. Experts in initiative wording see potential loopholes that could accomplish such an objective.

It's called "The Port of San Diego Marine Freight Preservation and Bayfront Redevelopment Initiative." The disingenuousness of the name suggests that humbuggery lurks. "The title is so mis-

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leading," says Sharon Bernie-Cloward, president of the San Diego Port Tenants Association. "This is about taking the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal over."

Ray Carpenter, president of National City's R.E. Staite



Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal

Engineering, snorts, "That area is on dredged fill. You would have to penetrate the dredged soils 40 to 50 feet, and probably another 20 or 30 feet to go down to San Diego formational material." His company has driven piles for foundations for the San Diego Convention Center and nearby waterfront hotels. He notes, "It is in an earthquake fault zone. Just the safety issues alone are enough to stop the

project." So many columns would be required that it would be impossible to do port business, says Carpenter.

He thinks it would cost a billion dollars just to put up the deck. Any buildings on top of the deck — football stadium, sports arena, convention center expansion, hotel, shopping center — would be a huge add-on cost. A football stadium would be another billion bucks.

"It doesn't make any sense financially," says Carpenter. Once the people vote for it in principle, the promoters will

say it is not cost-effective to build a deck after all. "They will say they will build on the terminal [ground] level and adhere to the will of the people," says Carpenter. "It is a hoax. A landgrab."

Steve Erie, political science professor at the University of California, San Diego, who has studied how initiatives can be worded misleadingly, thinks he has found the loop-

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You Blog, You're Out

By Michael Hemmingson

Solana Beach, summer 2002. A job interview. "So you like to post on the Internet a lot," said the human resources person.

"Yeah," I said. "How do you know?"

"Did some online investigating." The term "to google" was not yet widely used. "I came across your two blogs and some posts you made on news groups, and there was a listserv. And something about you posting under a pseudonym at UCSD."

"Do you always do this?" I asked.

"We do now. A lot of companies are running Net checks during prescreen."

"I see," I said, wondering if anything embarrassing, scandalous, or plain stupid had been uncovered from my early years as a keyboard cowboy.

"Tell me, would you ever

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Heather B. Armstrong

blog about your work environment, if you were to be hired here?"

"Not at all," I replied.

"Even in code?"

"I'm sure I would have better things to blog about," I said, waving my hand as though it were nothing. I quickly added, "You know, life, concerts, politics, the weather..."

"Have you ever blogged about previous jobs?"

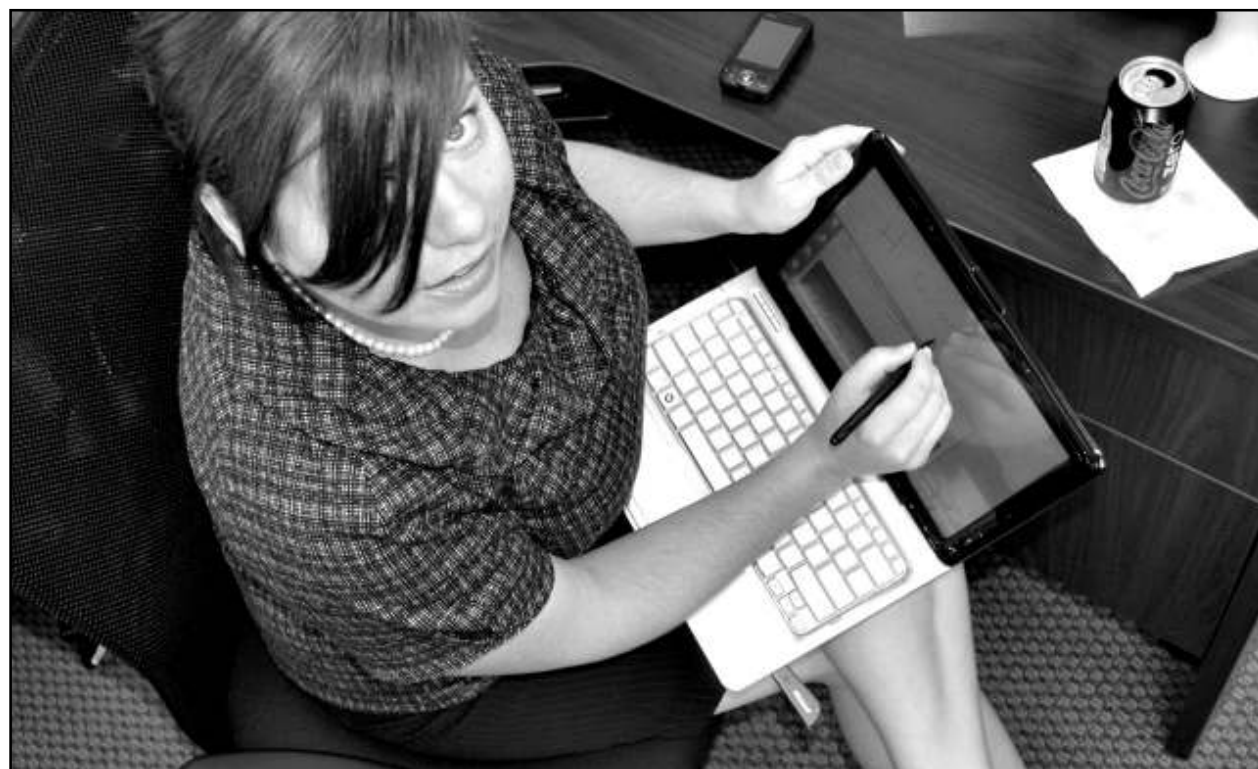
"You tell me," I said jokingly. "You read my blogs."

My interviewer's face was stone-cold straight.

I had, but that blog no longer existed. "No," I responded. I knew the interview wasn't going any fur-

ther. I was told they would call me within 48 hours. The call never came. Was I pre-dooiced? *Urbandictionary.com* defines "dooce" as "1. To be fired from your job because of the contents of your weblog. 2. To get fired from your job because you post about your job on your weblog." In 2002, Heather B. Armstrong, now a wife and mother in Salt Lake City, contributed a new word to the global lexicon when her blog, *dooce.com*, was the reason for her job termination. ("Dooce" was a common typo she made for "dude" when chatting online.) At the time she was living in Los Angeles, exploring a new life free of the restrictions of the Mormon faith she'd left behind, dating actors, and working as a Web designer. In her blog, she chronicled her life, which included talking about her job and coworkers. Her firing sparked an online debate about blogging subjects, First Amendment issues, privacy concerns, Internet tyranny and control, and systematic censorship. The debate jumped from her blog to newsgroups and finally the media. This occurred at a time when the political sector was discussing whether bloggers were journalists, with the same protective rights as reporters.

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Chris Morrow

Another word for blogger is "escribionist," "a person who keeps a diary or journal via electronic means, and in particular, publishes their entries on the world wide web," according to Wikipedia. "Escribionist" was conceived in June 1999 by Erin Venema, an "online diarist," in an email to a list of "web journalers."

Local escribionist Chris Morrow, a former spokesperson for *livejournal.com*, once one of the largest blogging sites, says she was dooiced before the word existed and has faced stigma because of her online presence. Her website, *gigglecam.com*, has been visually recording her married life with her husband Marty since 1998. They were pioneers of online reality programming. The website once attracted hundreds of thousands of voyeuristic visitors, fans, enemies; there were write-ups in magazines and guest spots on radio and television talk shows. The webcams followed them from Dallas to the Gaslamp Quarter to their loft in Little Italy, shut down only when moving; otherwise, the cams run 24/7, available online to anyone who wishes to view the couple watching TV, playing with their dogs, or entertaining guests.

"We're not so unique anymore," Morrow says. "Everyone has a cam up. But when we started, no one else was doing this sort of thing." She

concedes that catering to people's fascination with peeking into the private lives of strangers has its downside. There was the stalker.

He started off as an Internet friend that she never met in real life. "He got weird, wanting my attention more and more," she says. "I clipped him and then started to receive letters from the *Calvin and Hobbes* attorney. I published the comic in my chronicles. The cease and desist letter said to take it down. I also got a letter from Discovery Channel. I had an agreement to display their cams in my

chat room. This guy sent them a letter saying I was a porn site and how appalled he was that the Discovery Channel was associated with porn."

The individual contacted her employer next. "I was working for a dot-com start-up, CU Shopper. This was in 2000. The stalker sent them letters and said I was writing about work in my Web journal. I wasn't. I was writing about me. They called me on it, and I was let go."

She wasn't going to stop blogging. It was a way of life for her. Not wanting to be fired again, she told poten-

tial employers up front what she did online. "I went to temp agencies," she said, "and told them I had an online journal. They didn't react well. They said, 'We feel uncomfortable you do that.'"

Cushopper.com, "a California-based provider of direct and online shopping to credit union members," according to a 2000 press release, no longer seems to exist. The website now lists references to mystery shopping providers.

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"The Internet has changed in many social ways," Chris Morrow says.

Today, a person can be dooiced for any activity on the Web, from posting content, written or visual, on YouTube, MySpace, or Facebook, to podcasting, BBS posting, digital surfing, cyber-villaging, broadband pontificating, Web whistle-blowing, hypergossiping, or speechifying in the data slipstream.

Ellen Simonetti, a former employee of Delta Airlines, maintained a blog entitled "Queen of Sky: Diary of a Dysfunctional Flight Attendant." She claims she kept the blog as a form of therapy after

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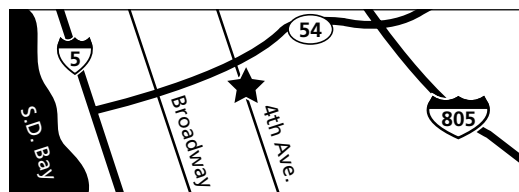
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hole. In one section, the proposal talks of "flexibility for consideration of a wide array of development options" and later, more ominously, says, "grade level acreage need not be used exclusively for the existing marine-related industrial activities." In football, that's called encroachment.

"This is the money shot," says Erie. "This gives them leeway to rezone and reuse the existing terminal-facilities space. It is a sneaker clause — what we call a killer clause."

Adds Erie, "This is a con job." The promoters say they will only use air rights above the port and it will cost the taxpayers nothing. "But this gives them \$2 billion worth of development rights for nothing."

"Once you use the ground level for other purposes, you displace the businesses down there doing maritime work and create congestion problems," says Irene McCormack, port spokesperson. She is wary of the same loopholes that bother Erie and Carpenter.

Jim Mills, former president pro tem of the California Senate, notes that while there have been similar facilities built over rail yards, there has been nothing like this constructed over a working port. He notes that near the port are yards of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, as well as trolley yards. But if the promoters went to either, "They would say, 'Sure, let's talk about it. Let's talk about price,'" says Mills. By building over port land, there would be no such discussion. They would try to walk away with it for free. When he was in the state assembly in the 1960s, Mills coauthored the bill that cre-

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ated the port. From then to the present, "The first priority is the handling of maritime trade," he says.

Mills also notes that if the initiative passes, the port's board must within 60 days enter into an exclusive negotiating agreement with a private developer to work out the details of the new plan. The San Diego-based promoters, developers Richard Chase and Frank Gallagher, have been working on this for a year and a half. "No [other] firm could analyze the possibilities and problems in 60 days," says Mills. Chase and Gallagher would not only be in the driver's seat, they would be sitting there alone.

While Chase and Gallagher claim that the air rights could be used for all kinds of structures, it is clear that a Chargers stadium is what's on the establishment's mind. Gallagher, for example, claims that if a football stadium and/or sports arena would occupy the space above the port, the City could use the Qualcomm and Sports Arena spaces for residential and commercial purposes, and — shazam! — the tax revenue could pay off the pension deficit and keep the Chargers in San Diego to boot.

Mark Fabiani, Chargers lawyer/mouthpiece, says the team remains "exclusively focused" on two possible Chula Vista locations, but if "the Tenth Avenue site does become potentially viable, the Chargers would of course consider the site." Just about every knowledgeable person in the county knows that Chula Vista ain't gonna happen. But the Chargers are in great shape: they pay extremely low rent at Qualcomm. They complain that the Q doesn't produce

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enough revenue, but the team's net profit is excellent because costs are so low. The Chargers can afford to wait. "Four years ago we evaluated the cost of building a deck," says Fabiani, but a key port official said not to bother, and "we have done no cost estimates of a deck since."

Padres majority owner John Moores — who has been out of town for some time — once cast a covetous eye at the terminal, but Gallagher says he hasn't even talked to Moores and doesn't intend to do so. Bernie Cloward says she learned from a close associate of Moores that he thinks it's a dubious idea.

Gallagher says the project's critics are "people who know so little." He says it will take much less than a billion dollars to build the deck. "We hired the number-one engineering firm in the world." The adjacent Hilton San Diego Bayfront hotel on the site of the former Campbell Shipyards, subsidized by the port, is on the same kind of land as his proposed deck. He insists that any use of the ground floor would be for "traffic vehicles that will come in at the lower level." He says he approached the Burlington Northern: "You might as well try to get an audience with the Pope. The railroad is not giving up one cubic inch of air rights." Arguments against the project — such as that the Navy might depart in a huff — are "laughable, ludicrous."

Gallagher says the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal brings in a very small amount of cargo; the National City Marine Terminal does the heavy lifting. But McCormack says that Tenth Avenue is critical because it brings in goods that don't fit into containers,

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and the big West Coast ports specialize in containers. And the tonnage at Tenth and National City are about equal, she says. Gallagher says National City handles much more tonnage. Employment is not that different: National City has 995 employees and Tenth Avenue 822, according to Gallagher's numbers.

Gallagher and Chase are managing members of the group that's promoting the project, "and we are definitely raising capital from others," Gallagher says. "But the first thing is to get the initiative passed," and then talk with those who have an interest in the project, such as residents of Barrio Logan. You can bet that local groups promoting sports corporate welfare will be solicited.

Sums up Erie, "This \$2 billion gift in such a short time frame is a perversion of the initiative process. It is a scam. San Diego has never met a developer it doesn't like." ■

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the death of her mother to cancer. Although she never revealed her name, her identity became apparent when she posted mildly risqué photos of herself in a plane, wearing her uniform. She was suspended, then fired. The BBC, *USA Today*, CNN, and other news outlets carried her story, discussing what right to free speech employees have on their blogs and what guidelines employers can impose. On *The Montel Williams Show* in 2007, Simonetti advocated for bloggers' rights, saying that "(1) employers should have clear, unambiguous blogging policies so that employees can foresee the potential for disciplinary action, and (2) the penalty for a first offense should be a formal warning rather than dismissal." She is currently in court, having sued Delta Airlines for sexual discrimination and retaliation. "Diary of a Dysfunctional Flight Attendant" has been published as a book.

Another dooced blogger who has both a book and a show in development at HBO is Jessica Cutler, who shook up Washington, D.C., with revelations in her short-lived blog, "The Washingtonienne." In 2004, she was working as

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a congressional staff assistant ("staff ass" is what she says they're called on the Hill) for then-Ohio senator Michael DeWine. Her blog used initials for people she talked about; she chronicled the half dozen men she was sleeping with, some high-ranking government officials who paid her money for sex. *Wonkette.com*, a political muck-raking blog, discovered her identity and outed her. She was fired for "unacceptable use of Senate computers" and stirred a minor political scandal. The *Washington Post* headlines read, "The Hill's Sex Diarist Reveals All" and "Blog Interrupted." In an editorial in the U.K. *Guardian*, "Senator Sacked Me Over Tales of Congress," Cutler wrote: "Imagine dropping your diary on the street somewhere, and the next day, it's world news.... I posted my diary on a blog...so my friends could read it for fun." One of her paramours sued Cutler for her blog and book as well as HBO over the show in development.

Global issues have led to doocing. In October 2006, Dutch diplomat Jan Pronk, working for the United Nations in Sudan, blogged about the Sudanese army suffering massive casualties while fighting rebels in northern Darfur. He was declared "persona non grata" by the Sudanese government, accord-

ing to Doug Merrill at *firstfulofeuros.net*, and given 72 hours to leave the country.

Doocing in San Diego has not seen such notoriety, yet. One man in Pacific Beach, who asked not to be named, claims he was fired from the Automobile Association of America for blogging, and, in fact, "They fired a number of people a few years ago for the same thing."

"I was stupid. It was obvious who and where I was blogging about, and I used first names," he says. "I lost friends, was threatened to be sued. Either way, I'll never make that mistake again. I didn't think anyone would ever read it."

The San Diego branch of the Automobile Association of America declined to return a call for comment on the incident or their blogging policy.

Ellen B., who lives in Hillcrest, says she has been dooced "three times for my writing." The most recent was from a downtown architectural firm; she is limited to what she can reveal because she signed an agreement upon her termination. She asked that her full name not be used. "I was blogging about work, about some of the people there who I couldn't stand. No one knew about it until my blog was mentioned in a newspaper article. Immediately, the next day, I was told to go on a two-week leave of absence. While I was gone, there were meetings about what to do about me."

When she returned, she was called into a meeting. "They had printed out my entire blog. There were three boxes full of sheets. They had highlighted parts where I talked about coworkers and the office."

Although she used nicknames, they were known by her colleagues, and some were not happy about what she had to say.

"I signed a separation agreement that I would no longer blog about the company or anyone there," Ellen says, "and they also picked selected entries and asked me to delete them. I did. At the time I was worried — would they give me good recommendations, would I ever be able to get another job in the architecture business?"

"When you are being dooced, you feel guilty — did I do something wrong? Did I really hurt someone's feelings?"

She adds, "I believe I was fired out of fear I might stir up controversy."

Her first doocing experience was in 2000 when she worked at one of San Diego's AppleOne temp agency offices. The company was monitoring and recording keystrokes on employee computers. "I wasn't blogging then. I had an email list. I would tell my friends about my weekend, share jokes. The thing was, every woman in the office was doing the same thing, even the woman who got me fired, my manager. It was when I criticized the way she

did things that I was told I was being let go for misusing a company computer on company time."

Her second dooce was also at a temp agency, "the next job, at Volt," she says. "A friend told me not to use the computers and email, so I switched to a blog. I wrote about the IT guy. He said he was allergic to something, I forget, so I wrote he was allergic to sex. One of the employees, a former friend, was reading my blog. She showed it to the IT guy."

Word made its way around the office about the online diary. Ellen was laid off from her job; she was told it was due to a financial crunch and "nationwide layoffs, but I knew it was about my blog."

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Anonymous bloggings are popular places for like-minded people around the world to write about their jobs. A compilation of blogs can be found at anonworkblogs.blogspot.com. It lists Web journals from police officers, nurses, firefighters, waitresses, and educators on every continent. "The Report Card" is written by a teacher who chronicles the administrative mishaps at his school, assigning code names such as Blonde Bloke, Pompous Ponce, and Talkie, whose mouth gets her fired. "CAD Monkey in the Cubicle Jungle," the blog of an architect who "sold out" to become a corporate lackey, left the blog July 26, 2006, saying, "I'm done, guys." The

next post is dated May 25, 2008, titled, "The Bitch Is Back."

"The bad news is that in many cases, there is no legal means of redress if you've been fired for blogging," states the Electronic Frontier Foundation on its page, "How to Blog Safely." "While your right to free speech is protected by the First Amendment, this protection does not shield you from the consequences of what you say. The First Amendment protects speech from being censored by the government; it does not regulate what private parties (such as most employers) do. In states with 'at will' employment laws like California, employers can fire you at any time, for any reason. And no state has laws that specifically protect bloggers from discrimination, on the job or otherwise."

The foundation suggests using services such as NearFreeSpeech.net and Tor software (torproject.org) that will help with anonymity by masking IP addresses and keeping a blog off Google and other search engines. Some sites, like *livejournal.com*, offer users blogs that can be locked from public view, readable only to permitted friends.

Michelle, a hiring manager at Kearny Mesa's AppleOne, said the company had no written policy about the do's and don'ts of employee blogging. "There was nothing in our training seminars that covered that," she said, "and we've never been told to ask

potential hires if they blog or not." At Volt Services, a manager named David said, "That is left to individual companies and their policies."

Chris Morrow still tells employers that she blogs; she says she will not write about the workplace. Ellen B. now knows not to blog about people at a job or use identifying nicknames or code words, but she feels that as long as she does not blog on company time, she has the right to free expression.

"I can stand on a street corner and shout about how much I think my boss is stupid or how my manager does things wrong, and that's okay," she says. "I have the right to do this. So if I write about it online, what's the difference? I still have the same right. If you are posting private business information, I would think you're crossing a line, but if you're posting about your life, it's your life, not theirs."

Robert Cox, founder and president of Media Bloggers Association, told *USA Today* in 2006 that he encourages all bloggers, whether at home, work, or the political arena, to fight back and protect the right of free speech against any action that is taken to "merely silence critics."

When asked what she feels about her legacy, Heather Armstrong emails the patent answer she has told everyone since 2002: "Never write about work on the Internet unless your boss knows and sanctions the fact." ■




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How Low Can You Go?
Just took a gander at this

week's offering. All that I can say is egads! Leading off with an article about obtaining pentobarbital in TJ to off yourself ("Suicide Tourism," Cover Story, August 21)? Then trying to smuggle it back to Australia or New Zealand? Let alone back across the San Ysidro (among other points of entry) crossing into America?

Look, I can understand that those in the terminal phase of a horrid disease might want to check out and head for the afterlife as soon as possible. That is why the Hemlock Society is

in existence. At least they have the ethics to present the sufferer with all of the options, then leave it up to the sufferer-in-question to make the decision.

Now we have the Aussie version of Jack(ass) Kevorkian (I will never call him a doctor, not after the garbage he pulled in Detroit) telling the terminally ill in Australia and New Zealand to catch the next flight to Lindbergh, hop the bus to TJ, and purchase a drug that is sold as an animal trunk?

Way to go, Reader. I never thought that you could go any lower. By doing this, you have not only cheapened the concept of death with dignity, you have also provided the method for any fool with a death jones to obtain one of the most lethal barbiturates ever produced. For a bus ticket to TJ and \$45, you too can obtain the means to off yourself, or another person, willingly or otherwise!

Next time, guys, think before you publish such

garbage-in-journalistic-clothing. And stop giving dill weeds such as Philip Nitschke free publicity in their quest to be the Dr. Death of Ozz. Jackass Kevorkian was bad enough.

The other articles were enough to keep me from heaving my copy into the nearest Dumpster. Thank God the first one was the shortest. You need to improve your quality control, guys. 'Nuff 'ced!

Robert K. Johnston
Vista

Insurance Tourism

Thanks for your light-hearted yet compassionate coverage about the interest in buying drugs for a peaceful death in Tijuana ("Suicide Tourism," Cover Story, August 21). As a mental health professional I think of suicide as an impulsive act, usually done violently, almost always alone, and in response to a problem that is likely to have a solution that is not immediately accessible to someone who is depressed. It has been said that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

It is more accurate to think of the seeking of medication in Mexico as Insurance Tourism. That is, the people who are going to TJ are not "suicidal." They are seeking a peaceful, dignified, certain way out if chronic or terminal illnesses make their suffering unbearable. They know that often at the end of life people lose control; decisions contrary to their wishes are made by others, and they may be forced to live when they've lost their personhood and dignity and they would rather die. They do not want to shoot themselves or jump off a building. They should be entitled to be in their own homes,

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Mr. Alice, Sir:

I've never seen you or anybody else for that matter take on this situation. Maybe the answer is too obvious, but I don't understand how. I like frequenting upscale bars and mingling with the women who are there. I have pretty good success and meet quite a few eligible dates that way. But one thing really bothers me. It seems that about half the time, maybe more, when I meet the woman the second time, she's not anything like what I thought she was when I met her. She doesn't look as good, she's not as funny, engaging, whatever. It's happened so often, I'm wondering what's going on. This isn't the usual kind of question you answer, but maybe you can come up with something. It really has me bothered.

— Anonymous, via email

Jeez, where have you been, Anon? Oh, yeah, that's right. Upscale bars. Any of your highfalutin tootsies ever drop the term "beer goggles" within earshot? It's pretty well known. Smash Mouth has a song about it. Bart Simpson even bought a pair of beer goggles in a gift shop and turned one of his dreadful aunts into Angelina Jolie. It's a phenomenon that everybody knows is true; but recently scientists felt it was necessary to prove it with grants and statistics and lab rats and journal articles. The work was done in England and Scotland. So, Anon, we can definitively say you're suffering from a chronic case of beer goggles. There's no cure, limited treatment.

You're on the slow end of the curve, so we'd better catch you up. "Beer goggles" is the popular term for what happens to your judgment when you've had a drink or two. Specifically, people look more attractive. Things look brighter and breezier. Bad jokes are funnier. But mostly, people look more attractive.

The Brit brain studiers got half their subjects a little tipsy, while the rest remained untipsy. Then they showed photos of random faces to both groups. Consistently, the drinkers rated the people in the photos as more alluring than did the sober group. This applied to both sexes — both men and women in the photos were rated as tastier by both male and female subjects. So you see, the dolly who looks dreamy after a mojito or two can turn into a little dog-o tomorrow.

And in a related bit of breaking news, scientists have proved that men make bad judgments while watching girls in bikinis. Really. This was studied by serious professors with tenure and everything. Seems guys get impatient and make snap decisions when surrounded by near-naked babes. And for how many decades has the auto industry draped bikinied lovelies across fenders at car shows? Another bit of science proving the well-known and obvious. And I hope this information enriches your already full life.

Heymatt:

Why are there so many people with the surnames Green, Brown, White, and Black but no one with the surnames Yellow, Purple, Orange, or Red?

— Pat, via email

And why is there only one family named Alice? Don't have an answer for that one, but I can enlighten you about why you don't live next door to Howard and Edna Purple. If we hop in the wayback machine and set the dial for, oh, England in the year 1000 A.D., we find that people are beginning to adopt biblical given names, like John, Paul, Matthew, etc. Pretty soon, well, within a few centuries, in certain places, there were an awful lot of Johns and Pauls. As the population grew, confusion reigned. Candygrams meant for one John ended up going to some other John. Pizza delivery was chaos. So people started referring to some outstanding characteristic of the particular John they were talking about. "I borrowed this rake from John. Can you return it, please? John the brown-skinned man who lives near the piggery. John the brown. John Brown. Got it?" Or John the carpenter. John Carpenter. John the son of Robert. John Robertson. In addition to colors (of skin, hair, eyes), people were identified by where they lived (Hill, or Green if you lived near the village green), their stature (Short), and a ton of other identifiers.

In fact, there are surnames derived from red (probably hair color) — Reed, Reid, and Russell. (Remember that much of this is going on during the time of Middle English.) Blount is what you might have dubbed a blonde. Some common surnames come from foreign languages. Vaughn is Welsh for red. Lloyd is Welsh for gray. Alice isn't Welsh for anything, I don't think.

Matt:

Is my favorite jacket a p-jacket, a pee jacket, or a pea jacket? I inherited one that I love, but I've never known how it's really spelled.

— P, via email

You own a pea jacket. But a long time ago you would have owned a pee jacket. In England pee used to be a kind of heavy cloth for coats.

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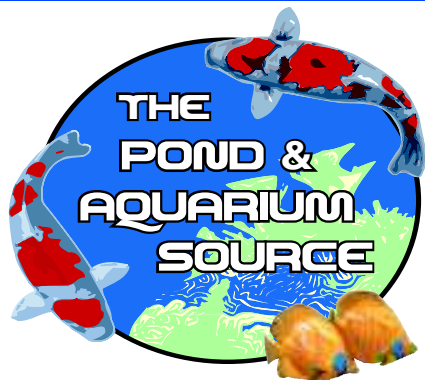
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By Patrick Daugherty

Six Keys To Victory

Unlike some nattering nabobs of negativism in the local press, I thought our San Diego State Aztecs played with skill and enterprise against those beasts from upstate San Luis Obispo. Hell, if the game ended one play earlier, San Diego would have won!

But, I'm not here to speak about Saturday night or, for that matter, the preceding 39 years of SDSU Division I football. Who cares about that? Do you care who won the Paraguayan War? Of course not. Besides, that's not the point. My purpose is to preview next week's contest and lay out the Six Keys to Victory. If you'll kindly step over here...

Sometime this week, the San Diego State Aztecs football team will board a jet aircraft and fly to the heartland of America. Once there, they will transfer to ground transportation bound for Notre Dame Stadium, thence to changing rooms, thence onto the gridiron to confront the athletic industrial complex known as Notre Dame/NBC.

NBC will televise the game over free TV beginning at 12:30 PST. That's this Saturday, people.

So, how are we going to win? What are the Six Keys to Victory? Unfortunately, we can't take crowd noise into account. Notre Dame Stadium holds 80,232 screaming, rabid, I-will-die-for-you fans. Saturday will mark Notre Dame's 200th consecutive home-game sellout.

So what. The Aztecs just played before 26,851 of their screaming, deliriously excited fans at Qualcomm Stadium. Although they subsequently lost to the California Polytechnic State University Mustangs, it was a close run thing and therefore exciting. The crowd noise, albeit enhanced by recordings piped through stadium speakers, was enthusiastic. I think we can all agree on that.

But, due to financial considerations, the Aztecs will not be taking their stadium speakers to South Bend, Indiana. Therefore, when drawing up the Six Keys to Victory I had to disallow what would normally be a significant advantage for San Diego.

Okay, here we go. The First Key: CONFIDENCE. When you look at it mathematically, Notre Dame and San Diego State are tied. Notre Dame has a record of 0-0. Their winning percentage is .000. San Diego, with a record of 0-1, also has a winning percentage of .000. Hold your heads up high, Aztecs.

The Second Key: COACHING. After the Cal Poly game, San Diego State head coach Chuck Long said, "For some reason, we didn't play well

enough to win and we beat ourselves." What more is there to say? This is football haiku of the highest quality.

Follows are remarks of Charlie Weis, Notre Dame's head coach, spoken at a press conference the day after the SDSU/Cal Poly battle. Coincidence? I think not. In fact, Weis admitted watching the game on TV. A reporter asked if Notre Dame was overconfident going into Saturday.

Coach Weis answered, "But in this game [San Diego/Cal Poly], having watched two thirds of it so far, okay, there's plenty of evidence on tape of things that we have to worry about. There's plenty of evidence, be it their quarterback throwing the ball up and down the field. I'm not going to get too much into that game yet. But kickoff coverage team, you know, all of a sudden one guy blowing up everything there. You watch it on special teams. And then watch it on defense, you know, them creating turnover, turnover, and getting when they're making a critical stop towards the end of the game when they had a chance to put the game away. So there's plenty of evidence on the tape for our players to realize that they need to get to work."

Their coach is dumber than our coach. Advantage San Diego.

Enough with the Six Keys. It's not the players — they're doing everything that's been asked of them; it's the San Diego State athletic department and its vassal, Football, who are responsible. If anything, those functionaries are hiding behind their players. San Diego State football reeks of failure because aforesaid apparatchiks can't figure out how to hire a good coach and keep him. Can't figure out how to recruit good players and keep them. Fresno State and Boise State know how to find coaches and players, but then one school is located in glamorous Fresno and the other is situated in that swank, well-known European spa, Boise, Idaho. Everybody wants to live there. On the other hand, San Diego State is handicapped by its overlarge student body of 33,000 students and its location. The school sits in an isolated corner of the country, Southern California, and is close by beaches and all the dangers that proximity to the sea brings. Clearly, San Diego is a place nobody wants to visit, much less matriculate. No wonder hiring great coaches and recruiting the best high school athletes has been a problem.

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Sunday school enrollment: about 10
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to dressy
Diversity: diverse
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Website: northparkbaptist.net

"Hurting people loved here," read the tall, black letters on the sign outside North Park Baptist Church. "I think that's started getting us in contact with people we don't normally get contact with," said senior pastor Glenn Wade. Just past the sign, in the vestibule, a stained-glass window named Jesus as both the Door and the Good Shepherd.

"Enter in, enter in/ All God's people, enter in," repeated the choir in a soft, swaying croon, backed by cello, bass, piano, and the gentle thrush of the drum-kit cymbal. High, yellow windows glowed down on the mid-century Sanctuary and the well-worn pews. Later, hymns picked up the tempo and featured scriptural introductions: Jesus announcing Himself as the way, the truth, and the life before a rollicking "Blessed Assurance" and Psalm 66's command to "make His praise glorious" before the tango-bongo beat of "Glorious." "When you come into his presence/ Liftin' up the name of Jesus/ And you hear the music playin'/ And you see the people praisin'/ Just forget about your worries/ Leave your troubles far behind you."

A trio offered prayers of thanks and petition. "For those in hospitals, who don't know if they're going to take another breath...thank You for Your provision.... Help us to see each other as You do.... Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, the words to say."

"Is there anyone here who is in transition?" asked associate pastor Rob Mahan. "Who needs a job or a better job?" A few stood, and Mahan prayed, "Favor upon them...that You would prosper them, and break off any pronouncement or judgment or curses on their lives...and I say, Lord, that whatever is past is just a stepping stone, not an identifier. I declare that they are children of God, and so I commend them to Your care...."

"It's announcement time!" cried Mahan, and a few whoops came from the congregation. Much back-and-forth and laughter as everyone sorted out who was meeting where — Bible study on Wednesday, praise team on Thursday in Peterson Hall, recovery group

same night in room nine. "If you have some addiction issues that you want to work through, there is a group of people that will stand alongside you."

Stephanie Mahan gathered a trio of children up at the Sanctuary stairs. "I'm going to read you a story.... It reminds me how God is always there, no matter where we go. Not only can things not separate us from God, but God is always looking for us." She read: "If I had a little rowboat, I'd row across the sea/ I'd row, row, row, row, and I'd bring you back to me...." That's God's promise: 'If you're away from me, I'll search 'til I find you.' There's nothing He won't do in order to keep us close to him."

Wade's sermon treated "the authority of the word of God" and set the Bible to making a case for itself. He quoted Paul's letter to Timothy — "All Scripture is God-breathed" — and the letter to the Hebrews: "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to

dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow." And again in Ephesians: "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." As an example, he cited Jesus' response to Satan when tempted in the desert: "He would simply answer him by quoting Scripture, and that was sufficient to withstand the devil's attacks."

Then he turned to the personal — Psalm 119. "The Psalms are a great place to go if we are hurting...." The Psalmist poured out his praise for the law from God's mouth because "it helps us not to sin. The more we put the Bible into our heart, the easier it will be to do what God wants us to do."

He closed with a personal story — hearing Proverbs 3:5-6 on a Bible CD as he worked in his garage: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own

understanding...and He will make your paths straight." "That pierced my heart," recalled Wade. "There were areas of my life where I was worried, where I was not trusting the Lord. Anytime you try to explain something that happens to you spiritually, it just falls flat, and that's the way I'm sure this was. But let me tell you, I do believe the word of God is working actively. I want to challenge you this week: Do whatever it takes to get yourself to God's word. Read the Psalms; do something. I promise you that if you do, God's word is going to be active, and it's going to penetrate your life in a good way."

What happens when we die?
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— Matthew Lickona



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The kids rolled and patted. Celia sautéed onions and ground beef. I watched and learned. We were having an Argentinean day in our home. Hot empanadas were to be served for dinner. My friend Celia hails from Argentina and she was showing my family how to make both savory and sweet versions of the little pastry pockets.

"When I was very young, I would go to my grandmother's house and we would make empanadas together," she explained. "Empanadas are made in a lot of countries: Spain, Portugal, the Caribbean, Philippines, in Latin America. In Argentina we make them for special occasions like birthdays, Christmas, even Good Friday. And when we have an *asada*, which is like having a barbecue here, it is very common to have empanadas as a side dish."

Celia buys readymade empanada dough, as did her grandmother. Her favorite brand is La Salteña. "In Argentina, they sell fresh empanada dough and readymade empanadas. I have never made my own dough because you need fat to make the dough. They sell the fat in the store, but it is easier to just buy the dough."

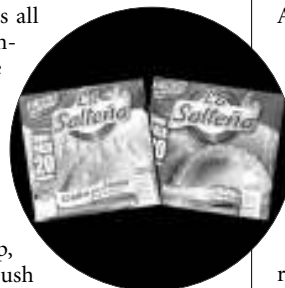
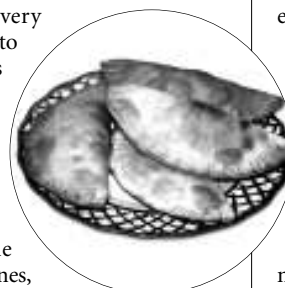
When it comes to fillings, there are lots of options. "The kids always like ham-and-cheese filling," she said. "We also make ground beef, chicken, corn and tomatoes, spinach, vegetables, rice with egg and cheese, onions and cheese. On Good Fridays we have *empanada de vigilia*, which is a fish empanada."

Celia walked me through the process of making empanadas. "I sauté the meat with a little olive oil. I add red peppers and onions. Some people also put raisins in with the meat. The meat should still have some pink to it. Then I turn off the stove and add some chopped olives, raisins, and chopped boiled eggs. When the filling is room temperature you scoop some onto the dough. If the filling is still hot, the dough will get gooey. The dough is a circle and you fold it in half, and put a little bit of water with your fingers all around the edge. When it is all damp, you press all around so that it cannot come out the sides, and then you do the twisting." The edges can be either pressed with a fork or twisted by hand. "I don't put anything on the top, but some people brush egg on top." The empanadas stay in the oven until the dough turns a golden brown.

"Some people fry their empanadas," explained Celia, "but it is very unhealthy."

Celia buys the dough marked "*para freír*," which means for frying, but she cooks them in the oven.

Another friend, Andrea Giachino, who comes from Tucumán, in the northern part of Argentina, agreed with Cecilia. "The best empanadas are fried, but they are not very healthy. When you realize that they are not very healthy, you start baking them."



"The best empanadas are fried, but they are not very healthy."

"Each part of the country has a different way of doing the same recipe," continued Giachino. "In the north of the country, we have a special way, slightly different than Buenos Aires. From my part of Argentina, you typically cut up beef; you don't use ground beef. You take a piece of meat and you boil it a little bit, let it cool down, and then you cut it into very small pieces. And then you add to that onion and green onions, and then you will make it spicy. That is typical from the north of the country. I add red pepper, lots of cumin, and paprika. And when everything cools down, you should add finely chopped boiled egg. And that is what you use to fill in the empanadas."

"In Buenos Aires, they add olives or raisins to the beef. In Cordoba, they sprinkle sugar on top, even if it is a meat empanada. In the most northern part of Argentina, north of Tucumán, they add potatoes."

Is something served with the empanadas?

"In the countryside, the most typical way of eating empanadas is to eat it after eating a special kind of soup called *locro*. *Locro* is a very heavy,

thick soup made of different kinds of beans."

Are they ever served with a sweet filling?

"Sometimes you make it for dessert. There are people that will use cheese and add sugar on top of it. Or some kind of sweet caramel, like *dulce de leche*. Some people will make a special marmalade with a quince, a fruit. Or they make a marmalade with sweet potatoes."

Andrea also buys her dough. "Honestly, I have only ever made my own dough twice," she admitted, "because it is a lot of work." Her favorite dough is also La Salteña. "It's a brand from the north of Argentina which many Argentines buy."

And for the edging of the empanadas, "If you are a real Argentinean you do the edges with your fingers, you twist it," Giachino says.

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by Barbaraella

If it's true that men are such beasts, this must account for the fact that most women are animal lovers.

— Doris Day

According to a recent article in the *Boston Globe*, over 80 percent of the students at most big-name veterinary schools are female. I'm not surprised. For most young girls, "veterinarian" is just after "princess" in the developmental progression of what one wants to be when one grows up. As the nurturing gender, women are simply more susceptible to being captivated by all things cute and cuddly.

With the exception of cats (because of Mom's allergy) and ponies (because who did we think we were, anyway), my parents allowed my sisters and me to keep all the creatures we wanted, including, but not limited to, dogs, finches, hamsters, and rabbits. As a child, I didn't want to

be a princess so much as a fairy. But as soon as I learned that hard-to-pronounce word, I joined my fellow female animal lovers in wanting to grow up to be a veterinarian — a profession that would grant me endless days communing with birds, squirrels, and deer, just like all my favorite Disney heroines.

My desire to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Dolittle ended the day I was instructed to dissect a pig fetus in my high-school biology class. I wanted to be close to animals, but not, like, on-the-inside close. I considered other animal-related careers — biologist, zookeeper, or circus trainer — but my research revealed that each of my prospective occupations required long hours

spent doing incredibly boring things, such as collecting data and comprehending chemistry, all of which had nothing at all to do with caring for a fuzzy tiger cub or a clever monkey as if it were my very own pet.

Now, 15 years later, I rely on photos and videos culled from the Internet to curb my craving for cuddlesome creatures. I pass my findings on to my friend Jen, who shares my affliction. Each of our email inboxes is filled with links to YouTube videos documenting the antics of all the cutest fuzz balls. Last week, Jen raised the bar — she renewed her membership to the zoo and signed me up for one as well.

My membership had expired three years ago, and I had been remiss in not renewing it. After all, I live only a ten-minute walk away from the animal park's entrance. David's never shown much interest in perusing our world-famous menagerie. Jen, however, was interested in tapping the place on a regular basis; once she and I realized we had a dedicated zoo-buddy, we were eager to embark on our animal exploration.

To avoid the weekend surge, Jen and I began our adventure on a Friday. In a rare deviation from the intense early-morning sun glaring across the bright windless blue, the air was generous with cool breezes and the sky remained overcast until well past 10 a.m. We had dedicated this inaugural trip

to getting reacquainted with the arrangement of the exhibits. Jen had the better lay of the land, so I followed her lead — down Tiger River, up to Polar Bear Plunge, onto the Skyfari, back to the entrance, then over to Cat Canyon. Knowing we had the next 365 days to return to the zoo as often as we liked, we felt no need to pause for more than 20 seconds beside the enclosures we passed.

As the clouds burned off and the sun reclaimed its unobstructed view of San Diego, Jen and I paused to rest in the shade of a tree beside Elephant Mesa, where a female zookeeper had transformed the task of cleaning the elephant pool into a game with one of the playful pachyderms. The animal seemed to be smiling as, with its trunk, it gleefully intercepted the water shooting from the giant hose in the zookeeper's arms.

How cool it must be, I thought, to interact so closely with such a majestic creature. Suddenly, I remembered my childhood dream and became envious of the zookeeper and her apparent bond with this animal.

"I used to want to be a veterinarian," I confessed to Jen as we stood marveling at the scene before us. The elephant had been using its trunk to collect water, but now switched to a broader grin, allowing the water to stream directly into its mouth.

"So did I," Jen said. "I even worked as a vet's assistant for awhile."

The scene might have resembled an Alfred Hitchcock—like nightmare for anyone with rodent issues, but it looked to me like Sleeping Beauty singing in the forest.

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"Yeah, I can see how that would get to someone. What about being a zookeeper?"

"I would love to do that. Let's do it," Jen joked, or at least I assumed she was joking. "I'm in."

The zookeeper's walkie-talkie squawked. When she turned off the hose and left to respond to the call, the crowd dispersed. Jen insisted we make a special visit to see her favorite animals — the pigs. "I don't know what it is, but I just adore them," she said, as we leaned against the wall of the enclosure. "They're always wagging their tails, and they have the most wonderful faces and eyes — you know, they don't have the ability to crane their necks, they have to lift their whole head, and those eyes just look up at you..." she trailed off with a sigh.

The pigs were lounging in the afternoon sun,

and not doing much else, so we moved on to the meerkats, a species both Jen and I appreciate with the same fanaticism. I was beside myself with excitement when we arrived at the exhibit to find another female zookeeper sitting among the meerkats. "Ohmygod, ohmygod," I squealed, "I wish I could sit there." The zookeeper may have been cleaning the meerkat-dug hole of dried brush, but what I saw was a woman communing with cute little mongooses. She wore thick gloves, on which the meerkats tested their teeth. One daring creature climbed onto the zookeeper's knee and then stood on its teeny hind paws so as to make itself taller and get a better look at the woman's face. Sure, the scene might have

resembled an Alfred Hitchcock-like nightmare for anyone with rodent issues, but it looked to me like Sleeping Beauty singing in the forest.

"God, how awesome would that be?" I said, once I was able to tear my gaze away from the meerkats. "So, what next?"

"I can't leave without hitting up the petting zoo," said Jen, as though reading my mind.

Jen and I did our best to tune out the screeching of the children who stood between us and the woolly sheep, coarse-haired goats, and the pig with scaly skin whose nose turned out to be quite soft. Finally, I was close to wild-ish animals, stroking their heads as I would my own pet. This was not like the squirrel encounter I had in the park a few years ago, when

I was bitten after trying to touch its furry little head — this was safe. These animals were disease-free and not likely to come at me with tooth and claw.

I shooed human kids out of my way to get closer to the animal kind. From

where we stood or crouched to caress our chosen critter (the pig's nose for Jen and the fluffy fleece of a sheep for me), we caught each other's eye and shared a big stupid grin. But as cool as it was to get right up next to the pygmy ponies and their

friends in the petting zoo, I would have given anything at that moment to be sitting among the meerkats. ■

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They think they're in Love

According to a survey of 4600 teenagers (aged 12–17) conducted recently by Mediamark Research Inc., 89 percent of teens say they have been in dating relationships, 57 percent regularly date, and 33 percent have a steady boyfriend or girlfriend. Over 12 percent of dating teens are currently in relationships that have lasted for more than a year.

The following is based on conversations with nearly two dozen teens and gives us a sense of the dating life of San Diego teenagers: what influences them and what drives them; who they like and how they woo; how they address the complex issue of sex; the places they go with members of the opposite gender and the things they like to do on dates.

*“I’m young.
I don’t even know what love is.”*

The Metaphorical “Base System,” circa 2008

Kissing is no longer first base. Kissing is now the batting cages. (And hardly anyone strikes out in the batting cages.)

First base is now touching above the belt and/or over the clothes.

Second base is touching below the belt and under the clothes.

Third base is oral sex.

A home run’s still a home run.

A Quick Note on the “Batting Cages”

Abbie and Diana are 17-year-old University of San Diego High School seniors. The two are walking around Mission Valley Mall for an afternoon of shopping.

They both hold multiple brand-name shop-

ping bags in one hand and closed cell phones in the other.

“A kiss is not that big of a deal,” Abbie says, between chews of gum.

“It’s like a hug, nowadays,” Diana agrees.

Abbie adds that she was 11 years old when she started kissing boys for real. Fifth grade.

This same sentiment is echoed across town by Stacy, a 16-year-old junior at Mission Bay High School. Stacy stands in the parking lot of a 7-Eleven on Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach, sipping Slurpees with her buddy Andre. Stacy has braces on her teeth and a shy smile and wears way too much makeup. Andre’s hair swoops down across his forehead. Every few seconds, he brushes it away from his eyes.

Stacy says she’s had three boyfriends; her

longest relationship lasted three months. She started dating when she was 14. She says she’s kissed “a lot of different guys.”

How does that work? Kissing lots of guys?

“They talk to you,” Stacy says, giggling. “I don’t know, like, at parties, or you just see someone in the street or at school, and, I don’t

he says. “As long as you’re both comfortable.”

Monday at the Mall

At Fashion Valley, Mission Valley, Horton Plaza, and other malls, many weekend and early-evening patrons are teens.

Alexis and Alex are a cute couple with fresh faces. Neither could possibly weigh more than 100 pounds. The two are

And Alexis liked him?

“No,” Alex kids her. “She didn’t like me.”

Alexis rolls her eyes. “Oh, my God.”

Alex laughs. The two of them are curled around each other, arm-in-arm, hugging. They keep hugging while talking.

It’s the first relationship for both of them.

Today, Alexis and Alex are at the mall, but most afternoons they’ll hang out at Alex’s house or in their neighborhood park.

The two usually get around by hitching rides from their parents.

“Her parents like me because they know I’ll protect her,” Alex says.

Alexis seems to like this. She smiles up into Alex’s throat, her face on his chest, the two of them still hugging. She looks protected.

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Alexis says she's able to talk to her friend Carlita about Alex, and she needs to "because he flirts with other girls"; she practically moans, pinching him.

"No, I don't," he laughs, sheepishly. "And anyway, she flirts with guys."

At this, Alexis squeaks loudly. "I do not!"

Alex laughs again, this time a satisfied guffaw.

Does Alex talk to his friends about Alexis?

"Sometimes," he says. "My friend Nestor."

And what do they talk about?

"I talk about how I get mad at her because she doesn't listen to me," Alex says. "But when I ask for something, I want it quick."

Alexis honks at this, a long "Haaaaannh!" She jostles Alex with her arms around his waist.

After their first phone conversation, when Alex asked Alexis out and she said yes, the next day at school the two of them kissed each other for the first time.

So they kissed after their first conversation? And how far have they gone since?

"I was almost going to be a dad," Alex says, without a hint of remorse or guilt or irony.

And Alexis breathes out a long, exasperated syllable, "Hooooiiiiii!"

They've already dealt with a pregnancy?

"Yeah," Alex says.

Alexis punches him in the stomach, hard.

He laughs and says, "Ouch," grabbing her hands so she can't punch him again.

"No, no, no," Alex says, "not really. She wasn't pregnant. But we thought she was."

So Alexis was late for her period?

"Yeah," Alex says.

Alexis looks exasperated at the turn of the conversation, a big frown on her face.

Don't they use pro-

tection when they have sex?

"Naw," Alex says. "It's not worth it."

Not worth it?

"It doesn't feel as good," Alex says. Alexis shoots him a look that seems to say, "See? I told

you we should use protection, you idiot!"

Do they understand the magnitude of the risk they're taking, having unprotected sex?

"No," Alex says.

"Nothing ever happens. It's been over two

months."

But still. What if something does happen?

"Then I'll get a job," Alex says. "I'll go to Mexico. They already want me to play soccer for a team. Like second-division reserve. So, I'll earn

money."

What about the pill?

"She's afraid of getting sterile," Alex says, while Alexis just moans, half under her breath.

Tuesday after School

It's after 2 p.m., and

school's out: lines of yellow buses, gluts of cars with moms behind the steering wheels, and hundreds of kids streaming off toward the rest of their days.

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front of San Diego High School. They lean against a metal railing, close together but not quite touching. Afternoon traffic streams up and down Park Boulevard.

William, 18, and Stephanie, 17, have been together for three years. They're both seniors at San Diego High. In eighth grade, William worked up the courage to ask out Stephanie on Valentine's Day. They've never broken up since.

How difficult was it for William to approach Stephanie?

"I told everyone I liked her," William says, "but then I'd tell them not to tell her."

Stephanie smiles, "I was the only one who didn't know about it."

And when William asked her out, she said yes right away?

"I liked him too," Stephanie says. She has angular cheekbones and striking green eyes. William's long curly hair is pulled back into a ponytail. His face is marked by the typically troubled complexion of a teenager.

Both William and Stephanie had dated others before but never seriously. And it was a few weeks after they started going out before they kissed each other.

Now they go to the movies or out to eat, or they like to walk around at Seaport Village.

William has a job at SeaWorld, so he can afford to pay for dates. He also borrows his mom's car. But back at the beginning, they would take the trolley or the bus, and William would use his allowance to pay. He always pays.

"Even if I have money, he won't let me pay," Stephanie says, smiling widely. She throws an affectionate and grateful glance at William.

The two both get along well with each other's parents, and they both follow the rules when it comes to cur-

few. "I always have her home by 11," William says.

They seem to have their heads on straight. What about the future?

"Well, I kind of want to go to college," William says. "But I'm not really sure, because I don't have

have a plan B, so, maybe I'll go to college. Maybe."

What about their relationship in the face of college and jobs and adult responsibility? Do they ever talk about it?

"Yeah," William chuckles. "She always does."

"Come on, you don't like young girls, man?"

the money for it. But, for sure, I'll be working."

And Stephanie?

"I want to be in real estate," she says. "They say you don't have to go to college for it, so, I don't know. But then they say it's also good to

And William changes the subject?

"Yeah."

They both laugh at this, although the laughs are different. Then they both fall silent.

What about sex?

How long was it before

William and Stephanie took their relationship to that next level?

"It was about a year," says William, matter-of-factly.

"At first, I didn't want things to change," Stephanie adds, "so I didn't want to do it. Because they say when that happens, a guy becomes way overprotective. But he didn't change that much."

They always use birth-control pills and condoms. Both.

Where does Stephanie turn for good advice about her relationship? To her siblings?

"They're all in bad relationships," she laughs. Stephanie is the baby, the last of four children. "I have the most healthy

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A Quick Note on Home Runs

Eddie, 17, is a junior at San Diego High School. He’s a redhead with long, red eyelashes and lots of freckles. He looks you in the eye, speaks clearly, and shakes your hand firmly.

Eddie, wearing his backpack, is waiting for the Number 11 city bus on Park Boulevard.

He’s been dating his girlfriend Adele for almost five months. Adele’s 16, also a junior at San Diego

cere. “I’m not going to push it, and I don’t think she will either.”

But Eddie’s friends do tease him. He says, “They’re, like, ‘So!? You have sex yet?’ And I’m, like, ‘No.’ And they’re, like, ‘Oh. So when you gonna get some?’ And I’m, like, ‘I don’t know.’ When it happens, it happens. That’s all I go by.”

Wednesday... Just Chillin’

What about that minority of teens, the ones who aren’t into dating? What’s with them?

“We could be doing other things, like hanging out with our friends,” Shanietta says. “But boyfriends and girlfriends are just distractions, pretty much.”

Both girls have their dark hair pulled back, and they’re squinting and flipping their new tongue piercings between their lips.

Shanietta started liking boys — and dating them — in tenth grade.

“But I’m young,” she says. “I don’t even know what love is.”

Despite this insight, Shanietta does think that she might be ready to start dating soon from a wiser perspective.

“I think the appropriate age to start dating is my age,” she says. “Eighteen.”

Vylisha has been nodding along and finally says that she “shares the same opinions” as her friend. “I was in love once, too,” she says. “But love, love, I can’t tell. I was probably lusting, instead of ‘in love.’ Love is a big word. And, at my age, and at the age I started dating, I think it was probably just puppy love. Like, you think you love, but you don’t really know what it is.”

“But we have friends,” Shanietta says, “and they think they’re in love. And they keep going back to the same person that’s treating them wrong. But they think that they’re in love, so

When did Elizabeth start having sex? “Thirteen,” she says.

High. For their fifth-month anniversary, Eddie’s going to take her out to dinner.

It took about a week of hanging out together before Eddie and Adele first kissed. “We were comfortable with each other, right from the start,” Eddie says. “So we’ve never gone too fast or too slow. We’re always right on our own pace.”

Which is to say that Eddie and Adele haven’t slept together yet. Neither of them has slept with anyone yet.

“If we do, we do, and if we don’t, we don’t,” Eddie says, sounding sin-

Two girls are sitting on the sidewalk on 47th Street, in a residential area of City Heights.

They’re just sitting on the ground in the midafternoon sun and chatting.

Shanietta, 18, is a recent graduate from Herbert Hoover High School. So is 18-year-old Vylisha.

“I think that teenage dating is stupid,” Shanietta begins. “Because teens are young, and they don’t know what they’re doing. So, trying to find love at a young age, I think, is stupid.”

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they keep going back to the same relationship.”

Thursday at the Club

At Club Caribe in Bonita, Thursday night is 18-and-over night. But really it's more like 16-and-over night. Or maybe even 15-and-over.

Kara, for one, has been coming to Caribe since she was a 16-year-old junior at Bonita Vista High School. She's a 19-year-old graduate now. “I used my sister's ID,” she says, with an expression that can only be described as confrontational. She looks as if she wants

someone to tell her she's wrong, so that she can argue.

Kara and her friends are dressed to the nines — even past the nines. One of them wears a skirt (if it can be called a skirt) that barely covers her rear, and she keeps pulling on it discreetly. All four of the girls in Kara's crew look as if they've spent hours on their hair.

Inside Caribe, music thumps and throbs and bodies grind in the low light and high humidity.

Kyle, 18, who's a senior at Bonita Vista, comes to Caribe to check out the

ladies. He says he'll often meet a girl here for the first time, dance with her, start making out, and then get her to leave with him sometime before the end of the night. “We'll just go out to the car, man,” Kyle says. “We got no place else to go.” And then he adds, raising his eyebrows, “You should go out to the parking lot and see which cars is bumpin.” The sound of his laugh is almost lost in the hip-hop music.

Girls and guys have each other pressed up against walls around the edges of Caribe. Nearly everyone is dancing, If you

can call it dancing — they're doing the closest approximation imaginable to having fully dressed public sex. Midsections grinding into midsections, hands all over everything. Shakespeare called a copulating couple “the beast with two backs.” Caribe is full of two-backed beasts all moving together in unison, though everyone is (mostly) clothed.

The under-21 crowd seems to take Caribe more seriously than the over-21s, judging from the elaborateness of their outfits. The over-21s are dressed much more

simply.

But why would an older guy want to come to an 18-and-over club in the first place?

“Come on, man,” says one 25-year-old, smiling. “You don't like young girls?”

Friday at the Movies

It's the weekend, and the new blockbusters are being released. It's dark and cool inside the theaters of the Mission Valley 20 AMC movie complex. You can raise the arms between the cushiony seats.

“The movies” is easily

the number-one answer for where teenagers go on dates.

Victor and Elizabeth have been dating for over a year. He's 18 and recently graduated from San Diego High School. She's 15 and a junior. Their first kiss was on the first day of their relationship.

“I wrote the question, ‘Do you want to go out with me?’ on a piece of paper, and I gave it to her, and I waited while she read it,” Victor says.

Elizabeth covers her mouth with her hand.

As Victor talks, sitting

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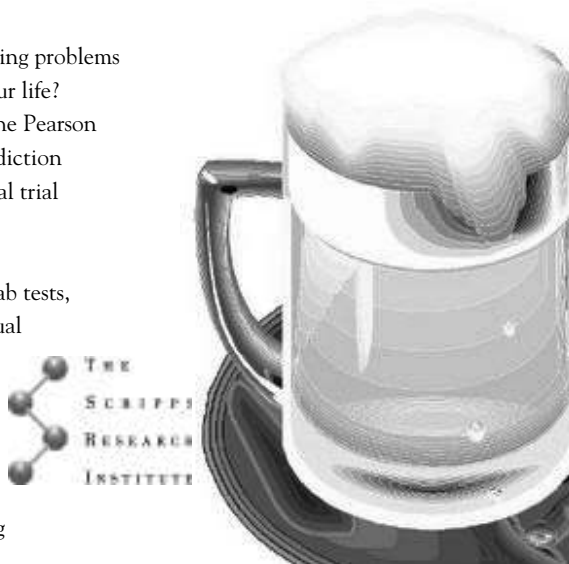
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on a bench in the lobby of the theater, Elizabeth nestles between his legs, leaning back into him. She's tiny, and very pretty, with broad features and strikingly nice teeth. Victor has a friendly demeanor, like a gentle bear, perhaps, with a big smile and an easygoing attitude.

Elizabeth looks at Victor and furrows her forehead.

Throughout the

interview, she hardly says a word, and yet you can read every question and every answer on her expressive face.

What did Elizabeth do when she read Victor's question? How did she answer him?

"She just kissed me, and that was the answer," Victor says.

Elizabeth twists her face up and smiles.

Just up and kissed

him? On the lips?

"Yeah."

That's kind of bold.

"Yeah." He laughs.

This time, Elizabeth covers her mouth with both hands.

Turns out Elizabeth has been kissing boys since she was 12, but Victor has a lot less experience. "I've seen other girls, but she's the first one that I've been taking seriously," he says.

Elizabeth purses her lips.

For dates, Victor and Elizabeth go out to eat, and then often they see a

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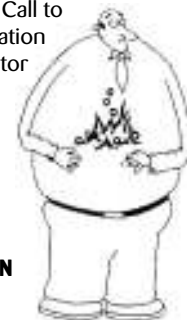
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movie. Sometimes he pays, sometimes she does. The only way they get any money is from their parents. "Most of the time, I'm broke," Victor laughs. Elizabeth laughs, too.

"I go to her house on the weekends," Victor says. "Usually at, like, ten in the morning. I end up leaving, like, around ten at night."

What do they do together all day?

"Just, like, nothing," Victor chuckles. "Just hanging out."

Elizabeth raises an eyebrow.

The two share a relaxed energy, even as the Friday-night crowd of movie patrons bustles past.

What about sex? They seem to have kissed pretty fast. When did the two of them start sleeping together?

"It was a couple months," Victor says, after some thought. At first they used condoms, but now Elizabeth has gone on the pill. "But this is kind of embarrassing," he says and pauses. "She was my first. And, I don't know how to say this, but I wasn't her first. So it was kind of odd. It's usually supposed to be the other way around."

Elizabeth wrinkles her nose.

Victor smiles at her and nods.

So when did Elizabeth start having sex?

At first, she doesn't want to answer. She flares her nostrils and narrows her eyes.

Well?

"Thirteen," she says.

The Songs Kids Listen to These Days

Here's a selection of lyrics from songs popular among teens today. Of the 23 polled for this article, nearly half had not only heard of all four of the following tunes, they could quote whole lines from them.

Let's both get undressed right here

Keep it up girl and I

swear
I'ma give it to you
nonstop
And I don't care who's
watchin watchin watchin
watchin watchin
Ohh in this club on
the floor baby let's make

love
I wanna make love (in
this club, in this club, in
this club, in this club)
— Usher,
"Love in This Club"
Let me give you some

swimming lessons on the
penis
Backstroke, breast-
stroke, stroke of a genius
Yep, call me the ren-
aissance man
Get up and I stay
harder than a cin-

derblock man
— Ludacris,
"Money Maker"
And they say a closed
mouth don't get fed
So I don't mind asking
for head

You heard what I said,
we need to make our way to
the bed
Just wait till you see
*my d**k*
*Ay b**ch! wait till you*
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Ay b**ch! wait till you
see my d**k

I'ma beat dat p***y up
— the Ying Yang Twins,
“Wait (The Whisper
Song)”

I wanna see you c*m in the
middle of the dance floor

C*m, girl, I'm tryna
get your p***y wet

Work that, lemme see
you drip sweat

C*m, girl, I'm tryna
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— David Banner,
“Play”

Saturday in the Park

Most teens speak of “the park” as if it’s their park. And in most cases, what they mean is the nearest neighborhood park. For kids at Herbert Hoover High on El Cajon Boulevard, it might be the City Heights Community Park. For the Cavers from San Diego High School, the park might be Balboa, but it might also be César E. Chávez Park in Barrio Logan. For the Vikings of La Jolla High School, it’s probably Soledad Natural Park or Coast Boulevard Park. But most teens don’t even know the names of

the parks where they hang out. It’s just “the park.”

Four young teenage boys are kicking around a Hacky Sack on the grass near the fountain at Balboa Park.

Not one of them looks older than 14 or 15. Do these young fellas have girlfriends?

“We don’t have girlfriends,” one says, continuing to kick the Hacky Sack in a circle. “We just like to get p***y.” His friends laugh, but something in the kid’s voice, and the way he smiles, slyly, lets you know he’s not saying it just for laughs.

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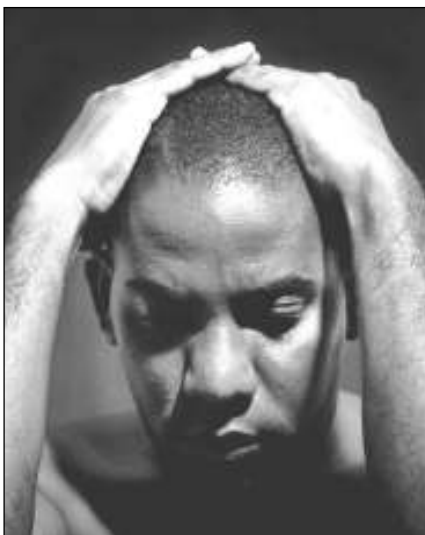
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The kid's name is Dave. He's 14, a ninth-grader at Point Loma High School.

"It was, like, third grade, my first kiss," Dave says. He's taken a break from kicking the Hacky Sack to chat and munch some Sun Chips. He sits cross-legged on the grass.

Dave hasn't lost his virginity yet, technically. That is, he's never "hit a home run." But in fifth grade, when he was 11, he was already making it to second and third base with girls.

How does he get all the ladies?

"I put the charm on them," he says, smiling affably. "I talk to them, get to know them, and then, boom. I just go for it."

He goes for the kiss? "Yeah."

And most girls will kiss back?

"Yeah."

On the first date? Or even before the first date?

"Yeah, most girls will,"

Dave says firmly. "They say they won't, but, after..." He smiles. "After me, they will."

He chuckles, half to himself.

And how does Dave get from first base to sec-

ond base and so on?

"It's a try-and-fail process," he says. "If she says 'no,' you just keep trying till she says 'yes.'"

Dave has dated one girl for as long as "three or four months." They would "go to the movies and stuff" and call each other boyfriend and girlfriend.

"My mom drops me off when I have a date," Dave says. "And I'll usually pay, or else, if we're going to a movie, she might already have her ticket."

How does Dave get money?

"Allowance, man." He smiles.

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Dave's brushy dark hair matches his thick eyebrows. His sleepy-sounding voice drones a bit. He'll be very tall someday, probably. Like a puppy dog, he has big floppy feet and hands that are too big for his 14-year-old body.

Does Dave talk to his buddies about girls?

"Yeah," he says, munching Sun Chips. "We trade secrets."

Secrets?

Dave says, "It'll be, like, oh, um, like, if somebody's already gone out with that girl, you can give secrets and tips. Or we'll talk about stuff girls do and how annoying they are. Saying how they, like, can't do drugs

because they can't handle them and stuff like that."

Dave and his friends

do drugs?

"Just, like, smoking weed," he says, in his sleepy way.

And drinking?

"I tried it for a month and got sick of it," Dave says. "But about half the girls I know drink all the time."

And these are 13- and 14-year-old girls?

"Yeah," he says. "And they like to do ecstasy, too, a lot of them."

Dave's never tried ecstasy.

He can stay out till 11:00 on weekends and till 9:00 or 10:00 on a school night. He says his parents know where he is and what he's doing, "most of the time."

Has Dave ever met the parents of a girl he was dating?

"I'm way too scared." His voice rises a little. "Because they assume, like, everything."

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Katie, 15, is a sophomore at High Tech High, and Bryn, 14, is a freshman at Point Loma High.

"We talk about boys all the time," Katie says. "Like, who we like, and, like, what we should do about who we like, and, like, how we should talk to them, or if we should hang out with them and stuff."

What would Katie do if there was a boy she was into?

"I'd probably just talk to him a lot, like, texting or something, or on MySpace," she says. "And

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then ask them if they want to hang out, and then hang out with them and see how it goes.”

Bryn breathes a heartfelt “yes” in agreement.

What’s Katie’s longest relationship?

“Well.” She thinks a moment. “Like, including junior high, I guess I’ve gone out with a guy for seven months, but it didn’t really mean anything. It was just kind of, like, ‘Hi, bye,’ and you’re not, like, going on dates or anything. Um, but I’ve never had a serious boyfriend.”

Katie turns suddenly philosophical.

“There’s not a lot of serious boyfriends, actually,” she says. “More people just, like, hook up, I

think.”

By “hook up,” Katie means what?

“Just making out,” she says.

Like, first base? “Yeah.”

And hooking up’s not that big of a deal?

“Well, we’re not like that at all,” Katie says, pointing to Bryn and herself.

“Some girls are slutty,” Bryn says.

“Yeah,” Katie agrees. “Other girls’ll do that with anyone. But we have to, like, know them really well.”

So what if they don’t know a boy very well, and he’s still trying to kiss them?

“You have to just, like, walk away,” Katie says. “Or be, like, ‘No,

sorry.’ ”

But most guys don’t listen to “No, sorry,” do they?

“No, they don’t.”

Both girls laugh, and Katie says, “They just keep trying. That’s where most other girls just, like, drop in. But that’s where you have to be strong. You have to respect your morals.”

And guys are cool with that?

“Not always,” Katie says. “Like, a guy tried something with me once, and I said no, but then he went and told his friends that we actually, like, did something. So that’s where it can come back.”

Then Katie confesses with a sheepish laugh, “Actually, though, I’ve never even made out

with anyone. That’s kind of personal, but...” She and Bryn chuckle innocently for a few seconds.

But Katie sounds as if she understands the whole dating thing pretty well for never having made out with anyone.

“Yeah,” she says. “Like, I have older siblings and stuff, so I know what it’s all about. My brother and his friends will just hook up with

certain people. But I don’t want to be just, like, another girl. But that’s how girls are, they’ll just hook up for fun.”

Katie has rules, it sounds like.

“I feel like the guy should have to work for it,” she says. “Not just do it for fun.”

Bryn adds, “You don’t just want to be easy.”

Katie agrees. “Yeah,

you don’t want to be easy. And pretty much, like, 75 percent of the girls are easy.”

Bryn adds, “Too easy.”

So why do so many young girls hook up for fun?

“They don’t have enough self-confidence,” Katie says, “and they need some guy to reassure them.” ■

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LIBERTY: SCENES FROM SAN DIEGO'S SHORE-LEAVE HISTORY

DANA TOURS SAN DIEGO “A sailor’s liberty is for a day,” writes Richard Henry Dana in *Two Years Before the Mast*, “yet while it lasts it is perfect,” because, for 24 hours at least, he’s free. When Dana’s brig, the *Pilgrim*, rounded Point Loma in 1835, the 19-year-old experienced for the first time “the sweets of liberty.”

After swabbing the decks and other Sunday chores, Dana’s larboard watch got the word: they could go ashore. Eight men scattered. They took baths with soap (a rarity at sea) and donned their white duck trousers, blue jackets, and straw hats.

As Dana and his friend Stimson found their land legs on the rocky La Playa trail to Old Town, their spirits rose. They weren’t completely free, however. Even liberty had rules: They couldn’t slight their shipmates, whom they looked down on in private as uneducated and socially inferior. Dana and Stimson wanted to leave the others and see the sights. But they didn’t dare just yet because “as long as you belong to the same vessel, you must be a shipmate to him on shore, or he will not be a shipmate to you

on board.”

That’s why they left their higher-toned “long togs” back in Boston, dressed as jack-tars, and joined the group making a triple-time beeline for the nearest pub.

On the outskirts of town, they entered a weathered adobe building owned by a one-eyed Yankee from Fall River. He’d jumped ship in the Sandwich Islands and come to California to beach-comb and run a grog shop. He charged a *real*, about 12 cents, for a glass of *aguardiente* — the generic name for alcohol in those days, also known as “firewater.”

Sailors from several ships clogged the one-room pub. And Dana encountered rule number two of liberty. According to an unwritten custom, each seaman must buy the house a round — and down every glass because “if you drink with one and not another, it is always taken as an insult.”

Plus, rounds went according to seniority, elders first, which meant Dana and Stimson had to imbibe often before their turn. They feared they’d get “corned” and would be too late to rent horses for their excursion.

In time their worries (abated most likely by *aguardiente*) vanished. They bought their freedom and saw the sights, such as they were: the town was “forty dark brown looking huts”; the presidio, “old and ruinous”;

and the white-plastered, crumbling mission was so quiet the “stillness of death reigned.”

HOUNDED In 1850, to raise the county’s revenues, newly elected sheriff Agoston Haraszthy taxed native tribes. A year later, when some villages refused, he threatened to take their cattle and land by military force. Several tribes, led by Cupeño chief Antonio Garra, revolted. They attacked Warner’s Ranch on November 27, 1851. Garra vowed to wage war “for a whole life.”

Ranchers and backcountry homesteaders fled to town for protection. But since a volunteer company had left for the mountains, San Diego was vulnerable. “Only 35 of us to protect the town,” wrote Thomas Whaley. And they must remain “on the defensive till reinforcements arrive from the north.”

The governor of California ordered the Hounds to rescue San Diego. Though officially called Rangers, the Hounds were a posse of thugs named after vigilantes who had plagued San Francisco. The original Hounds offered protection to the Spanish-speaking community during the early years of the Gold Rush. Anyone refusing aid, the Hounds swore, was unpatriotic — and was beaten or stabbed, their tents and shanties burned.

By the time the governor’s Hounds got the call, a firing squad had executed Garra, and the revolt ceased. But since they’d already paid for a ship, 50 Hounds sailed



S.S. Otago

anyway from Benicia. They camped by the river in Mission Valley. Instead of defending San Diego, they terrorized it for two weeks.

They began by stealing horses. Then, corned up, they plowed through Old Town night after night, firing pistols into the darkness and assaulting anyone who looked un-American to them — i.e., Spanish-speakers.

Philip Crosthwaite, a third sergeant who fought against the Garra insurrection, rounded up some men to arrest horse thieves. In no time they nabbed a Hound with Juan Bandini’s mule. The Hound swore he was collecting animals in the name of the United States for an expedition into Mexico. Crosthwaite took the thief and another Hound, Sergeant Thomas, into custody.

The next morning the captain of the Hounds gave Crosthwaite an ultimatum: free the prisoners or his men would torch San Diego.

QUOTATIONS

1. W.W. Jacobs: “‘A sailorman,’ said the night watchman/ musingly, ‘a sailorman is like a fish, safest when ‘e’s at sea.’”

2. *San Diego Union*, “City and Vicinity,” Dec. 9, 1886: “James Wilkinson, an ordinary drunk was mulcted in the sum of \$5 by Recorder Monroe, yesterday, and Guadalupe, a compound, double-jointed, dyed in

the wool drunk, was given fifteen days in the County Jail.”

3. *San Diego Union*, March 14, 1886: “The ludicrous antics of a drunken sailor, who had fallen into the bay, and of his equally drunken shipmates who were trying to rescue him, amused a large crowd on the steamship wharf yesterday. He did not seem to realize his position. But others did, and fished him out.”

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Shortly before Sweeney's contingent arrived, Lieutenant Watkins of the Hounds approached Crosthwaite.

"Did you order the arrest of my men?"

"Yes, I did."

"Liar!" shouted Watkins, who threw a punch, missed, and drew a pistol. He aimed at Crosthwaite and pulled the trigger. Nothing. Jammed gun or wet cap.

Crosthwaite yanked a pistol from inside his long coat and shot Watkins in the right thigh.

Hounds around the plaza opened fire. A bullet lodged in Crosthwaite's pelvis. He tried to crawl to safety. A Dr. Ogden ran, hunched down, into the street. He dragged Crosthwaite to a nearby store, chased by gunfire and rising puffs of dust.

As the Hounds prepared to charge the door, Sweeney's men rode into the plaza. The Hounds disappeared. They chartered a ship and went back to San Francisco. Before they sailed, Dr. Ogden had to amputate Watkins's leg.

By January 24, 1852, the *San Diego Herald* assured its readers that Crosthwaite was out of danger. His fellow citizens, writes Richard Pourade, gave him Watkins's leg "as a trophy of war."

THE USS HARTFORD'S LEGENDARY LIBERTY PARTY When they came into port after months at sea, some sailors never left the ship, some went ashore only to sightsee, and others tried to stuff months of adventure into a 24-hour pass.

By the mid-1880s, San Diego had a district that specialized in debauch. Named for a poisonous, stingraylike fish in the bay, the Stingaree — also called "Stingaree Town" — packed dance halls, saloons, and brothels into a 12-block area from Fifth Avenue west to First and from H Street (now Market) south to the shoreline and the Santa Fe Wharf.

Those with a basis for comparison said the Stingaree wasn't as horrific as San Francisco's Barbary Coast or, worst of the lot, Liverpool,

where revelers had a penchant for blacking out and coming to on a foreign vessel many leagues from port. Nonetheless, writes Jerry MacMullen, "after dark, the Stingaree was an excellent place to avoid."

When it sailed into San

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Townsfolk braced for another *Ranger* invasion. Two

weeks earlier, the USS *Ranger* anchored in the bay, and for three days, wrote the *Union*, sailors on liberty painted the city "a brilliant vermillion." They guzzled rotgut and roamed the Stingaree in gangs, trying to break anything, or

anyone, they didn't like. They took a particular delight in overturning Chinatown's out-houses, especially when occupied.

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ers, into the pockets of the gamblers, and into the clutches of the 'fair maids' whose abode, as one of the ministers said Sunday evening, 'is on the brink of hell.' "

Police arrested 19 crewmen the first night; by the third, their energy or money having petered out, only one drunken sailor "experienced the cooling effect of the Hotel de Bastille."

The *Hartford's* stay in San Diego became renowned not for drenching the muddy streets in blood or vomit but for being the nicest, most orderly shore leave anyone could recall.

It figures, actually. The hand-picked crew of a historic flagship headed for mothballs (temporarily, it turned out) would make every effort to outbehave the citizenry.

Officers gave tours of the three-masted, 225-foot steam and sailing ship. On Saturday, the *Hartford's* Marine Band, among the Navy's best, gave an open-air concert in the town plaza's garden. Thousands of listeners applauded from the streets and from windows high above. On Sun-

day, the chaplain held divine services aboard ship for the public. When the *Hartford* left for San Francisco, the thousands of San Diegans who waved handkerchiefs goodbye were sad to see it go.

The *Hartford's* reign as most pleasant shore leave lasted until April 1908, when the 16 battleships of the Atlantic Fleet came to San Diego. Sixteen thousand four hundred sailors with four months' pay hit town. These weren't just record numbers, they were unthinkable.

To prevent rowdiness, the brass never permitted more than 1200 bluejackets to go ashore at any time. And 64 men — said to be the 4 toughest from each ship — formed a marine shore patrol. "If the sailors be led astray through overindulgence in strong drink," wrote the *Union*, the patrol would "remove all cause of unpleasantness by quietly taking any who might become intoxicated" and throw them in the brig.

Locals greeted the visitors with gifts: sailors drank 600 gallons of free lemonade, ate 240 field-tons of oranges

and Lemon Grove's lemons. Instead of frequenting "leg shows" in dives, they attended theatrical productions and chaperoned dances. According to the *Union*, the only criminal act occurred when two gleeful sailors from the *Kentucky* stole the horse and buggy from George Smell's creamery and toured the town for an hour. Smell caught up with them, racing south on Second, but didn't press charges.

UNSAFE ON LAND OR BAY To avoid getting stung in the Stingaree, some sailors never left their ship. But sometimes even the stay-on-boards got a scare.

In the late 1880s, the Mexican steamer *Carlos Pacheco* made three round trips a week from San Diego to Ensenada and points south. When gold was discovered in Baja California, Captain Nelson of the *Pacheco* charged passengers \$10 a jaunt.

On the night of November 28, 1887, the steamer lay moored in San Diego Bay, its lines hitched to the same bollard as the SS *Otago*.

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The *Otago* stopped at San Diego to refuel. The 993-ton iron vessel came from Fremantle, Australia, where it had shipped 314 emigrants. Four died on the difficult passage. The captain, named Falconer, had his wife and infant son on board and was eager to return them to London.

No one knows what started the fracas — just that, around sunset, Falconer and Captain Nelson of the *Pacheco* engaged in a scream-out.

After the sun slid behind Point Loma, someone cut the *Otago*'s lines and it began to drift. When a ship drags anchor or loses its mooring, waves no longer rock the boat. A rhythm breaks, and it takes seamen just seconds to sense potential danger.

Falconer's skeleton crew remoored the *Otago*. Not long after, the lines got cut again. Then again. After the third time, Falconer shouted at Nelson: Do this again, and I'll shoot you!

Things quieted down. Later that evening, the *Pacheco* crew unhitched its lines, and the steamer backed away from the *Otago*, as if leaving port.

Then a thunderous blast shot across the harbor. A gusher of bay water rose and cascaded down on the *Otago*. Angry shockwaves rippled up the hills. When the smoke cleared and fragments of metal stopped falling from the sky, the ship had a hole in its side big enough for a person to walk through.

No one was hurt. And while Captain Falconer sent orders for his crew to return from liberty and repair the gap, the *Carlos Pacheco* belched steam on its way out to sea.

What caused the explosion — a torpedo, a mine? — was anyone's guess.

The next time the *Carlos Pacheco* returned to San Diego, shore police arrested Captain Nelson. But — possibly because he was a regular in San Diego and because Falconer might never return — Judge Monroe let Nelson off on a technicality.

No one knew who owned the *Otago*, or didn't care to check (it was the Albion Shipping Co. Ltd.). Therefore, the judge reasoned, Nelson, the captain of the *Carlos Pacheco*, could be a part owner of the *Otago*. And if so, the breathtaking logic concluded, Nelson "had every right to blow up his own ship." ■

— Jeff Smith

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It seemed as if everyone who worked at our local hospital knew Jake. A self-proclaimed “recovered hater of doctors,” he became a fixture, volunteering in the emergency room. The wisecracking 86-year-old’s wrinkled face, slumped shoulders, and insightful irreverent remarks provided a potent remedy for long, painful ER visits. He had been my patient for less than a year when he came to my office and repeated the same story I had heard in each of his past several visits because he could not remember telling me.



“Doc, I always feel as if I’m removed from my surroundings,” he complained. “I feel, as the kids today say, ‘out of it.’ ” As always, he exaggerated the enunciation of “out of it” as though he were speaking to someone with limited proficiency in English. He had made two visits to the emergency room as a patient after transient episodes of confusion accompanied by diffuse weakness and unsteadiness that made him unable to stay on his feet. During these episodes, he felt even more dissociated from the world around him. The second episode

caused him to fall and strike his head against the closet door in his bedroom, but he did not lose consciousness.

Our bodies go to great lengths to preserve blood flow to our most vital organs. To make sure the brain gets enough blood, baroreceptors in the carotid arteries in the neck monitor blood pressure. When we stand up or lose blood volume through bleeding, sweating, or not taking in enough liquids, the pressure drops and the receptors send signals through our autonomic (involuntary) nervous system to increase

the heart rate and the smooth muscle tone in our arteries, which brings up the blood pressure and forces more blood to the brain. We call this series of events the baroreceptor reflex, which, as with most of our reflexes, slows with age. Jake habitually maintained a nice low-normal blood pressure, a desirable feature in a human body because low-pressure circulation preserves organ function, most notably in the heart,

brain, and kidneys. The price those with healthy low blood pressure pay is that they are more prone to not being able to get enough blood up to the brain

“I was hearing extra heartbeats when I listened to his heart.”

when they become hot, drunk, or dehydrated, which leads to spells of lightheadedness or fainting.

Jake’s low blood pressure and slow

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baroreceptor reflex did not give us an adequate explanation for his troubles. His episodes did not seem to be associated with position change or factors that would lower his blood volume, and his symptoms did not dissipate quickly, although they did resolve in less than 24 hours without leaving any permanent deficits in his function. The next logical potential culprit was his heart. Temporary heart-rhythm disturbances can cause the heart to beat too fast or too slowly for brief periods. When

rhythm problems.

We monitored Jake's heart rhythm in the hospital overnight after his second emergency-room visit, and his rhythm was as perfect as the timing of his punch lines. All this left us with was a working diagnosis of transient ischemic attacks (TIAs), which are events in which a part of the brain, most likely the cerebellum in Jake's case, temporarily loses its blood supply and then regains it. Clots breaking loose from the heart and the carotid arteries can cause these events,

"All of those doctors in the hospital, and not one of them could do anything to save my husband."

it beats too fast, the heart's left ventricle does not have enough time between beats to fill with blood, so it pumps out too low an output of blood through the aorta to provide adequate pressure. If it beats too slow or not at all, the cardiac output is again too low to maintain sufficient pressure. Jake had never had any heart problems, but he did smoke a daily pack of cigarettes for about 40 years before quitting in the early 1980s, and smoking does cause damage that predisposes smokers to heart-

so we treated him with a capsule containing two drugs, aspirin and dipyridamole, that prevent platelets, the blood cells that start blood-clot formation, from aggregating as they do to start a clot; the manufacturer of the capsule cleverly named it Aggrenox. Jake did not have any more of these episodes after starting the medication, but he still felt a bit as though he were not part of this world.

Jake was also losing his short-term memory, his balance, and his ability to control his urine. Six months

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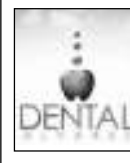
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earlier, after hearing these complaints for the first time, I had recalled the mnemonic MAI (*m*emory loss, *a*taxia, *i*ncontinence) I had memorized during my medical school neurology clerkship so that I would recognize patients with normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH). MAI was easy to remember because it was also the name of a group of two bacteria in the tuberculosis family (*mycobacterium avian intracellulare*) that infect victims of AIDS and other diseases that destroy the immune system. People with NPH have enlarged cerebral ventricles, the spaces within the brain that contain cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). The enlargement results from the brain's adaptation to diminished CSF resorption through the arachnoid villi, which lines the ventricles. Because there is a corresponding decrease in brain mass, the fluid pressure remains normal, which is why people with NPH do not complain of increasing headaches. I had ordered a CT scan of Jake's brain, hoping to find NPH, because many patients

with it benefit from surgical placement of a catheter (shunt) that conducts the extra fluid from the brain to the heart or to the peritoneum, the cavity where the intestines reside in the abdomen.

Unfortunately, Jake's scan showed minimally enlarged ventricles consistent with a normal 86-year-old brain, and the diffuse brain atrophy typical of advancing Alzheimer's disease, so I treated him with donepezil (Aricept), a drug that slows memory loss in people with Alzheimer's dementia. Donepezil inhibits the enzyme that breaks down acetylcholine, an important neurotransmitter affecting many organs, including the bladder, but it did not help Jake's overactive bladder, so I later prescribed oxybutinin, which prevents bladder spasm and incontinence.

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The purpose of today's visit was to see how he was doing. One of the challenges of evaluating people with dementia is figuring out whether treatments are working. We

can administer tests in the office to assess their mental status, but other intermittent or vague symptoms are tricky. Because they don't make new memories, they can't remember what their condition was before the treatment started, so subjective comparison between then and now is difficult. Many elderly people with mild to moderate memory loss live alone, so there is not a reliable source to give us this information, forcing us to rely on pharmacies and visitors to tell us whether they are taking their medicines and how their condition is changing over time. As the memory worsens, demented people can't remember what medicines or treatments they are using, let alone whether they are working.

Eleanor, Jake's wife of 62 years, was our best source. Slow afoot due to Parkinson's disease, she did not have any problems with her memory, as many Parkinson's victims do. She never would come with him to his appointments, so I phoned her every time he came in to get a

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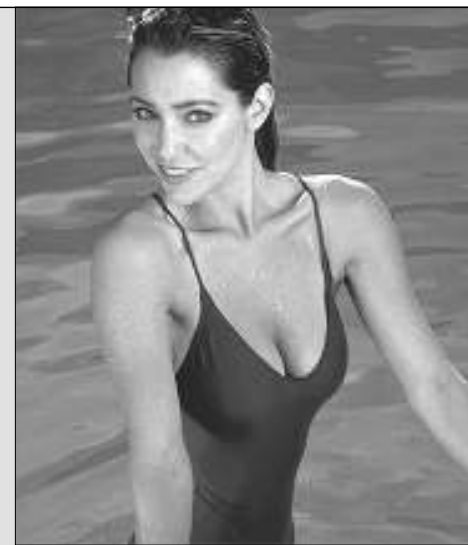
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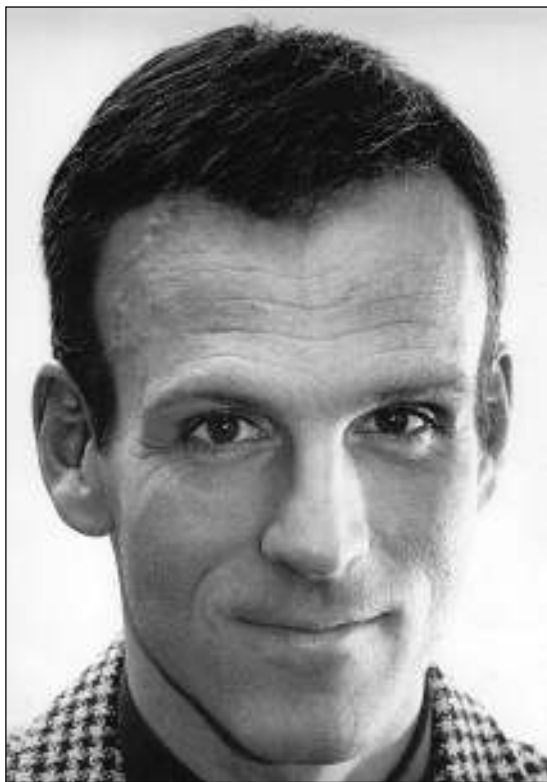
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progress report and check his medications. Soon after the first of these checkup calls, she came in for an appointment for her hypertension and Parkinson's. At the conclusion of our visit, she stood up with the grace that she battled to maintain, looked me in the eye, and advised me in her soft, gravelly voice, "Find out what's wrong with Jake. Because if he goes, I go too."

At that moment, I was looking at my grandmother.

My grandfather died of lung cancer in 1980 after 50 years of marriage to my grandmother, a female executive in an era when she had few peers. Tall, proud, elegant, and stubborn, she never again wanted to be alive after he died, much to the chagrin of my mother, who was her only child, and the rest of our family. She survived another 13 years before succumbing to complications of a hip fracture.

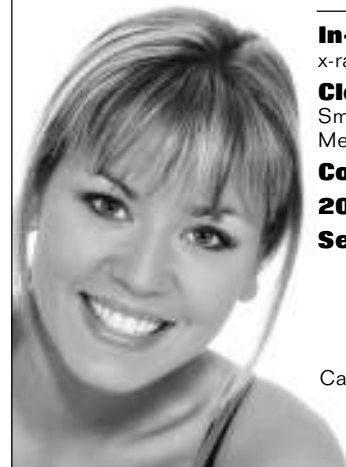
I knew Eleanor meant

what she said. Feeling the eyes of an entire hospital watching me, and remembering Eleanor's grave warning sounding against my eardrums, I enlisted the help of a local neurologist. He spent two visits interviewing and examining Jake and sorted through the results of the head CT scan, the blood tests I had ordered to check Jake for thyroid dysfunction, vitamin B12 deficiency, and syphilis, all of which were negative, and the hospital

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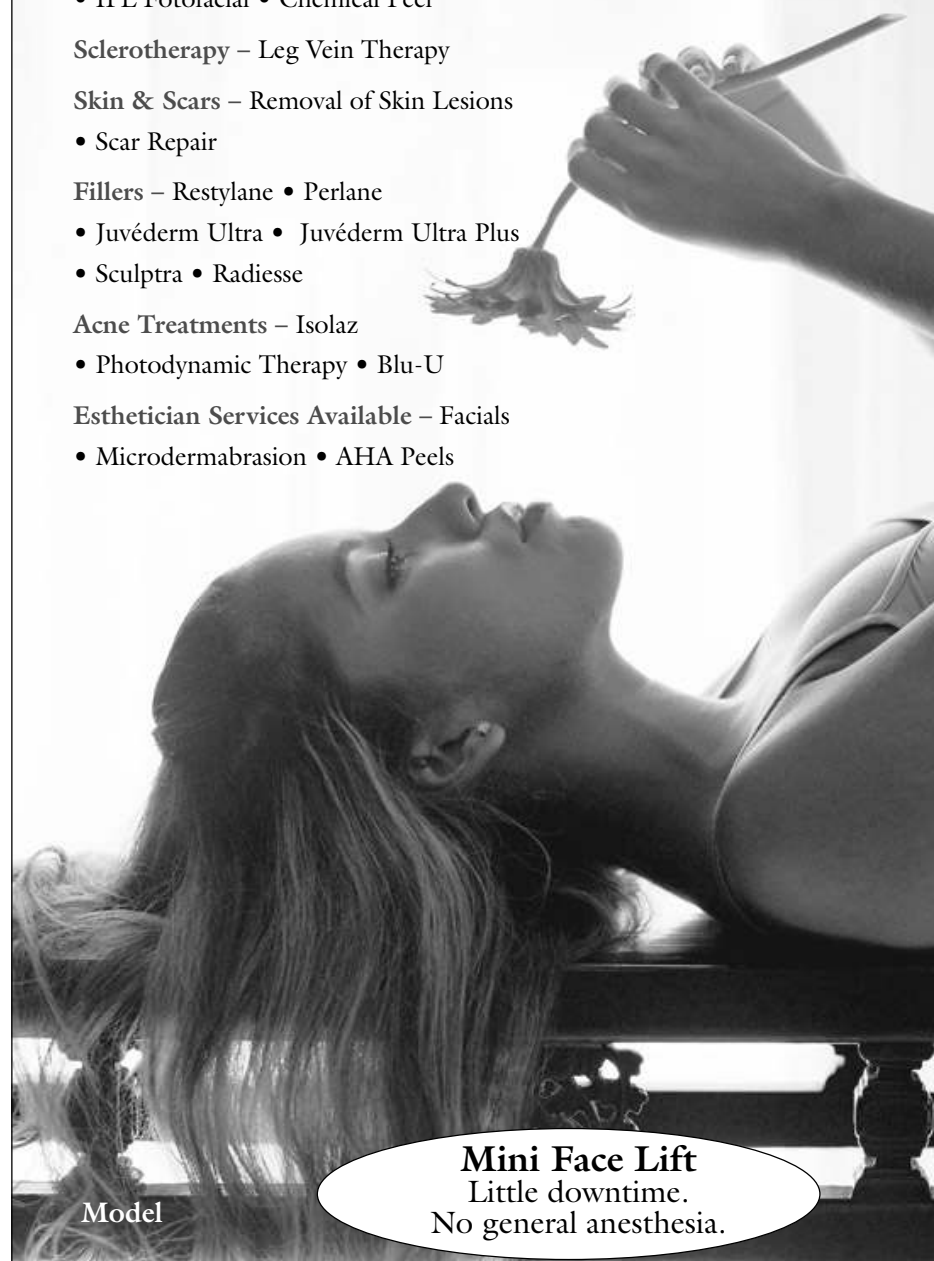
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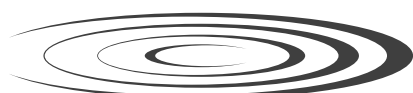
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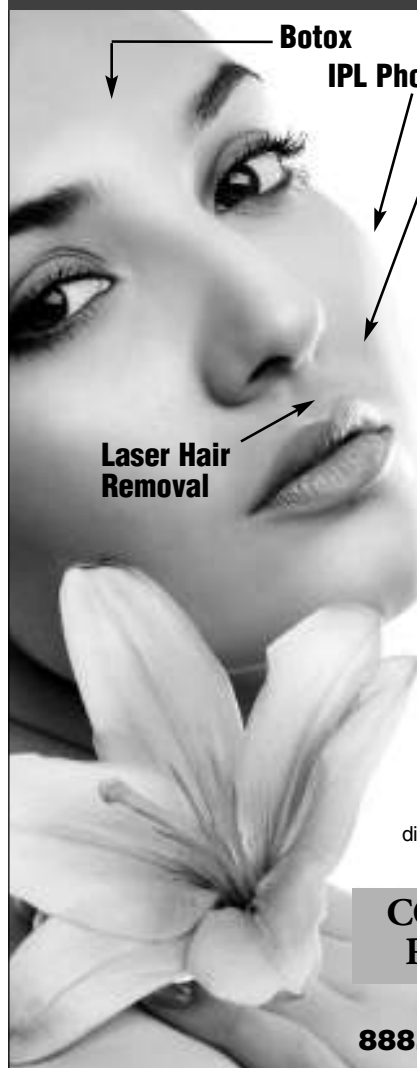


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records. To be thorough, the neurologist ordered a 24-hour Holter (heart) monitor to be more certain that we had not missed an important heart dysrhythmia during his short hospitalization. We were never able to overcome the obstacles of Jake's forgetfulness and transportation difficulties to get him into the cardiology office at the appropriate time to get the Holter done.

Eleanor and Jake confirmed at this visit that his condition had not worsened and that he had still not followed through with getting the Holter, which I now wanted for a different reason: I was hearing extra heartbeats when I listened to his heart, so I wanted to be sure that these extra beats were not potentially dangerous. He was not having any chest pain, and his energy level was quite good. I gave him and Eleanor detailed written instructions, in the hope that he would be able to follow through and get his Holter monitor and an ultrasound of his heart done before his next visit.

None of us expected that Jake would die a few weeks later; he was too cheerful for that. Pneumonia remains in the top five causes of death every year, and those who die often succumb to problems in vital organs other than the lungs. One year before Jake's illness, I got a call from one of my mother's best friends. She had just taken my mother to a local Kaiser emergency room because my mother was having severe chest pains. She had pneumonia, which stressed her heart enough to cause it to convert out of its normal sinus rhythm into atrial fibrillation, a chaotic rhythm that causes the heart to beat rapidly and pump blood inefficiently. My mother was 15 years younger than Jake, which is perhaps the main reason she is still with us. Shortly after the bacteria invading his lungs proliferated into pneumonia, Jake's heart had also converted to atrial fibrillation, but his was unable to pump all the blood his vena cava was returning to it, and therefore the extra fluid backed up into his lungs. The combination of congestive heart failure and pneumonia made it impossible for the hospital team of doctors, nurses, and respiratory therapists to deliver enough oxy-

gen through his lungs to sustain his vital organs, even with a ventilator, intravenous antibiotics, and our strongest medications for the heart. None of this had anything to do with what had been wrong with his brain.

Medicine in the 21st Century has created hospitalists to take care of every patient in the hospital, excluding those of us in primary care, so I had not been involved in Jake's care at the hospital. I called Eleanor

when I learned of Jake's death. "All of those doctors in the hospital, and not one of them could do anything to save my husband," she began, perhaps implying that I, too, had failed her in that regard. She then gave me the details. I

listened, knowing that now wasn't the time to explain that the death rate for all of us is still 100 percent, and recognizing that I could not repair the defect her partner of 62 years created when he left. She moved to an inde-

pendent assisted-living facility, where I went to see her once in her apartment after a bad fall, and then I never heard from her again. I assume she followed through on her warning. ■

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Shortly after 9/11, when I found myself without a convenient place to write, Chuck offered me a desk on the third floor of the bookstore. Surrounded by rare and antiquarian volumes, the cream of Wahrenbrock's stock, I wrote my weekly "T.G.I.F." column in its early days as well as other things, including a novel based on Tristan and Isolde, which Chuck encouraged me to take on simply by saying he didn't think anyone had done it as a straight novel other than Rosemary Sutcliffe and her short book for young adults. Chuck would know

and if he hinted that it might be worthwhile, well then the idea was sheer genius. Unfortunately the unfinished novel was something less. Writing that autumn, in that space surrounded by the most wonderful volumes, was a manifestation of a childhood dream I had of heaven. Exactly that and Chuck furnished it free of charge.

I had met him through Jan Tonnesen though I may have spoken to Chuck first, as far back as 1976 at the store's previous location. Tonnesen and I became fast friends and performed music together for



Chuck Valverde

nearly 20 years. It is Jan and Chuck Jr. as well as Gerhardt Boehm, Tim Kennedy, and (recently onboard) Donald Baird who will have to fill such unfillable shoes.

"We're still all kind of numb," Tonnesen told me the Saturday after Chuck died. "We're on autopilot." He paused here, thought: "Chuck lit a fire under me to love the whole commerce of books — the buying, the selling, the love of books, and the ability to put the right book in the right hands."

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Excerpt from "Book Kings," written by Judith Moore for the *Reader*, October 19, 1989:

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treasure trove of literature. Had it been copies of *Valley of the Dolls*, it would have made no difference. "In fact," Tonnesen once told me, "those are rather valuable."

Moore began her article nearly 20 years ago this way: "When you ask how Wahrenbrock's Book House got its start, the story most often told is this. It was summer 1935. Vernon Wahrenbrock had just graduated from Pomona College. Jobs were scarce. Using books that belonged to family and friends, Wahrenbrock amassed a small stock

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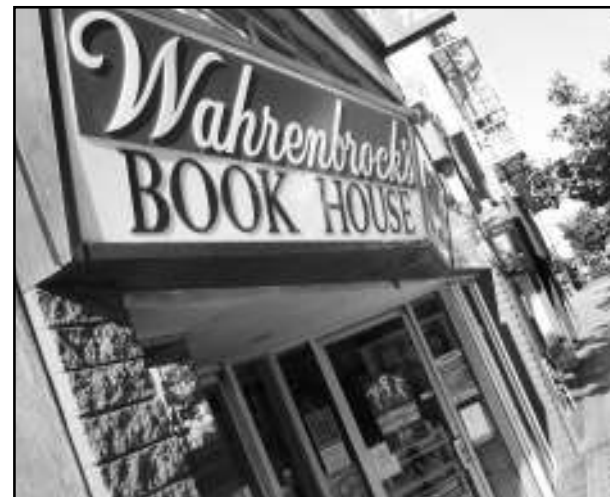
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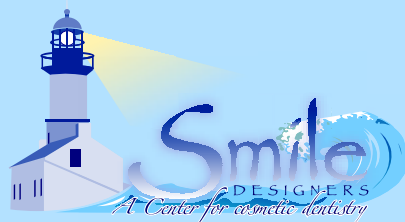
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Chuck's obituary in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* read, in part:

"Charles Anthony Valverde was born Feb. 12, 1935, in Philadelphia, to Charles and Della Valverde. He was the only child of an Army officer, and he attended several schools throughout the United States and overseas, including in the Philippines.

"In the *Union-Tribune* interview, Mr. Valverde said that books became his childhood companions when his parents were abroad and he was staying with a married cousin in Washington's Olympic National Forest.

"With all the rainfall, I'd be inside reading," Mr. Valverde said. In high school, Mr. Valverde played basketball, baseball and football, said his daughter, Tara Rettig. He went on to play football at San Diego State College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business in the mid-1950s.

"Before owning Wahrenbrock's, Mr. Valverde helped organize the University of California expansion to San Diego, Irvine and

Santa Cruz, guiding the start of campus bookshops and libraries.

"Mr. Valverde was a board member of Father Joe's St. Vincent de Paul Villages and was a supporter and former president of the Central Library Friends of the Library.

"Mr. Valverde is survived by his wife, Teri Anne of El Cajon; three children, Chuck Valverde of San Diego, Tara Rettig of El Cajon and Tricia Valverde of El Cajon; and six grandchildren."

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Chuck would talk to me often on the sidewalk in front of the store. He expressed an interest in my work and on more than one occasion, after closing the shop, he and staff members would share judicious amounts of bourbon, possibly a cigar, and discuss San Diego history, literature, religion, or the street people that frequented his shop. Chuck's concern for the homeless of his city was well known and he might have taken issue with me

when I once published an interview with a former case manager from Saint Vincent's and offered my own critical description of the facilities there. He did not say so. He did once, however, suggest I might have been unfair to the Friends of the Library in a piece I did (though I did not intend to be so) and he reminded me of a gentle mother lioness.

Chuck was a handsome guy. To say he appeared bookish is only an observation of his eyeglasses and surroundings. He always appeared to be the same age, roughly 45, no matter what his true age might have been or what physical condition he was in. Phlegmatic is a word that comes to mind, rather slow-speaking, a considered manner of delivery and always aware of context and to whom he was speaking. Never unkind (that I recall, though I hardly knew him fully) he would smile when he happened to agree with me on some crack at the expense of some writer, agent, or politician. In recent

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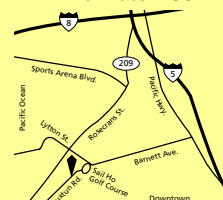
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years he would alternately appear in pain or thoroughly free from it. He never complained to me but it was clear that he was often, at least, physically uncomfortable. Either way, he did not allow it to dictate his demeanor — not in public and never to me.

He was hardly the jolly bookseller, no Dickensian eccentric; if anything, he might have been the smartest guy in a Damon Runyon story. He would have fit neatly into any one of Raymond Chandler's novels, and if Robert Mitchum played Philip Marlowe so well, certainly Chuck would have been convincing had he been an actor. To me, he even looked a bit like Chandler — if you squinted just a little — only tougher. He bought books from me at a rate higher than he had to. He could not have made a profit on these many and often sales. I remember him telling me, "A writer has to have his books. He's not a writer otherwise." On these occasions he would pay me what I needed and then slide

back toward me certain books, the ones he rightly suspected I was loathe to part with. One of these was Frank McShane's biography of Raymond Chandler.

When he could see that drinking was getting the better of me some years ago, he would not buy books but would talk to me for as long as I cared to hang out on the sidewalk with him. He never mentioned booze on these occasions.

Yesterday, a good friend of mine, a woman, came to my hotel room in tears. She brought me Lexapro, an antidepressant I had left at her home some time ago and said, "I thought you would need this." The pills don't quite work that way and certainly they would do little in the face of writing this piece. My friend did not want her name mentioned, but she loved Chuck dearly (thoroughly platonically, lest anything else be read into it) and she often brought gifts of cactus, orchids, and other plants I knew little about with her to the store. (Apparently Chuck's knowl-

edge of plants was more limited than I assumed and some of those plants were for Tonnesen, as it turns out). "He always treated me so well," she said, then proceeded to bury her face in her arms on the couch. As to who comforted whom for the next several moments would have been debatable.

The senior Valverde had a facility for knowing how to connect people with whatever it was they might be looking for, and not just books. Over 30 years, I might have seen him at the swap meet once or twice but for the most part he seemed only to exist in the confines of his bookstore. And yet, an impression was created that the world came to him for miscellaneous information as to auto auctions, estate sales, 78 rpm recordings, farmers' markets, cabbages, and information on kings or sealing wax.

It is hardly my intention to write hagiography here. I think I can be assured that Chuck was not a saint. He was simply one of the very few best people I know.



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He would let me use the phone without question or store my backpack, guitars, or suitcase there many times. The surety that he was being too generous with me was often unshakable.

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Another Moore snapshot of Chuck at work in 1989:

"The telephone rings (the 11th call in 30 minutes). Chuck Sr. answers. 'The Blacksmith's Sourcebook? Give me a moment. I'll check.' He heads down through the shop; threads between shelves that rise from floor to eight-foot ceilings; zips past sections set aside for films, psychology, prenatal care, hobbies, rivers, deserts, caves and caving; steps over a box out of which books spill; edges past a customer who has open in his

hands *The Shooter's Bible*. He disappears into a book-lined alcove at the back of the store, 100 feet away.

"Emerging from banks of shelves, Chuck Sr. says, 'Hi there, Bob! Be with you in a minute,' to a suited gentleman studying the titles of books stacked spine-up on the 50% off table. Chuck Sr. pushes a shock of gray hair off his forehead and picks up the telephone. 'We don't have *The Blacksmith's Sourcebook*. What we do have is *The Complete Guide to Blacksmithing* and *Practical Blacksmithing*. Okay, I'll leave them here at the counter for you.'

"Blacksmithing books rubber-banded together, Chuck Sr. joins Bob. Bob collects materials about Baja California and wishes to add to his collection. Ten years ago, he's saying, he bought a first edition of Steinbeck's *Sea of Cortez* for \$100. Noting that *The Sea of Cortez* in its first edition now can't be purchased for less than \$200, Chuck Sr. says, 'A book I liked about Baja was *Forgotten Waters; Adventure in*

the Gulf of California. Have you seen that?'

"Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha* gripped in both hands, a scrawny teenager asks Tonnesen if he can help him find something to read in philosophy."

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I remember Chuck either the calm center of a flurry of activity from telephone calls to enquiries about books or in moments of relative repose, usually standing on the sidewalk with one of his cigars (until he gave them up) and listening as well as dispensing anecdotes. One time it might be about a politician and a gangster in the 1920s or some old Wild West action in Old Town at the turn of the 19th and 20th Centuries. He was the go-to guy for more than books. To me, he was a giant and we'll see no more of giants. ■

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been in existence in Oregon since 1998. The Death with Dignity Act has worked well and has made Oregon one of the best places in the country for end-of-life care. Until we have lawful assistance in dying, there will be an increasingly larger underground network composed of those of us who want the assurance that they will be in control when the time comes.

In the *Reader* article Dr. Nitschke, a highly effective Australian doctor and right-to-die campaigner, asks rhetorically if I would agree that most people would rather take something by mouth to put

them to sleep than to die with a plastic bag on their head. Yes, probably he is right, but we do not encourage our members to break the law by buying drugs in Mexico and bringing them back here. Other equally good alternatives are available. We would like to know that people would have a choice about how and when they die and that their death can be a peaceful one. Whatever methods are available to them should be legal and accessible.

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There Goes The Neighborhood

In spite of what police reports have to say about the two July murders of 2007 and 2008 associated with Air Conditioned Lounge, witness accounts place both victims at the bar before they were shot ("Blurt," August 21).

In May of 1999, when I purchased my home in the neighborhood north of Adams Avenue near Kansas Street, the nights were quiet. I did a great deal of research before choosing to buy here. I spoke with neighbors and visited the neighborhood at various times of day and night to make sure I wasn't knowingly moving into an

area plagued by nocturnal disturbances, barking dogs, and other negative factors that would make life here less than peaceful and quiet.

The trouble north of Adams Avenue began in summer of 2004, shortly after Air Conditioned opened. It didn't take long to trace the repeated acts of vandalism, sex acts in public (on the corner in front of my house!), public urination, vomiting, littering, and the obligatory hysterical laughter and screaming associated with inexperienced drinkers when they have overimbibed, back to the bar. It seemed as if the regular nocturnal disturbances began overnight. My neigh-

bors and I did our best to work within the system to solve these problems. We attended meetings of the Adams Avenue Business Association and met with the bar owner to try to recover the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of our neighborhood that we had experienced for years previously.

The patrons like to park their cars in the quiet residential neighborhood to the north of the avenue because of the false sense of security it gives them. The difference in the areas to the south and north of Adams Avenue is palpable. On the north side are neat and tidy single-family homes with well-maintained yards. To

the south of the avenue, the 4600 block of 30th Street is blighted. The sidewalks are filthy, the street is torn up, and the City ignores repeated requests for repairs and improvements. Drug dealers hang out in the parking lot across from the bar. In broad daylight I have been solicited by heroin dealers. Prostitutes cruise the street.

The unsavory crowd catered to by Air Conditioned has the perception that they are safer parking on the north side of the avenue, both from police patrols looking for drunks driving away at 2:00 a.m. and from the dark, unlit areas to the south where crim-

inals of opportunity await.

At midnight on July 14, 2007, I was awakened by a series of gunshots followed by the screaming of the wounded and dying victims of just such a criminal who followed a couple from the bar to their car parked two doors from my bedroom window. They were both shot after handing over their money. In August, a drunk driver jumped his pickup onto the sidewalk across the street from my house, crashing into a signpost, a tree, and a parked car before fleeing on foot. He was arrested hiding under a staircase in his parents' house.

Since summer 2004, I

rarely am able to sleep through the night between Thursday and Sunday. My work performance has suffered because of frequent exhaustion. Howling drunks stumble down my street at closing time, get into their cars, and drive away drunk, sometimes smashing into cars parked in front and in back. The latest insult has been the shooting in the alley behind the bar. Even though a block away, it goes to show that this place continues to attract the wrong element to our neighborhood.

My neighbors and I are working to establish a Neighborhood Watch chapter. We will continue

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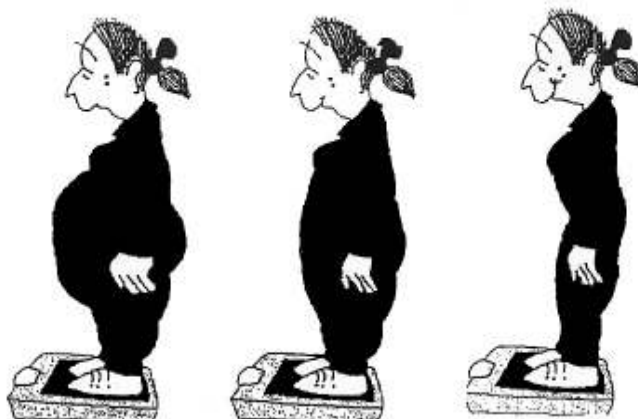
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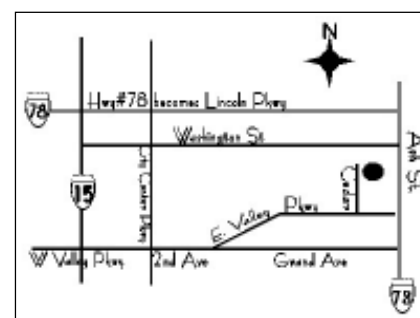
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to document the unacceptable behaviors the patrons of this bar bring with them into our neighborhood. In nearby Normal Heights, neighbors were successful in closing down Kindred Spirits, a bar that brought similar problems to their neighborhood. The owner of Air Conditioned should see the writing on the wall and look for a more suitable location. The large footprint of his business has outstripped the ability of this neighborhood to accommodate it. It's time for him to move on before a local resident is caught in the crossfire. After all that has happened here since summer 2004, he stands to be held liable civilly the next time someone dies as a result of the crime Air Conditioned attracts. The documentation continues to grow.

Name Withheld
by Request
via email

Crash Forgotten

While informative, how could "Life under the Flight Path" (Feature Story, August 21) be written without a single mention of the crash of PSA Flight 182 on September 25, 1978? Up to that point in time, it was the deadliest plane crash in U.S. history, and it doesn't even warrant a mention in the article? I hope next month there's a 30th-anniversary article story titled "Death under the Flight Path" that honors the 144 people who died in PSA 182.

Mark Rafferty
via email

Repent!

In regards to the article "Greetings from Tijuana," August 7 (Cover Story). A number of people have written in with their solutions, and I see the solution is a spiritual one. In the Tanach/Old Testament, 2 Chronicles 7:14 is the solution for Tijuana, the United States, and the whole world, which is besieged with moral cancer, as far as I'm concerned. It says, "If My people who are called by My name will repent from their evil ways and immorality and seek My face, I will heal their land."

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Wise Choice

Thank you, *Reader*, for introducing Royal India to us in a review by Naomi Wise on August 21.

I always try restaurants reviewed by Naomi. Upon entering and walking from underneath the arches, we sat closer to the waterfall. It was fabulous. Magnificent ambience.

I like my food to be fla-

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vorful and tried *rogan josh*, mango soup, and garlic nan at Royal India after reading the article, and it was fantastic. Hats off to Royal India. Tenderness in meat and flavors were fantastic. My friend Angela tried chicken tikka masala, and she said she loved it too.

Julia
via email

Kids Love Indian

Visiting from Chicago we were looking for a good restaurant in San Diego, and an article in the *Reader* popped up about Royal India (Restaurant Review, August 21), and it was good. We are not so fond of Indian food. After a whole day on the beach in Coronado, we decided to go to Royal India in the Gaslamp of downtown San Diego. Royal India is a beautiful Indian restaurant. The decor is very elegant. It looks like the designer did a fantastic job on it. It's a designer restaurant.

My kids ordered mango-pineapple curry served with rice. John and I ordered spicy lamb *rogan josh* and wine garlic curry with chicken.

My kids loved it so much that Julia said Indian food in Chicago does not taste the same. This is really good. This is delicious, Mommy. It's better than pasta.

Our lamb *rogan josh* was very flavorful with tender meats, and we had it with onion naan. Chicken garlic naan was fantastic. We never had that dish in any Indian restaurant before.

All I want to say is that my family enjoyed Royal India the most during our stay in San Diego. Next time Royal India will be the reason to visit San Diego. *It was really delicious.* The only reason I am writing is that I am so happy because my kids finished the whole dish, and in Chicago they do not even want to go to Indian restaurants.

Fantastic experience and it's amazing — the best meal during our visit to San Diego was at Royal India.

Christina
via email

Comments from Reader Website

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

Movie Review

Published August 27

Posted by Derzu on August 27, 3:23 p.m.

Dear Duncan, I mourn the loss of your old friend.

I lived in La Jolla from 1965 to 1994 and still visit often; was at UCSD 1977–1982; studied film there; took Manny's classes (and Lauder's and Gorin's); sat in on your Summer classes; frequented the Unicorn, Cove, Cinema 21, Cinerama, Roxy, Casino, Spreckels, Guild, Park, and all our other sadly departed venues; diligently read most if not all of your reviews from the mid-1970s onward; and entered into countless arguments with my wife, friends, and family over your unique, erudite, hilarious, great reviews.

After taking both Manny's classes, I used to steel myself and corner him during chance meetings in the Credit Union or Ralph's to ask him about various movies.

"I'm a painter, not a film critic," he demurred through a grimace in Ralph's, as he carefully considered the price of some Playtex rubber gloves. I snuck off into frozen foods, tail between my legs.

"All those trees were just like a big green pile of lettuce," he offered darkly without looking up from his deposit slip, when asked about Dersu Uzala (no relation), which I had recently seen, and loved, on two successive nights at the Unicorn. Nice talking to ya.

He was a truly fascinating and ornery character, and one who I am proud to have studied under, albeit only during those two undergraduate films classes ("Male Action Movies" was one) some 30 years ago. He taught a great class.

And he must have been fairly proud of you, Duncan, if you care about my opinion. I am proud of you, and we've never even met. I've never before written to the *Reader* or emailed your website in all these years, though at times you might have welcomed a volley or two of support in the "letters" section, but choose this moment to break my self-imposed vow of silence: In my humble opinion, you are the best writer on movies in the history of the English language. The

funniest, the best versed, the most entertaining, and technically most proficient writer. And, I have to think by now (and would love for you to confirm or refute), the MOST published one as well. Other critics may have written for more years, I wouldn't know. But how many have published reviews of as many movies or had as many inches published in print? I wonder. Quality AND Quantity.

Anyway, he must have been proud to count you among his friends.

Someday, I'm going to get my courage up and introduce myself to you at a movie. Just don't bite my head off like your mentor did. Kurosawa may have been a lot of things, but, dangit, he was not just a big green pile of lettuce!

I don't actually expect this little bit of frivolity to cheer you up at all, it's just one anonymous critic's two cents' worth. But you must have done your mentor proud. You are the greatest, and not only that, you are the greatest that ever was. Not even Manny can claim that. Don't ever quit. You've a streak to consider. (And books to write?)

With going on four decades' worth of devotion,
Derzu

Blurt

Published August 27

Posted by isisaquarian on August 27, 8:35 p.m.

My publisher Processmediainc told me to check this out..

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xo
Isis

Help for the Kelp

Protection for Sea Life

One of the most important predators in the kelp forest is the California sheephead, a fish that changes sex during its lifetime," says marine ecologist Edward Parnell. All California sheephead begin life as females and transmute into males at around 7 years of age. They remain male until they die, around 40 years later for those fish that are successful at evading predators.

Parnell says that sheephead are mostly sedentary in their adult lives, and loitering in the kelp forests makes them susceptible to anglers. When the sheephead are overfished, "The ability for them to eat down the largest sea urchins is diminished, and suddenly you lose control of an important kelp grazer. Sea urchins are a really important species in a kelp forest — when there are too many, they're like a plague of locusts."

On Monday, September 8, Parnell will speak at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps's fall lecture series on marine-protected areas. "Traditional fisheries management is important, in terms of seasons and size limit. The science behind it is fairly sound," says Parnell. "When it gets implemented into policy, it gets highly politicized. That process is happening now."

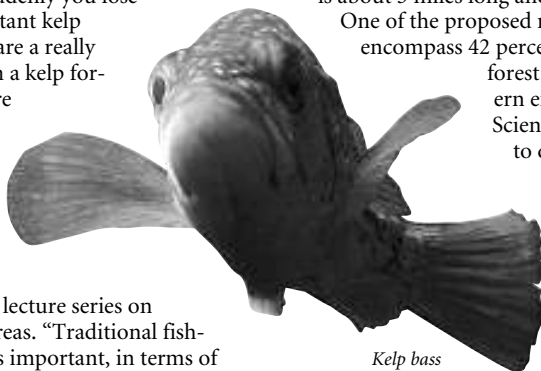
Beginning in September, three groups — the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group, the Science Advisory Team, and the Blue Ribbon Task Force (whose job it will be to assist with policy matters) — will meet to establish new boundaries for marine-protected areas for the south coast of California.

According to Parnell, it will be the regional stakeholders who will draw the prospective boundaries; the Science Advisory Team will determine how effective those boundaries would be. "We want to preserve enough animals to allow them to grow to a large size to increase their reproductive capacity. By protecting larger animals, you're maximizing their reproduction."

The kelp forest off the coast of La Jolla is about 5 miles long and 1.5 miles wide.

One of the proposed reserves would encompass 42 percent of the kelp forest near the southern end of La Jolla. Scientists also hope to define a reserve in waters outside of both central and northern Point Loma. It is estimated that reserves in these areas

would preserve 20 currently exploited species, including abalone, sheephead, and sea otter.



Kelp bass



Kelp forest

It's especially important to safeguard the largest, most mature fish of each species. "You could put out a million larvae from smaller animals, but they won't be as strong as they would if they were produced by larger animals." Eventually, as populations increase, mature marine life will "start spilling out into non-protective areas, and suddenly fishermen will start reporting larger animals."

As set forth in the Marine Life Protection Act-Initiative (created in August 2004), there is a year and a half left to finalize the boundaries for marine-protected areas along the Southern California coast. Parnell believes the Central California coast has had an easier time of conservation, as many of the protected areas in that region are not often frequented by humans.

"Here, almost everywhere is someone's backyard, and every piece of rock is being fought over." He believes peer enforcement and education are crucial to successful implementation. "A lot of fishing groups think it's just a stupid law. But we can't have

a fraction of 1 percent of the population dictating state waters out three nautical miles."

In the north central region, says Parnell, fishing is now banned in only 7 percent of the water. "A lot of what you hear, if you go to a tackle store, is, 'They're going to take away all the fishing between Oceanside and the Mexican border.'"

"That's not going to happen," says Parnell. "It's only a few selected areas."

— Barbarella

A Place of Their Own: Protecting Sea Life in California

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Calling All Jitterbugs! Forties swing dance with music by the Zzymzzy Quartet (9 p.m.-midnight). Introductory swing lesson with Meeshi and Moana (8-8:45 p.m.). All ages and dance abilities welcome. 858-395-6060. Thursday,

September 4, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$12. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Contra with a Celtic Twist! Celticladda makes the music, Portland caller Susie Kendig takes on calling duties for San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. (8 p.m.). Beginners' workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, September 5, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing Judee Pronovost calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, September 7, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

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

Learn to Belly Dance Leilainia leads "Belly-Dance Basics: Fun with Belly Dance" (7-8 p.m.), followed by lessons in using zils and combos (8-9 p.m.). \$60 for six-week workshop, \$120 for both levels. Registration: 619-435-9119. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; through Tuesday, October 14, \$60-\$120. Bamboo Yoga and Bodywork Center, 1127 Loma Avenue. (CORONADO)

USA Dance Party Wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month. Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8-11 p.m. All ages, abilities. 760-525-5124. Saturday, September 6, 7 p.m.; \$7. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

OUT & ABOUT

"SPHERE OF INFLUENCE TOUR" Ready, La Paloma Theatre, Thursday, September 4.

(SEE FILM)



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FILM

"Que Viva! Cine Latino: Family Night!" Take in short films and performances by Ballet Folklórico Tapatio de San Diego during event hosted by Media Arts Center San Diego. Program includes "funny, lighthearted, sweet" animated and live-action films including *Tyger*, *Lapsus*, *Saliva*, *El Ataque de los Krieters Asesinos*, *Mi Tio Paco*, *Journey to Mars*, *Tragic Story with Happy Ending*, and *Nina Que Espera*. 619-230-1938. Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.; Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

"Sphere of Influence Tour" Absinthe Films presents *Ready*, with appearances by riders Jeremy Jones, Matt Beardmore, Annie Boulanger. Flick "features snowboarding's heaviest hitters including Nicolas Müller, Gigi Rüf, Kevin Pearce," many others. 760-436-7469. Thursday, September 4, 8 p.m.; \$7. La Paloma Theatre, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

"To the Moon and Beyond" See *October Sky* — starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Chris Cooper — when it's showcased for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, this month celebrating NASA's 50th anniversary. Ann Zivotsky of *North County Times* leads pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-

2026. Wednesday, September 10, 5:30 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

10 Questions for the Dalai Lama Director, filmmaker Rick Ray will be on hand when Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes to see his 2006 film. "Ray examines some of the fundamental questions from his own journeys throughout India and the Middle East." Cinema chat begins at 1:30 p.m.; discussion led by Ann Zivotsky follows screening. 760-602-2026. Saturday, September 6, 1:30 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Breathless in L.A. Sierra Club Movie Activist Night screening, along with *Rats to Roses*. Films follow "finger-food potluck." 858-569-6005. Friday, September 5, 6 p.m.; Sierra Club, 8304 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #101. (KEARNY MESA)

Critical Condition Roger Weisberg's 2008 documentary probe into the medical insurance maze screens for "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies" series. Discussion follows. 619-236-5821. Sunday, September 7, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Death with Dignity Described Hemlock Society of San Diego presents *Final Exit: The Video* and leads discussion of current international death-with-dignity issues. 619-233-4418. Sunday, September 7, 1:30 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Up for a "Cheeky Valentine to Society's Outcasts"? See Cecilia Miniucchi's 2007 film *Expired* when it screens for Film Forum. Stars Jason Patric, Samantha Morton. 619-236-5800. Monday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Tots and Tales" Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.; \$3. Ages 2 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

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club; read the book, watch the movie, or do both. Snacks provided. 858-538-8161. Saturday, September 6, noon; ages 13 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Puppet Variety Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs through Sunday, September 7. Next up: *Pacific Tales* presented by the Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers, September 10-14. Curtain rises at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, September 4; Friday, September 5; Saturday, September 6; Sunday, September 7; Wednesday, September 10; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Concert by Hullabaloo Audience is invited to sing and play along during lively performance. 858-538-8161. Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Pet Pals Kids Club Kids 6-13 have "fun with other animal-loving kids." Required reservations: 619-243-3432. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; \$15-\$75. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Super Science Saturday Exhibits, hands-on activities in celebration of NASA's 50th anniversary. 760-602-2047. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; ages 5 and up. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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At nine miles into the ride, you turn left on Las Pulgas Road and pedal up and over a small hill toward Interstate 5. Just beyond the railroad undercrossing, but before the I-5 ramps, veer right onto a section of the old Highway 101 roadbed. After 1.5 miles you bend left, pass through a tunnel under the freeway, and pick up the old highway again, this time much closer to the brink of the coastal bluffs.

The south boundary of San Onofre State Beach is next. Ahead lies 3.5 miles of flat riding through a linear parking lot and blacktop camping areas, all fashioned out of the old highway right-of-way. On farther, past the dome-shaped containment vessels of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and just before an I-5 overcrossing, make a sharp left turn onto the paved bikeway leading to San Clemente. A side path on the left leads to surfer-friendly Trestles Beach, while the

main path continues uphill to an I-5 frontage road at the south boundary of the city of San Clemente. A short mile ahead, you'll find San Clemente State Beach (a blufftop park), with an obscure pedestrian

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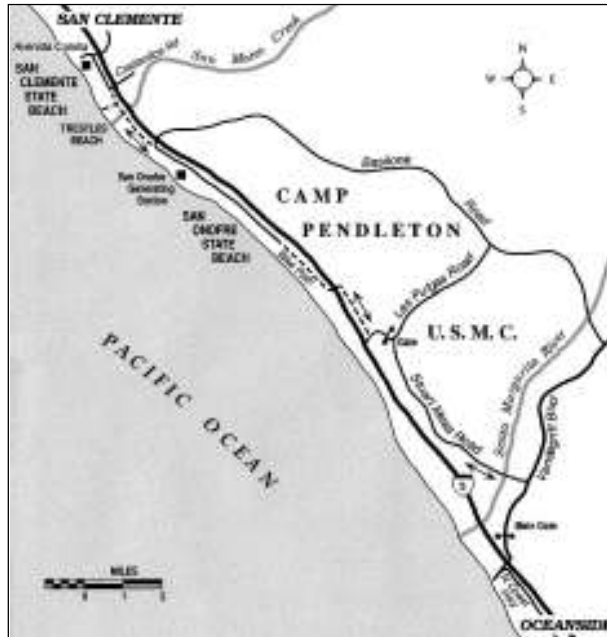
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Scourge of God Speculative fiction author S.M. Stirling discusses, signs latest book. 858-268-4747. Saturday, September 6, 4 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

The Red Leather Diary: Reclaiming a Life Through the Pages of a Lost Journal New York Times journalist Lily Koppel found inspiration for her book after discovering Florence Wolfson's diary from the 1930s in a Manhattan dumpster. Koppel eventually locates Wolfson in Florida. Koppel will discuss, sign her book. 858-454-0347. Thursday, September 4, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

A Happy Tour! Arden Moore signs *Happy Dog, Happy You* and *Happy Cat, Happy You*. "Back to Drool" photographs with pet photographer Jen Petit of Fuzzle. 858-459-WOOF. Saturday, September 6, 1 p.m.; Muttropolis La Jolla, 7755 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Are Department Stores Vanishing? Author Darlene Quinn may answer this question when she visits to discuss and sign her new book, *Webs of Power*. 619-435-0070. Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m.; Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Ben Reese Returns (Fictionally) Sally Wright reads from her fifth Reese mystery series book, *Watches of the Night*. 619-236-5847. Friday, September 5, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy by Erik Knowles, Cate Gary, Matt Zint, Bob Hansen, Three Day Old Beaver. No cover. 619-294-4848. Saturday, September 6, 8:30 p.m.; Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Hear Deep and Powerful Ideas! Author Steven Pinker dis-

cusses, signs *The Stuff of Thought*. Book is described as a "fearless investigation of language." 858-454-0347. Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Nomads Show Enjoy "live original Middle Eastern-flavored music" by Danyavaad, fusion belly dancing by the Shimmy Sisters, DJ Sandbag, guest dancers Melissa, Zaira, and Valeria; guest deejay Dr. Feelin, guest musician Reid de-Fever. 619-222-7678. Friday, September 5, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Open-Mike Wednesdays All types of music comedy, poetry, "whatever." Drum friendly. All ages until 9:30 p.m. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m. No cover. 619-447-5665. Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Thorn-

ton's Irish Pub and Grill, 1221 Broadway. (EL CAJON)

Poetry in the Park Bring poetry for open poetry reading at Poetry Bench, found near corner of Sixth Avenue and Quince under a grove of magnolia trees. Sunday, September 7, noon; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Family-friendly shows for all ages. 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)

Surf Legend Meet pioneering surfboard maker, surfer Bing Copeland during booksigning, book-release event for *Bing Surfboards: Fifty Years of Craftsmanship and Innovation* by Paul Holmes. 858-481-1354. Thursday, September 4, 4 p.m.; Mitch's Surf Shop, 363 North Highway 101. (SOLANA BEACH)

There's Poetry in Escondido! Rainbow resident and Pushcart Prize fiction and poetry nominee Kate Harding reads from her work, which has appeared recently in *Poetry International*, *Earth's Daughters*, and the *San Diego Poetry Annual*. Guests invited to bring a few poems or short written pieces for open reading to follow. 760-480-4101. Sunday, September 7, 1 p.m.; Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

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Hoard address Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group sponsored by North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Program relates to a number of states other than California. Nonmembers welcome. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, September 9, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"A Place of Their Own: Protecting Sea Life in California" Marine ecologist Edward Parnell describes science behind marine protected areas, and his own research in waters off San Diego for "Perspectives on Oceans Science" lecture series. Required reservations: 858-534-5771. Monday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-

\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Building a Green and Healthy Economy" Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi addresses Center on Policy Initiatives and City Club of San Diego. 619-584-5744 x26. Tuesday, September 9, noon; \$20-\$25. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Gun Control: Good Idea or Very Bad Idea?" Does the Second Amendment matter today? Hear opposing points of view and join in resulting discussion hosted by Humanist Fellowship of San Diego. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. Sunday, September 7, 2 p.m.;

Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Irish Genealogical Resources Available at the San Diego Family History Center" Irish interest class sponsored by British Isles Genealogical Research Association meets for talk by chair Mary Russell. Nonmembers welcome. 858-453-9053. Wednesday, September 10, 10:30 a.m.; LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Sleeping Beauties: Headrests from the Jerome L. Joss Collection at the Fowler Museum" Curator William Dewey discusses exhibition during opening reception. Dewey is "especially interested in

the arts of eastern and southern Africa." 760-602-2021. Sunday, September 7, 3 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"What's New and Unique from Seed?" Horticulturist, author, and Renee's Garden seed company owner Renee Shepherd answers the question for San Diego Horticultural Society. Prepare "to be inspired in both potager and pantry." Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, September 8, 6 p.m.; Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Xeriscape Gardening" Connie Beck — described as "a staunch believer in water conservation" — speaks for Point Loma Garden Club. Beck is an organic gardening instructor, landscape designer, Audubon Society and Natural History Museum docent, National Wildlife Federation volunteer. 619-564-7036. Wednesday, September 10, 10 a.m.; Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

"Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" Seven principles of xeriscape, plant selection, planting techniques presented by landscape designer Connie Beck. Reservations: 619-660-4350. Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.; \$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Encuentro de Jaraneros Festival of traditional *son jarocho* music begins with performance and round-table discussion of this traditional folk music from south end of Mexican state of Veracruz, in Arts Building room 240. 760-750-4366. Thursday, September 4, 6 p.m.;

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CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Open-forum workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Hummingbird Photography Workshop Learn about equipment and techniques used to capture images of these “flying jewels,” using high-speed multiple flash setups, from instructor Neil Solomon. If you have a tripod, DSLR, or SLR camera or prefer to use your own camera and lens, bring it along; however, all equipment is provided. Class continues September 13 and 15. 619-255-0203. Monday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.; \$70-\$80. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Is It True That White Men Can't Jump? Nadav Goldschmied focuses on sport psychology topics including home-field advantage, uniform colors and performance, biased refereeing. Admission: \$5 in advance, \$10 at door. 813-598-1351. Saturday, September 6, 5 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Joyce Beers Com-

munity Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Miniature Painting Demonstration offering “look at the history of miniature painting and...several techniques of painting in watercolor and gouache” by artist Hazel Ross. 619-464-7167. Thursday, September 4, 7:30 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Foothills Art Gallery, 4910 Memorial Drive. (LA MESA)

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 Friday, September 5; and *The Merry Wives of Windsor* on Saturday, September 6. 619-23-GLOBE. Friday, September 5, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, September 6, 7:15 p.m.; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

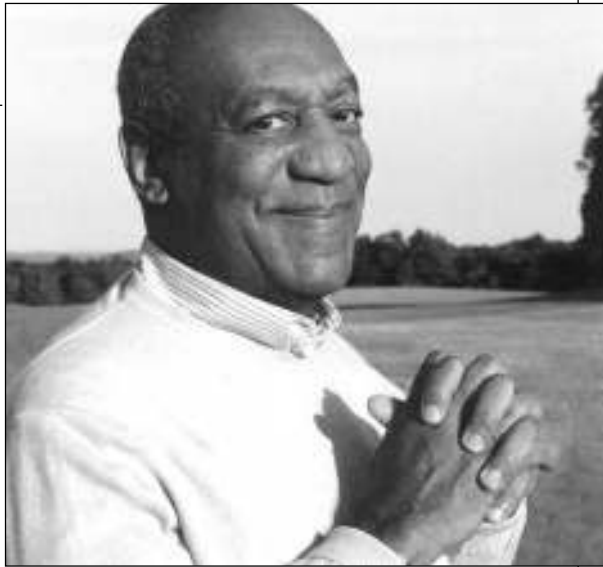
Summer Thundershowers, having blessed the eastern margin of San Diego County with welcome, if spotty precipitation of late, have triggered a minor growth spurt among certain kinds of vegetation. In the desert, for example, the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two or 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. Various cacti may also benefit from the

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downpours; barrel cacti expand in girth by soaking up water, and the pads of the beavertail cactus plump up like overstuffed pillows.

The Chaparral, the tangled assortment of low-growing, drought-resistant, native shrubs covering most of San Diego County's lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain fairly attractive this summer. Unlike many of the scrubby natives near the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year round. This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring's flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants, and a few wildflowers have popped up here and there in response to re-

cent thunderstorm activity over the mountains. To enjoy the beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hillsides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley, Japatul, and Boulder Creek roads in East County. Or head inland from Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center. Most of these areas have been swept by one wildfire or another over the past few years, but the native vegetation is gradually returning.

Venus, Mars, and Mercury, our nearest planetary neighbors in the solar system, have been consorting with each other in the western sky at dusk for some weeks now. From September 5th through the 15th, all three lie within a circle of less than 4 degrees diameter (for comparison, the apparent width of either the sun or the moon in the sky is about one-half degree). The trick to finding all three planets is to first locate Venus — not hard since it (or she) glows like a white beacon over the west-southwest horizon about one-half hour after sunset. Then use binoculars to scope out the other two (pale Mercury and even paler, reddish Mars) within the same field of view.

The Waxing Moon Thickens and moves southward and eventually eastward this coming week, as seen during the earliest evening hour on repeated days. By Tuesday, September 9, the waxing gibbous (about two-thirds illuminated) moon will lie just below lanternlike Jupiter. Late summer evenings in San Diego are often a

perfect time to turn a telescope on both the moon and Jupiter. Calmer weather conditions in September and October tend to minimize atmospheric turbulence over San Diego coastal and inland areas, and that contributes to crisper telescopic views.

“Before, During, and After a Wildfire” Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing focuses on being prepared for wildfires and survival in both urban and rural wildfires. This 3.26-mile hike covers Creek Crossing, East Ridge, Middle Pond, and Ranch House trails. 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 6, 8:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

“Shun the Sun Mystery Tour” Beat the heat — join naturalist Kathleen Flanagan for early-morning hike from La Honda Drive parking lot. Expect a fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles and “a lot of map reading.” Bring a minimum of two liters of water, wear layered clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, September 5, 5:50 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Balboa Park Architectural Tours San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of high-lighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935 International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Bird and Butterfly Garden Nature Walk Guided walk through park's 3.5-acre bird and butterfly garden boasting over 40 types of plants attractive to monarch and

swallowtail butterflies, hummingbirds, migrating birds, others. Flat, gravel surfaces. 619-428-2946. Sunday, September 7, 11 a.m.; Tijuana River Valley Regional Park, 2310 Hollister Street. (SAN YSIDRO)

California Gold! Find golden-bush, yarrow, and primrose along trails during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 6, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, September 7, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

California Native Plant Society Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, September 7, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Explore Kate Sessions Park Explore the compact park and nearby neighborhood with Walk-about explorers where the pioneering horticulturist lived. One-hour walk proceeds at a moderate pace over mostly flat terrain. 619-231-7463. Friday, September 5, 10 a.m.; Kate Sessions Park, 5115 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Guided Nature Walk Meet at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance. 858-581-9944. Bring binoculars, drinking water. Saturday, September 6, 9:30 a.m.; Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Help Out in Point Loma Native Plant Garden Learn about native flora and see how beautiful a water wise garden can be while caring for the garden. Tools provided. No experience necessary. 619-297-7380. Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m.; Point Loma Native Plant Reserve, Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (POINT LOMA)

History Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Home Compost Workshop Certified master composters and Solana Center for Environmental Innovation present composting basics, worm composting, saving water in process. Registration: 760-436-7986 x225. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

La Jolla Shores Cleanup Beach cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper starts at lifeguard tower. Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m.; La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

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SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"Boleros" Regina Orozco and pianist Baldomero Jiménez perform. The \$50 tickets include dinner with Orozco. 011-52-664-687-9636. Sunday, September 7, 6 p.m.; \$15-\$50. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

"Los Monologos de la Vagina" Rocío Banquells, Stephany Salas, and Anabel Ochoa perform. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, September 5, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturday, September 6, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Copa del Vino This downhill race takes place at Rancho Bibayoff in Valle de Guadalupe (30 minutes northeast of Ensenada). Enjoy paella, hot dogs, wine tasting, music. General admission: \$2; enter race for \$20. 619-434-2828. Saturday, September 6, 8 a.m.; \$2-\$20. Valle de Guadalupe, northeast of Ensenada. (BAJA)

Skateboard Show For the family, along Avenida Revolución and 1st Street. 011-52-664-215-9000. Saturday, September 6, noon; Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

Fruit of the Soul 2008 Enjoy performances by Gilbert Castellanos, Bushwalla, Lisa Campbell Band with guest, and Monarch School Steel Drum Band; fashion from local designers; talks by Sarita Fuentes and Matt D'Arrigo; art trucks with prints and paintings, local artists; food from many local restaurants. Event is benefit for Monarch School and A Reason to Survive (ARTS). 619-347-1610. Saturday, September 6, 6 p.m.; \$40. Ages 18 and up. Specialty Produce Warehouse, 1929 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

"A Taste of Panama" House of Panama presents lawn program to "promote Panama's diverse culture, customs, and food." Regional foods offered for sale. 619-922-8112. Sunday, September 7, noon; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"Cultivando El Son" Second annual Encuentro de Jaraneros continues in celebration of traditional *son jarocho* music from Veracruz. Zapateado dance, *jarana* string instruments, and *décima* writing on Friday. More zapateado, *jarana*, and *décima* writing 12-3 p.m. Saturday.

The main events are planned Saturday, 6 p.m., with performances by Pa' Sumecha, Tenocelomeh, Son del Centro, Enanosón, Soneros de San Diego. 858-278-0771. Friday, September 5, 5 p.m.; Saturday, September 6, noon and 6 p.m.; Bay-side Community Center, 2202 Comstock Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Human/Nature" Celebrate opening of new exhibition "Human/Nature: Artists Respond to a Changing Planet" during this

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month's Thursday Night Thing (TNT). Expect evening with conservation-themed activities and live music by Hotel St. George, the Roman Spring, DJ Elkin. 858-454-3541. Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

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

"Sk8ology Gallery: Fine Art on Skateboards" Over 170 professional artists contributed their talents to produce these decks, which will be auctioned off to raise money for Now That You Know and ISM Community. 858-488-0274. Thursday, September 4, 9 a.m.; Friday, September 5, 9 a.m.; Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m.; San

Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Brazilian Day Parade and Street Fair Enjoy parade along Garnet Avenue (participate with purchase of T-shirts, adults \$15.00, kids \$10.00). Also on tap: live music, "contagious percussion," dances, food booths, vendors. 619-867-3231 or 619-723-9215. Sunday, September 7, noon; Pacific Beach, Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Co-Ed Drumming Circle Elisa Kisselburg leads co-ed circle blending Japanese, Middle Eastern, African traditions. Drums provided if you don't have your own. Circles offered first Sunday of every month. 619-303-6609. Sunday, September 7, 10 a.m.; \$15. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

Family Moon Festival Appreciate bounty of summer, enjoy the full moon, and eat mooncakes during Chinese Moon Festival. Festivities include Chinese paper cutting, calligraphy demonstration, Chinese legends, samples of Chinese ice cream flavors. Reservations encouraged: 619-338-9888. Saturday, September 6, noon; Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Gem and Mineral Show San Diego Lapidary Society holds 2008 gem and mineral show with (free) tumbled stone for kids, demonstrations of lapidary art, gem identification. Minerals, fossils, jewelry, gemstones. 619-295-6905. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 7, 10 a.m.; Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

OUT & ABOUT

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It's a "British Invasion"! Cajon Classic Cruise season continues. Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, September 10, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211-1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Life Drawing and Painting Open studio offered; bring art materials to work with model. The first 1.5 hours consist of short poses; final 1.5 hours promise long pose. No formal instruction. 619-231-3900. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 6 p.m.; \$10. Art Academy of San Diego, 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Local Artist Reception for exhibition of 40 to 50 pieces of work by artist Robert Freeman includes

opening reception. Show continues during September. 760-744-9025. Saturday, September 6, 1 p.m.; San Marcos Historical Society Museum, 270 West San Marcos Boulevard. (SAN MARCOS)

Poodle Fest! San Diego Poodle Club dog show boasting competition with toys, miniatures, and standards. 858-794-1171. Friday, September 5, 8 a.m.; Saturday, September 6, 8 a.m.; Sunday, September 7, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-

3422. Saturday, September 6, noon; Sunday, September 7, noon; Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (POINT LOMA)

Put a Couple Candles on the Birthday Keg Lightning Brewery celebrates second anniversary with nine Lightning beers on tap, three cask-conditioned beers, guest beers, live music by Brain Buckit (3-5 p.m.), food. Entrance fee includes "ten tasters." 858-513-8070. Saturday, September 6, 1 p.m.; \$25. Ages 21 and up. Lightning Brewery, 13200 Kirkham Way. (POWAY)

Southern California Plumeria Society Flower Show Enjoy the "Hawaiian atmosphere, smell the

fragrant plumeria blossoms, view the prize-winning blooms of the judged show" in room 101. Bloom table with identified flowers of every color on display. Hundreds of plants for sale. Members available to answer culture questions. 619-461-5942. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 7, 10 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

University Heights Arts Open Event showcases work by over 100 visual and performing artists. Self-guided tour of artists' open studios — musicians, performers, playwrights — includes shuttle service. Event hub at Birney Academy of International Studies. 619-508-4075. Saturday, September 6, noon; Sunday, September 7, noon; Birney Academy of International Studies, 4345 Campus Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Up for Catfish and Grits? Chef Melvin Johnson focuses on Southern cooking and demonstrates recipes. 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, September 6, noon; \$30. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

Western Hoedown Fundraiser for Ivey Ranch Park Association programs offered for "disabled and able-bodied community" with USMC Color Guard flag ceremony, western-style barbecue by Outback Steakhouse, kid's corral, horseback-riding demonstrations, country-western music by DJ Brenda Marshall and "Cowboy Jack" Johnson, line dancing, more. 760-722-4839. Saturday, September 6, 3 p.m.; \$40-\$150. Ivey Ranch Park, 110 Rancho del Oro Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

What Needs to Be Done About the Medical System? Ponder question with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m.; Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

When in Greece... Greek festival promises Greek music and dancing, cuisine, children's games, bazaar, deli, import booth. 760-942-0920. Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 7, 11 a.m.; \$3. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3459 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

SPORTS

"Surf Dog Surfathon" Helen Woodward Animal Center's non-competitive event includes one-half-hour dog surfing contest, "beach bum and bikini babe canine costume contest," (human) surfer contest. Registration: 858-756-4117 x312. Sunday, September 7, 9 a.m.; Dog Beach Del Mar, at western end of Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Bike the Bay Enjoy a noncompetitive community bike ride for all levels of riders on a scenic, primarily flat ride around the San Diego Bay via the Bayshore Bikeway. Riders travel through Coronado, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, National City, as well as over the Coronado Bay Bridge. Sunday, September 7, 7 a.m.; Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Boys of (Late) Summer Following a road trip to Milwaukee for games against the Brewers (September 4-7), the San Diego

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Flow Tour Flowboarders and bodyboarders from all over U.S. perform their bodyboard and stand-up flow-riding tricks during the Wave Loch Flow Series National Championships. Registration: 858-228-9317. Saturday, September 6, noon; Wave House, 3125 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

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It's Chargers Time! San Diego Chargers host Carolina Panthers for first regular season football game. Broadcast on FOX. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Sunday, September 7, 1:15 p.m.; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Showpark County 5 Horse Show 858-481-9085. Saturday, September 6, 8 a.m.; Sunday, September 7, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Surf for the Sea Twelfth annual surfing event hosted by Surfrider Foundation, located on north side of Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. 760-439-0863. Friday, September 5, 7 a.m.; Saturday, September 6, 7 a.m.; Sunday, September 7, 7 a.m.; Oceanside Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

USPA Spreckels Cup High Goal Tournament Ten goal championship match planned, hosted by San Diego Polo Club. Drille Divas perform a "quadrille national anthem" at halftime. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, September 7, 1:30 p.m.; \$5-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers

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

Barona Cultural Center and Museum 1095 Barona Road, 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage.

"Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbe-gong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum "From the Brown Mercury to SL8ER — A Glimpse of 100 Years of Surfing Culture in Southern California" celebrates influence of

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Chula Vista Nature Center Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in

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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 dec-

orative 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)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego Glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. 413 Market Street, 619-237-1492. (DOWNTOWN)

Heritage of the Americas Museum More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library Museum and

library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. 2116 Tavern Road, 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settle-

ment. 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 cabooses. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street, 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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

The Ordover Gallery "Autumn," showcases works of color and beauty by fine-art photographer Abe Ordover, as well as images by Brent McCullough, Charles Cramer, Annaliese Casarino, Alison Shaw, William Neill, Elizabeth Carmel, Lisa Jordan, Dick Daniels, Bruce Heine-mann, Bill Evarts, and Christopher Burkett. Closes Sunday, November 9.

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Veterans Museum and Memorial Center Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel (2115 Park Boulevard), the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard

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

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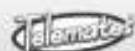
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“Resonance, a Classical Violin Concert” L. Subramaniam and his troupe in concert. Subramaniam is described as “the only musician who has performed/recorded Karnatic classical music, western classical music, both orchestral and non-orchestral.” 513-238-8479. Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road), 7:30 p.m., Friday, September 5. (POWAY)

Kensington Trio Ensemble opens new season of “Pleasure of Your Company” chamber music series works by Haydn, Chausson, Piazzolla, and La Jolla composer Robert Fürstenthal, who will be in attendance. Members include violinist Natalka Kytasty, cellist Yuri Kytasty, and pianist Ronald Morebello. Meet musicians and composer postconcert reception. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, September 7. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Choral Evensong The 40-minute program offers a blend of traditional choral music and spiritual inspiration. Program includes Mendelssohn, George Dyson’s “Magnificat” and “Nunc Dimittis.” Evensong features sung prayers and pieces (but no Communion or sermon), including parish singers, local professionals, and St. Nicholas Choristers. 858-755-1616. St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (334 14th Street), 5 p.m., Sunday, September 7. (DEL MAR)

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GALLERIES

“Accumulations” Opening reception for exhibit boasting paintings by Gail Roberts, as well as “No

Exit” by Los Angeles-based painter Chris Barnard. Both close Saturday, October 11. 619-696-9699. Luis de Jesus Seminal Projects (2040 India Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, September 6. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Chromantic” Opening reception for exhibition of new two-dimensional works constructed solely with color duct tapes by David Fobes, who “is able to control the warp and weft of the tape and lay it down on board so that the final result appears like marquetry.” Closes Friday, October 10. 619-231-3900. Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). 6 p.m., Friday, September 5. (DOWNTOWN)

“New York City and Mont St. Michel, France” Opening reception for photographs by Michael Kenna, on exhibit along with photographs by Robb Johnson. View exhibition through Saturday, November 8. 858-456-5620. Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). 6 p.m., Friday, September 5. (LA JOLLA)

“Point of View” Receptions on Saturday and Sunday for exhibition of work by photographers Janine Free, Dana Levine, Jan Thompson, Lev Tsimring, and Judi Works. Closes Monday, September 15. 858-490-0470. Gallery 21 in Spanish Village Art Center (1770 Village Place). noon, Saturday, September 6; Noon, Sunday, September 7. (BALBOA PARK)

“Quiet Places 2” Opening reception for featured artists Kathleen Thomson and Diana Duval (“Back — Lash”). Juror Joanna Bigfeather selected pieces for inclusion in “Outstanding Visual Artists of the Region,” as well as Linda Vista Leaders art show. Closes Sunday, October 5. 619-236-0011. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 6 p.m., Friday, September 5. (BALBOA PARK)

“Sayoko Becker — New Work” Opening reception for exhibition of “hand built and colorfully painted pieces” by ceramicist Becker. Through Sunday, October 5. 760-765-1676. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78c). 4 p.m., Saturday, September 6. (JULIAN)

“Sleeping Beauties: Headrests from the Jerome L. Joss Collection at the Fowler Museum” Opening reception for exhibition of 120 headrests drawn from collection of Joss, “originator of the name Sealy Posturepedic.” These headrests “provide a superb study of the marriage of form and function,” with examples from Africa, Asia, and Oceania, where the rigid pillow has been a staple of domestic furniture. Through November 30. 760-602-2021. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library (1775 Dove Lane). 4 p.m., Sunday, September 7. (CARLSBAD)

“The West Is the Best” Opening reception for this exhibit and “The Tsosido” — two new exhibitions by Steven Yazzie. Continuing through Saturday, October 18. 760-744-1150 x2304. Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). 4 p.m., Saturday, September 6. (SAN MARCOS)

“There Is Work: Hay Trabajo” Opening reception for exhibition of photographs by Leland Foerster, an exhibit providing “insight into Imperial Valley’s border issues.” Through Friday, December 5. RSVP: 760-750-4378. Kellogg Li-

brary at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 9. (SAN MARCOS)

“Time to Experiment” Reception for artists whose original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through Friday, September 26. Juror Claire-Lise Matthew Anderegg selected approximately 100 paintings to include. 619-876-4550. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade (2825 Dewey Road #105). 5 p.m., Friday, September 5. (POINT LOMA)

Artist of the Month Reception for Scottish artist Hazel Ross, showing “mainly portraits in pastel, oil, charcoal, and graphite.” View through Thursday, October 2. 619-464-7167. Foothills Art Gallery (4910 Memorial Drive). 2 p.m., Saturday, September 6. (LA MESA)

Meet Some Artists! La Onda Arte Latino and Casas Law Group host reception, one-day show for Ricardo Vela, Vicki Leon, David Silva, and Villafana. 619-656-6150. Galleria on Broadway (2323 Broadway, Suite 202). 6 p.m., Saturday, September 6. (GOLDEN HILL)

ART MUSEUMS

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

Mingei International Museum “Hungarian Folk Magic — The Art of Joseph Domjan” includes several of this master woodblock printer’s pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. “Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes.” Closes Sunday, October 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, 2009.

“Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work” features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. “Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship.” Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2009. 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, Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramírez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robledo, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1, 2009.

“Memory Is Your Image of Perception,” 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 photographic genres that range from straight documentary photography to manipulated photography.” Artists include Eleanor Antin, Uta Barth, Andrea Bowers, Sharon Lockhart, Ana Machado, and Yvonne Venegas. Through November. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of 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 “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 Briggman, 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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Star Power “We are the creators of the personal paparazzi phenomenon,” says Reggie Waller, president of Private Paparazzi, which he

than, say, a middle-aged English teacher celebrating his 50th birthday.

The local firm, launched in 2005, charges \$75 per hour per paparazzo. Deluxe packages include limo service, photogs who’ll pretend to chase you down aggressively, make-believe “fans” demanding

averages over 60 shots for every hour of service,” says Waller. Same-day bookings cost more, and clients must pay half in advance and the remainder within 24 hours of their experience.

According to its website, Private Paparazzi also does “Celebrity-style photo editing,” including “complete removal of an image background or unwanted images in background” and “skin flaw correction, face, and body touch ups (Nip and Tuck).”

Locals on the Private Paparazzi payroll include former *Union-Tribune* ad artist Leonard Calhoun and *North County Times* photographer Robert Benson.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Not If, but When

“Poppy music is coming back again. When everybody [originally in blink-182] is out of work long enough, we may see them get back together,” says an insider who has dealt with the band before.

When blink splintered three years ago, drummer Travis Barker and bassist-singer Mark Hoppus launched +44. Blink singer-guitarist Tom DeLonge formed Angels & Airwaves.



DOES BARKER NEED A BAND?

The first Angels & Airwaves CD, *We Don’t Need to Whisper*, sold 545,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The only +44 release, *When Your Heart Stops Beating*, sold 256,000. Both CDs were released in 2006.

“It would be very hard to call +44 a success,” says the insider, “and the second Angels CD did not do as well as the first.” Sales of that

second CD, 2007’s *I-Empire*, were less than half of the first: 226,000 copies.

“I have heard through the grapevine that Tom has started working on his next album, but I have not heard word one from the +44 camp.”

Lawrence Vavra handles the day-to-day management for +44. A call to him to find out the band’s status was not returned.

Rick Devoe, the Encinitas-based manager of Angels & Airwaves (and former blink manager), says he has “no word” on a blink reunion, but he did say the band would go into the studio to record its third CD in January. Angels & Airwaves recently returned from playing on the Warped Tour.

Meanwhile, a *Los Angeles Times* article on Barker last week focused on his work with Soulja Boy, the Game, Busta Rhymes, and Rihanna. Barker teamed up with turntablist DJ AM to form TRV\$DJAM. The duo has played three sold-out shows at the Roxy in West Hollywood and will perform as the house band at the MTV Video Music Awards

on September 7.

— Ken Leighton

In the Woods Comedic singer-songwriter Happy Ron — aka Ronald Hill — recently attended a weeklong “How Music Really Works” seminar/retreat in Canada.



HAPPY RON DOES THE SPANKING

“On one of the last days,” says Hill, “I had the opportunity to perform my song ‘All She Needs Is a Spankin’,” and I was a bit concerned that people might be offended by the rude

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lyrics, especially this one serious-looking lady."

(Sample lyric: "Something no man would give her/ Something that made her quiver/ A little smack on the butt/ And she'll no longer be a nut.")

"After I finished, the lady I was worried about jumped up and said, 'I teach this kinda stuff, does anyone want a spanking demonstration?' I told her that I'm generally the spanker, not the spankee, but a braver man than I volunteered to be the spankee, and suddenly this serene mountain paradise was transformed into a bizarre class in spanking. It went on for ten more minutes!

"The leader of the group turned to me and said, 'Your songs sure have an interesting impact on people.' It wouldn't have been so funny if these were a bunch of swinger types, but they were all fairly typical, normal people who suddenly threw an impromptu spanking party in the woods."

Happy Ron's upcoming album *Terribly Happy* includes his ode to spanking as well as "The No Tantric Woman Blues," "Sick of Her S**t," and "Dickless Wonder." He appears Tuesdays at Cosmos Coffee Cafe in La Mesa.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Strange Stage

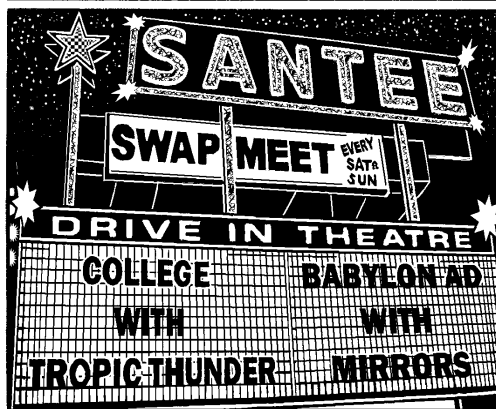
Moments Robin Henkel: "I remember that I [fell] asleep onstage one time. Before a show with Big Rig

Deluxe, I'd eaten a huge Mexican meal and was sitting in this comfy chair playing steel guitar. It was almost like trying to stay awake while driving. After dozing off, the steel bar, which weighs about a pound, fell out of my hand and hit the wood stage with a loud *clunk*. That's when I woke up right in the middle of a tune the band was playing and had no idea how long I'd been out."

Josh Pann of Circa Now: "One time, this really drunk guy started dry-humping my monitor. He nearly unplugged it so I couldn't even sing. I looked to my bandmates for help, and they were laughing just as hard. The song finished without vocals."

Brooklyn: "I was watching a drummer friend of mine play at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge. He'd told the band he was playing with that I'm a singer-songwriter, and near the end of their set they introduced me to the crowd as an up-and-coming singer. Well, the crowd started cheering to get 'Brooklyn on stage.' [The band] pulled me on stage to sing whatever it was they were playing at the time. I don't know what they were thinking I was going to do, but it was a song I'd never heard...and it was in Spanish, so even if I had known the melody...I wasn't going to sing the correct lyrics. It must've sounded like a bunch of muffled humming. It was more than a little humiliating."

Amy Castner of Compass Rose: "I had a seagull crap

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into the f-hole of my violin while I was playing at a party on Sunset Cliffs a couple of years ago."

Amber Shaffer of Secret Apollo: "At the Ken Club, our drummer sat down on his drum stool and his phone fell out of his pocket. It



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managed to fall through the six-inch gap between the back wall and where the stage begins and slipped another two and a half feet to the actual floor under the stage. The sound guy brought a flashlight over, and we saw the phone resting on a floor

covered with a foot of garbage: old beer cans, set lists, sticky stuff I don't want to know about, and certainly its share of bugs and unidentifiable objects. And who was the only one with arms skinny *and* long enough to fit in that six-inch gap? It was bad enough having to lay face down on the Ken Club stage, but then to have to blindly stick my hand in that mess and dig around for a phone-like shape? Steve's still paying me back for that one."

Lee Harding of Echo Revolution: "A [male] classmate came to our show once. He never said two words to me in class, so I was jazzed he had come out. At some point in the set, he was two feet in front of me while I was singing at the mike and started licking himself and dancing totally homoerotic. Yeah."

Tizoc of Agua Dulce: "We were on stage playing during a bikini contest when a very large [contestant] collapsed onto the conga player's drums. We kept playing."

Marie Haddad: "A guy came up to me during a show and told me that he was a psychic and that he wanted to do a reading for me during a break in my set. I was, of

course, intrigued, and so at the break we sat down for a little bit and I listened to his reading. He predicted that I would be getting a new pair of boots for the rain! Darn it if he wasn't spot on with that one."

— Bart Mendoza

Smoke-Free

Willie Before Willie Nelson plays Harrah's Rincon Casino on Sunday, September 7, he requires the venue to post a \$5000 deposit with the William Morris Agency and another \$10,000 "shall be presented to the Artist's representative, prior to performance." Also, "Local promoter agrees to furnish management 50 complimentary tickets (the very best seats)...available the day of the show."

The backstage contract instructs, "It is the sole responsibility of the purchaser to make sure each venue maintains a smoke-free environment.... Please note that the backstage area is not a rest area for security personnel on break."

Nelson's bus

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NELSON TURNS OVER A NEW LEAF?

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This Week In Music

Thursday 4

Might be a good night for a road trip, as L.A. gig to get to this week bills San Diego's odd-pop songsmith **Rafter** with Oakland trip-hop trio **Why?** at the Echoplex. Suggest you get Why?'s excellent *Alopecia* in the changer and point it north.... SanFran prog punks **Triclops!** dropped their full-length debut, the ambitious, if exhausting, *Out of Africa*, in March. The Alternative Tentacles disc roils over frenetic drum and bass runs that land just this side of math rock; that is to say, the Jesus Lizard side. Recommend you burn "Mi Plisboy" and ten-minute epic "Bug Bomb" for the best ofs. Lauded L.A. blues-metal trio **400 Blows** and another band called the **Followers** open the Ché Café sets tonight. By the by, both Triclops! and the Followers Google to Wookieepedia, "the *Star Wars* Wiki." I know.... Anyway, blues-rockers **Foghat** take that slow ride out to Sycuan. The ever-changing quartet is best known for a spate of rock hits during the disco era, including "Fool for the City" and "I Just Want to Make Love to You." Interesting local story line, in 2005 Bonita Vista High students petitioned to have "Slow Ride" played as the school's lunch bell and got it. Can't you smell the fish fingers?.... Local indie kids **Royal Campaign** stump at Bar Pink. MySpace takes suggest a dramatic pop-n-rock set. Immediately listenable. Check 'em out.... Ken Club appropriately books a **Beautiful View** with a **Roman Spring**.... Didja hear? Chasers was bought up by the Bluetooth crew — sorry, BlueFOOT. Not the yuppie *earpiece* peeps, the yuppie *bar* peeps.

Friday 5

A Frames' Lars Finberg's sideshow the **Intelligence** edifies Bar Pink Friday night. Can't get enough pop experimentalism? Submerge yourself in the multi-instrumentalist's post-punk catalogue and set yourself free. Finberg et al. are just back from Europe behind last year's In the Red disc *Deuteronomy*, their third and best to date, and pass through town on a U.S. tour. Let's just go ahead and call this one bar bill



INTELLIGENCE AT BAR PINK

of the week....

The lovely and talented Rhett Miller rolls his **Old 97's**

aboard the Hornblower for a bay-bound bash brought by KPRI's "Rock Without Rules!" Up to you to find out how to get in on this. Apparently, there are no rules, but there's, like, hoops. And there's plenty of press on the 97's latest Americana collection, *Blame It on Gravity*, if yer interested.... Otherwise: OC punk akts **Guttermouth** and **Voodoo Glow Skulls**

torch it up at Canes. The Skulls drop a little ska in the mix. They're dance-y!.... **Irradio** dials in the alt-rock at Brick by Brick with **Killola**, **Action Design**, **Jupiter Sound Clash**, and the **Forward**.... Hispanic hardcores **Cabrón** roll up on the Ken.... Ché Café stages grindcore groups **Graf Orlock**, **Zann** (Germany), **Lewd Acts**, and **Ghostlimb**.... And townie trio **Death on Mars** shoe-gaze at O'Connells.

Saturday 6

Dinosaur Jr. J Mascis's heavy-metal side, **Witch**, joins locals **Earthless** and the Bay Area's **Assemble Head in Sunburst Sound** to fill a supersonic bill at Casbah Saturday night. Mascis goes back to drums, his original trip, in *Witch*, but rumor is he won't make the date, and Mario of Earthless will hit the kit behind both bands. No easy feat. The triple bill of power trios has been pummeling the Left Coast this summer and will wrap it up in L.A. Sunday night.... Like a rolling stone, Duluth, Minnesota's favorite son Robert Zimmerman, aka **Bob Dylan**, continues his never-ending tour with a Concert on the Green near Qualcomm. In October, the folk-rock wunderkind will drop bootleg number eight, *Tell Tale Signs*. Dude and his catalogue are inexhaustible.... Fest fave **Xavier Rudd** appears at 4th&B. The Australian multi-instrumentalist just dropped his



WILLIE NELSON AT HARRAH'S RINCON CASINO

fifth studio disc of blues-n-roots jams, *Dark Shades of Blue*.... Ken Club stages funk-rockers **Fing**. The five-piece garnered an SDMA nomination for Best New Artist this year due to disco-Beck debut *Making Love with Fear*. **A Scribe**

Amidst the Lions and Bedford Grove also on the bill.... Filipino alt-rock stars **Bamboo**

hit Epic-centre. Tix for this start at 45 big ones.

Heh?.... Guitar duo **Strunz & Farah** do their flamenco thing at Anthology.... While Wave-House in Belmont Park continues its summer series by laying down **Unwritten Law**. Expect a live DVD from the Poway punk-pop act later this year. The quartet filmed *Live and Lawless* at Hollywood's Key Club in March.... Hate to generalize, but what the fuh — there's more of the same with **Slightly Stoopid**, **Pepper**, and the **Expendables** at SDSU's Open Air Theatre.... **Canobliss** and **Animal Corpse** at Soma.... and **Shinedown**, **Jet Black Stare**, and **6th Day** at House of Blues.

Sunday 7

Cowboys and Indians. Texas troubadour **Willie Nelson** drives the big coach to Harrah's Rincon Casino in Valley Center Sunday night. The 75-year-old iconic country-music outlaw is back on the charts with Toby Keith and their Grammy-winning single "Whiskey for My Men (and Beer for My Horses)".... "Gypsy vampire pirates" unite when **Burning of Rome** takes the stage at Casbah. The local seven-piece just dropped their second collection of orchestral pop and dark rock, *DEATH-POP*. **Tapedeck Mountain**, **Feeling's Mutual**, and **Tushushimare** set the stage.

Monday 8

Belly Up brings in Austin roots-rocker **Alejandro Escovedo**. Escovedo's musical family tree includes brothers Coke and Pete, niece Sheila E., and his kid brother, SanDago's own MEX Mario. The singer/songwriter came up in the Bay Area in various punk acts before moving on to Austin during the height of alt-country. His

songs have been covered by genre luminaries Steve Earle, the Jayhawks, Lucinda Williams, and Son Volt. Escovedo is out to tout his latest, *Real Animal*. **Carrie Rodriguez** sets the Solana Beach stage.... OC electro punks **RoMak & the Space Pirates** preside over Casbah and 94/9's Anti-Monday meet-up this week. Check Space takes of debut *Attack of the Has-Been Androids* for a taste of their sci-fi dance jams. With **Microphone Mike**, the **Crocodiles**, and **Qu'est-ce Que C'est**.

Tuesday 9

"Ears will pop and eyes will blink" when Secretly Canadian acts **Bodies of Water** (L.A.) and **Throw Me the Statue** (Seattle) play Casbah. Both bands touring the world behind spanking-new discs of experimental pop-rock hits. Recommendable bill will be set up by locals **Jamuel Saxton**.... Bar Pink's Tiki Tuesday t'do has "kings of Caribbean surf music" the **Wadadli Riders**. The quartet comes to Cali from Antigua and Barbuda.... Texas alt-rock trio the **Toadies** are back and hopping into Belly Up Tuesday night with **Buckfast** and the **Lions**.... Alsos: hardcore crews **Ceremony**, **Poverty Bay Saints**, **SBV**, and **Clocked In** play the Ché....while Okie groove-metal quintet **Bleed the Sky** rains down on Brick by Brick.

Wednesday 10

Tim Finn gets out of the Crowded House (and the shadow of brother Neil) and into Anthology. The New Zealander broke with popular new-wave act Split Enz. (You have to see those pics!) Some interesting live takes and demos on his MySpace page suggest the singer-songwriter schooled on Lennon. Finn's last disc was 2006's "odds, ends, and covers" collection *Imaginary Kingdom*.... Belly Up books locals-only pop-rock triple bill **Arm the Angels**, **Swim Party**, and **Apes of Wrath**.... And it'll be a night of



ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO AT BELLY UP

acoustic rock at Casbah with Brit songsmiths **Tom Baxter** and **Charlie Winston** and locals **Brian Holwerda** (Blackout Party) and **Worthy Gubbins**.

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Marriage and a Band

"Amy's already declared that if I ever leave her, she will kill me. I don't want to test her resolve."

I took my girlfriend to see the Creepy Creeps at the Casbah. She had never seen these local legends, and they were playing with two other local bands I like — the mostly female Glossines and Batar-Zan, who, like the Creeps, wear costumes on stage.

Turned out it was the band that opened the show that blew them all away — Revenge Club.

Amy, the band's vocalist, told me, "I started Revenge Club in 2004 after breaking up with a previous band. I posted an ad on craigslist and met with several musicians at the house...the night that the three of us were supposed to get together for the first time, I got a message from the bass player saying that he got a job offer and was moving to New York. So I drafted Sean [her future husband] — he was drinking a beer and watering the yard, and I was, like, 'Hey, do you want to come play bass tonight?' He thought it was temporary at first, but four years later, it's safe to say that he's the permanent bass player."

"We played one show at Java Joe's Pub as a three-piece before meeting Doug through a Reader ad. He was up to speed and played shows with us a month later."

"When our last drummer moved to New Jersey, we got a referral from another band we played with — for Maggie. She was an instant match."

Since Sean and Amy have been married for three years, I mention that Pat Benatar has been married to her lead guitarist since 1982...

CAN YOU GUYS MAKE A MARRIAGE AND BAND WORK?

Amy: "Definitely. Sean looks hot rocking out on stage."

Sean: "I have to make this work. Amy's already declared that if I ever leave her, she will kill me. I don't want to test her resolve on this one either, since she's the one that came up with the band name."

FAVORITE MUSICAL COUPLES?

Amy: "Sid and Nancy."

Sean: "Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham. Paul and Linda McCartney."

Maggie: "Exene Cervenka and John Doe."

SEX PISTOLS OR THE CLASH?

Amy: "Sex Pistols."

Sean: "Sex Pistols."

Maggie: "The Clash, although I wouldn't consider them punk. The Sex Pistols just suck."

WHEN GREEN DAY DOES A VIDEO OR IGGY POP HAS A SONG IN A COMMERCIAL, IS THAT "SELLING OUT"?

Amy: " 'Lust for Life' over a cruise-line commercial is kind of disturbing, but I get it. I never liked Green Day enough to care."

Sean: "Depends on who the commercial is for. A commercial for clean energy is pretty cool; a commercial for a fast-food chain

is not."

Maggie: "No way. Getting paid is not selling out. Someday I hope to get paid."

BEST GIG?

Amy: "The gig I was most excited to play was opening for Donita Sparks at the Casbah in May. L7 has been my favorite band since I was 14."

Sean: "The Underground in Lake Havasu City the first time we played there. There were about 50 teenage kids moshing around during the entire set. That really gets the adrenaline pumping."

Maggie: "The first time Revenge Club played the Doll Hut in Anaheim...everybody in the bar was rocking out with us."

WORST GIG?

Amy: "We jumped on a last-minute show at Brick by Brick, and none of our friends wanted to pay \$10 to watch us play at 1 a.m. on a Tuesday. We hung out all night, and just after we loaded our gear on stage, the door guy told us that we didn't have enough people, so they wouldn't let us play."

Sean: "We had a Friday night show at the Underground in Lake Havasu City, and for whatever reason our drummer wanted to drive back the same night. We drove six hours on the way out, played our set and watched the other bands, and packed all of our stuff up and drove back the same night."

Maggie: "With my old band at the Rhythm Lounge, we played a Thursday night to literally one person."

TOP FIVE ALBUMS OF ALL TIME?

Amy:

1. *Bricks Are Heavy*, L7. "I got a copy of this CD from Goodwill when I was 16 and haven't gone a month without listening to it since. It still has the \$2.99 sticker on it. Donita Sparks has always been my idol, and I think this was their best album ever."

2. *Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables*, the Dead Kennedys. "This is just a great classic album with awesome tracks."



Revenge Club

3. *Flamejob*, the Cramps. "This was the first Cramps album I bought, and I fell in love with the song 'Naked Girl Falling down the Stairs.' RC is planning to cover that song in the near future."

4. *Pussy Whipped*, Bikini Kill. "I love the angry riot-grrrl vocals. This album epitomizes the music I grew up listening to."

5. *Bone Machine*, Tom Waits. "I love the bizarre and sometimes apocalyptic lyrics."

Sean:

1. *Rain Dogs*, Tom Waits. "Tom Waits can take you places you'd never want to go and leave you wanting to go back for more. *Rain Dogs* is the peak of the mountain of his incredible discography."

2. *Dead Air*, Heatmiser. "The forerunner of the Portland music scene, with Elliott Smith at the helm. Full of raw energy, superb lyrics, and catchy hooks."

3. *Trace*, Son Volt. "This album checks your heart out like a library book and never returns it."

4. *Icky Mettle*, the Archers of Loaf. "Beautiful indie noise rock with two shots of pure adrenaline."

5. *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, the Beatles. "What can I say about this that hasn't already been said?"

Maggie:

1. *Blue Album*, Weezer. "This was one of my first CDs, so I associate it with a lot of coming-of-age memories."

2. *Los Angeles/Wild Gift*, X. "L.A. punk was the best, and X has the most signature sound ever."

3. *Ill Communication*, the Beastie Boys. "This al-

bum was in heavy rotation in my car when I was driving all my friends around in high school. A lot of antics went down to this album."

4. *All Ages*, Bad Religion. "It has so many of my favorite Bad Religion songs on one album."

5. *Punk in Drublic*, NOFX. "I grew up on this one, too, and it's fun to sing along to."

ARE THERE TRADITIONS AT PUNK SHOWS THAT MAKE BEING ON STAGE TOUGH?

Amy: "The last time we played the Double Down in Vegas last February was pretty interesting. We play out of town often — Nevada, Arizona, and Northern California mostly. We do it more for the exposure, even though the pay is better than San Diego sometimes. The Double Down is a rowdy punk bar and has a natural draw. People in Vegas have no concept of time. The bar still had a crowd at 3 a.m. We got there at 10 and found out that our set time was actually 2 a.m. Doug was trying to talk to the first door guy outside. He just stared at Doug without saying anything, then got up and puked in a Dumpster and took off running. We saw him later at the bar. Between the bands, Maggie and I were sitting close to the door and saw a guy punch someone by the stage, then he ran out the door. This triggered another fight right next to us, and another guy got punched — knocking into our seats. Every time we walked outside, we ran into the couple screaming at each other. It was still crowded by the time we played, and a punk wedding party had just come in. There was a good mixture of dresses and ripped T-shirts."

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There isn't a stage at the Double Down, just a high-rise for the drums, and the band sets up in the corner around it. A girl from the wedding party was trashed and pulled several of her friends into a pit and even 'floated' for a second or two before being tossed around like a rag doll. Her friends tried to drag her out of the club — she hopped up on the drum riser to tell Maggie 'bye' in the middle of a song and gave me a hug as the song was ending. Kids were thrashing around all over the floor, so I kept having to pull my mike back. The last few songs were fast and got the crowd really excited, so I knew there wasn't much chance of holding a mike in place to sing and playing guitar. I just hit the first few chords of the song and let go of the guitar to hold the mike and scream, which was good because people literally were slamming into the band." *Sean*: "I'd have to say it's tough playing when people are slamming into you, but it's so much fun. I'm really not complaining at all, except when a microphone gets knocked into your teeth."

Maggie: "Only the tradition of 'being too cool' to dance. Of course, there was the time in Vegas when everyone thought it was a good idea to rock out on stage with us and touch our instruments while we were playing. That posed a bit of a challenge."

WEIRDEST OUTFIT WORN ON STAGE?

Amy: "One of our previous drummers used to wear a Chewbacca mask. Sometimes we all wear orange knee-high socks. I've suggested that Doug start wearing leather pants, but he's declined so far."

BEST STORY OF GETTING REVENGE...

Amy: "After a fallout with my high school boyfriend, I got into his email account and changed the password so he couldn't get back in. I sent an email from him to his contacts letting them know that he had a life-changing experience and was now gay. Apparently his mom was quite upset." ■

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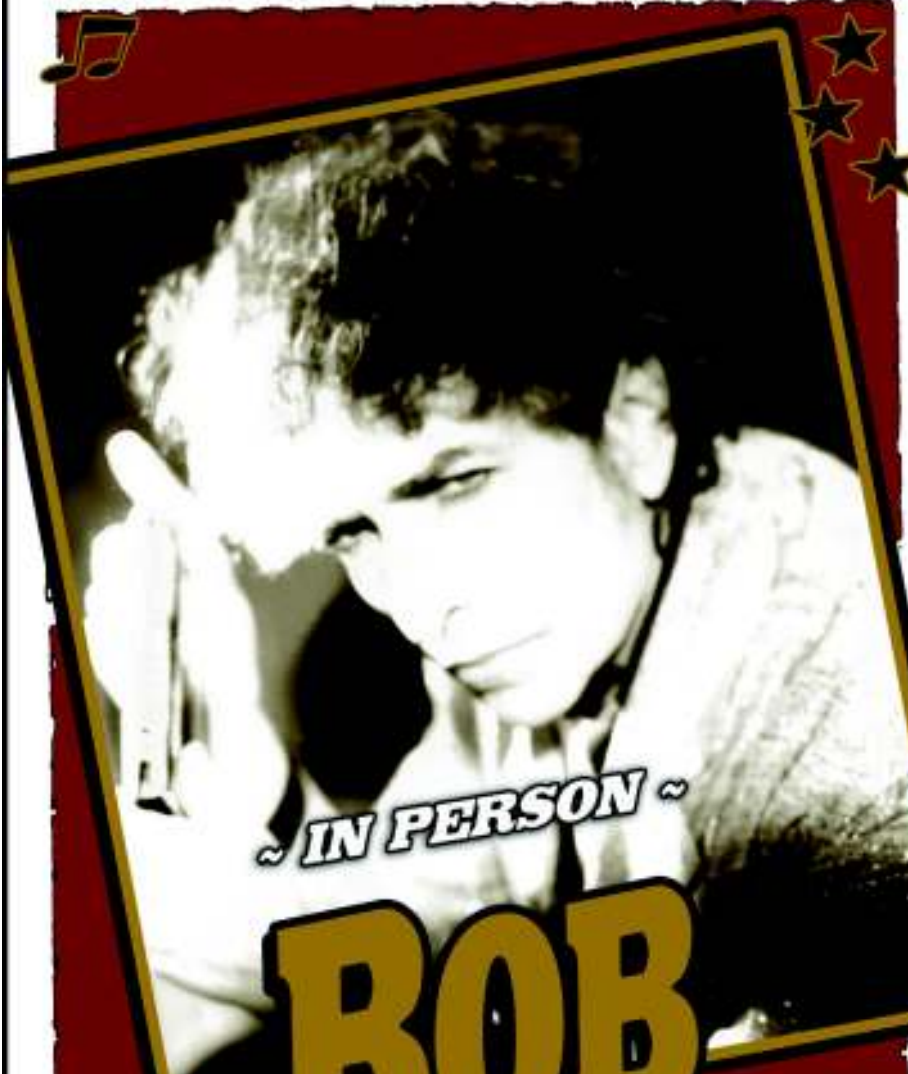
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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

4th & B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. Saturday, 7 p.m. — Xavier Rudd. Alternative/folk/psychedelic. \$22-\$42.

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

Friday — Stranger and Natural Incense. With Noiz and the Mystix. Reggae/rock/blues.
Saturday — Aeromynth. A tribute to Aerosmith. Dust N' Bones also performs a tribute to Guns N' Roses.

Acoustic/MusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Barry McGuire. A tribute to the songs of the '60s. \$20.

Across the Street: 4601 Park Boulevard, University Heights. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Alan Silva. Free CD with admission. Folk/rock/pop. \$8.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 9:30 p.m. — Strunz & Farah. Jazz guitar duo. \$28-\$34. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Rockola. Classic rock unplugged. \$10. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Tim Finn. Alternative rock/pop. \$27.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.

Thursday — Lead Burns Red. Metal/rock.
Friday — Black Seven. Punk rock.
Saturday — Illicit Behavior. Classic rock.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.
Sunday — Mad Juana. Gypsy punk.

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Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Echo Revolution and Love Like Fire. Indie pop/rock.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Amos Lee. With Lucy Wainwright Roche. Folk/blues/soul. \$22-\$24.
Friday, 9 p.m., Saturday, 9 p.m. — Super Diamond. A tribute to Neil Diamond. \$18-\$20.
Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano. \$10.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Alejandro Escovedo. With Carrie Rodriguez. Rock/roots. \$18-\$20.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — The Todadies. With Buckfast Superbee. Alternative rock. \$15-\$17.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Arm the Angels. Local FM 94.9 About the Music show with Swim Party and the Apes of Wrath. Pop/rock/indie. \$5.

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

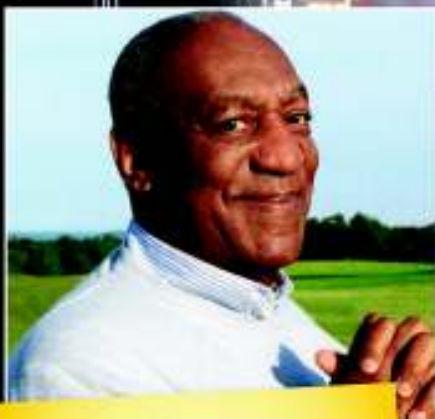
The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. Sunday, 9 p.m. — Lindsay White. Acoustic/folk rock.
Tuesday, 10 p.m. — Radiostar. Eighties new-wave rock.
Wednesday, 10 p.m. — Maddox Revolution. Pop/rock/jazz.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Mary Magdalan. With Kicking K8, Motus, and Electric Mistress. Metal/electro/rock.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Irradio, Killola, the Action Design. With Jupiter Sound Clash and the Forward. Indie/pop/rock. \$10.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Lindsay Hail. CD-release show with Feeling of Hate, Heretic, and Kelly Strange. Alternative/rock/acoustic. \$7.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Bleed the Sky, the Destro, Gigan. With MNIYIC and Army of Darkness. Metal/hardcore. \$10.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Oedipus and Sunday Girl. Alternative/rock/metal. \$5.

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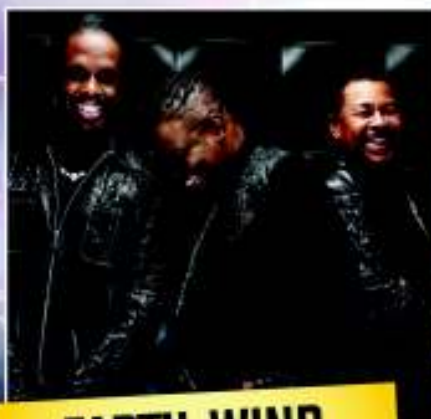
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Friday, 8:30 p.m. — Transfer, Hialeah, Modern Rifles. Indie rock/pop/alternative. \$12.
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Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Bodies of Water and Throw Me the Statue. With Jamuel Saxon. Indie rock/experimental. \$8.
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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Triclops, the 400 Blows, the Followers. Punk/experimental/rock. \$6.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts. With Rogue State. Hardcore/punk. \$8.
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Sunday, 2 p.m. — The Jerry McCann Band. Rock/reggae/R&B.
Sunday, 5 p.m. — Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time. Jazz.

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

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Lori Bell. CD-release show. Jazz. \$10.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Quinteto Caballero. Latin jazz. \$10.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Todd Sickafoose. Jazz/rock/experimental. \$10-\$15.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out. Bluegrass. \$20.

Dublin Square: 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818.
Monday, 9 p.m. — Astra Kelly and Russ Russell & the New Formerlys. With Brandon Rice, Luke Helms, and Holding Air Hostage. Acoustic/pop/rock.

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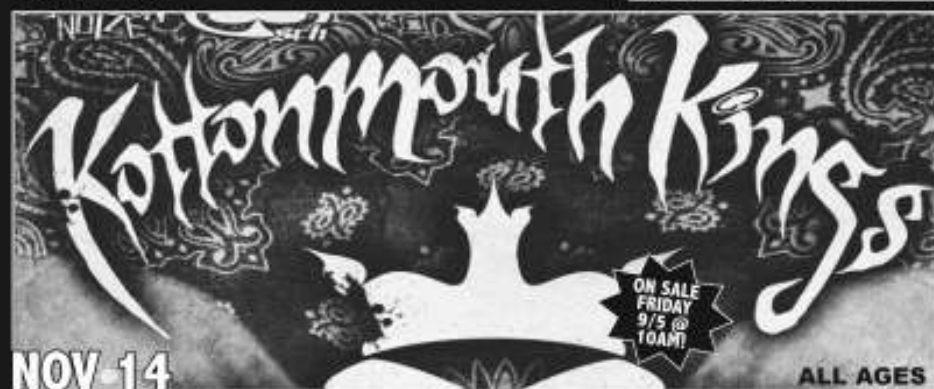
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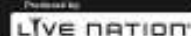
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Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
Thursday — The Forward. Rock/power pop.
Friday — Billy Harvey and Murry Hammond. Alternative/folk/rock.
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Saturday, 9 p.m. — Malakai and Handguns & Heroin. With Seas of Cheese. Alternative/rock.

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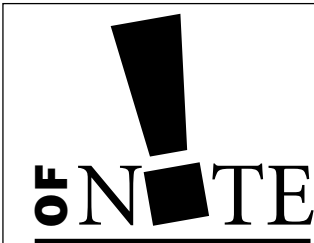
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BY DAVE GOOD

Rolling Stone once wrote that **Alejandro Escovedo** is his own genre. I agree, with this caveat: Personal as it may be, Escovedo's music sounds familiar. Not familiar in the way of the plagiarist, mind you, but familiar in a déjà vu sense. Like when you meet someone for the first time but you feel as if you already know them. It's like that with Escovedo's new song collection.

The Escovedo name in itself represents something of a small pop-music dynasty. The patriarch is Pedro Escovedo, a former mariachi. His sons Coke, Pete, and Alejandro became noted musicians. Coke and Pete were *timbaleros* in bands like Azteca, Santana, and Malo, while Alejandro dove head-on into SoCal glam/punk. Javier Escovedo was

in the Zeros, and Mario Escovedo, a local rocker, fronted the Dragons. Pete's daughter Sheila (Alejandro's niece) is the most famous Escovedo: She is a percussionist, flamboyant and sexy, and Prince shortened her name to Sheila E. and helped record her first album.

Alejandro Escovedo is doing his best work at present. *Real Animal* is a collection of stories told in road-worn guitar-and-vocals roots rock with gristle and aggression. Even in his gentler moments, the heart of a garage rocker lurks. The story of rock and roll is Escovedo's own; he has lived the life.

A former member of Rank and File and the True Believers, his address for part of the '70s was rock's epicenter, New York's Chelsea Hotel. In his heart, I think Escovedo still lives there, albeit with a sense of grace and wonderment at the lifestyle he has survived. Minus the accolades that are his due,



ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO

Escovedo is ripening into a leathery old age that is rich in soul. *Vintage Guitar* magazine said it best: "This [*Real Animal*] is a killer record, and if the music business was a better place, Escovedo would be a major player in rock and roll."

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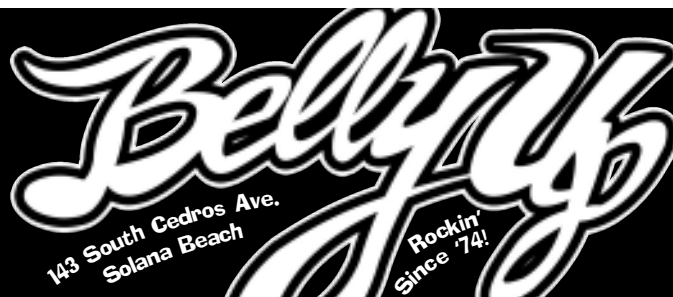
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Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside.
October 12 — Moontucky Risin.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon
Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge,
619-516-4746.
September 13 — Tiger Army and
War Tapes.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-
481-8140.
September 11 — J.J. Grey & Mofro.
September 12 — The Pine
Mountain Logs.
September 14, September 15 —
Dignable Planets.

September 16 — Get Back Loretta.
September 17 — Aesop Rock and
Rob Sonic.
September 18 — Los Straitjackets.
September 19 — Rub-A-Dub
Friday.
September 20 — Deadline Friday
and Sky Held Sun.
September 22 — Anthony B and
Rootz Underground.
September 23 — Railroad Earth.
September 24 — Okkervil River.
September 25 — Nukl Heads, the
Hellbound Band, Sticky Situation.
September 26 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.
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 13 — Anya Marina, Meiko,
Priscilla Ahn.
October 15 — Lotus.
October 16 — The Black Kids.
October 17 — Uh Huh Her.
October 18 — The Skatalites.
October 21 — Pinback.
October 22 — Taj Mahal.
October 23 — The Presidents of the
United States of America.
October 24 — Stereolab and
Monade.
October 25 — Atomic Punks.
October 26 — The Young
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October 28 — The Mountain Goats
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October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.
October 31 — Halloween Heat.
November 6 — Keller Williams with Moseley, Droll & Sipe.
November 7 — Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers.
November 12 — Grace Potter & the Nocturnals.
November 13 — Galactic.
November 16 — Devon Allman's Honeytribe.
November 17 — Elisa.
November 20 — The Bacon Brothers.
November 26 — Buck-O-Nine.

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

Birch North Park Theatre:
2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836.
October 10 — The Global Drum Project.
October 18 — Gaelic Storm.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
September 11 — Feed the Kitty and Close Talker.
September 16 — Radiostar.
September 17 — Maddox Revolution.
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.
September 12 — Vains of Jenna, CircaNow, Warner Drive.

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.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.
September 25 — Michele Lundeen a Trois.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
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 20 — Tainted Love.
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 — Irration and B Foundation.
October 18 — Stranger.
October 24 — Lights.
October 25 — Devin the Dude.
November 1 — Dead Man's Party.
November 13 — Method Man & Redman.
November 22 — Tainted Love.
November 26 — Lights.
November 29 — Cash'd Out.

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October 25 — "Let's Play."

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September 13 — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
September 14 — The Smart Brothers and the Wrong Trousers.
September 17 — Dr. Dog, Delta Spirit, Hacienda.
September 18 — The Wedding Present.
September 19 — Liam Finn and the Veils.
September 20 — Cash'd Out.
September 21 — Miles Hunt, Wayne Hussey, Lisa Dewey.
September 23 — Silver Jews and James Jackson Toth.
September 24 — The Entrance Band, Little Joy, Megapuss.
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 Walter Meego.
September 29 — Filter and People in Planes.
September 30 — Pattern Is Movement and Swim Party.
October 1 — The Sian Alice Group.
October 2 — Roses on Her Grave.
October 3 — Mugison.
October 3 — Datarock.
October 5 — The People Under the Stairs.
October 8 — Margot & the Nuclear So and So's.
October 9 — Quintron & 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 27 — Jeffrey Lewis and Talkdemonic.
October 30 — Ted Leo & Pharmacists.
November 2 — Chuck Ragan, Tom Gabel, Ben Nichols, Tim Barry.
November 4 — Magnetic Morning and Drew Andrews.
November 5 — Sole & the Skyrider band.
November 8 — Electric Six and Local H.
November 11 — King Khan & the BBQ Show.
November 12 — Dead Confederate.
November 14 — Torche, Black Cobra, Clouds.
November 15 — Mudhoney.
November 28 — Deerhunter and Times New Viking.
November 29 — Blitzen Trapper and the Parson Redheads.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
September 12 — Asher in the Rye and Snuffaluffagus.
September 13 — Rat City Riot and Northern Towns.
September 19 — Love You Moon.
September 20 — These Arms Are Snakes and sBach.
September 21 — Team Robespierre and Doctor Bird.
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.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Someday, someone will write a musical history of the first decade of the 21st Century and come up with definitive answers to these questions: What was with all that grandiose indie pop? The 17-member bands with everyone singing wordless “whoa-oh-ohs” in harmony? The nonrock instruments like trumpets and accordions and glockenspiels? Wasn't it sort of a fundamental premise of indie pop that it should be small — in album sales, in the size of its band lineups, in musical ambition? Why was it happening in North America right then, as the music industry was in a death spiral and rock 'n' roll was losing

its force as a cultural touchstone? And, not to put too fine a point on it, but why was all this happening right when a lousy economy, a bad war, and a threatened environment meant that everything else about North American culture was being served a heaping portion of humble pie?

That will make a good book someday — if they still have books in the future. For now, we don't need to think too much about why we like a band like **Bodies of Water**; we can just enjoy the swell of its sound, the spectacle of their shows, the camaraderie of an audience singing along.

In describing this Los Angeles band, the obvious comparisons are Arcade Fire and the Polyphonic Spree, but Bodies of Water is less dark than the former and less cutesy than the latter. To me, Bodies of Water sounds



BODIES OF WATER

less like a religious experience and more like a rock 'n' roll band. Questions of grandiosity aside, we still need our rock 'n' roll bands.

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October 29 — Neil Young.
October 30 — Rise Against, the Alkaline Trio, Thrice.
November 25 — New Kids on the Block.

Coyote Bar and Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
September 26 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
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.
September 11 — Pocket.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
September 24 — Chirgilchin.

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

Educational Cultural Complex: 4343 Ocean View Boulevard, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-5256.
October 6 — Lori Bell.

Embarcadero Marina Park North: 849 W Harbor Drive, Downtown.
September 13, September 14 — ArtWalk on the Bay.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
September 12 — Sherm the Band and Unknown Motive.
September 13 — The Crashing Marbles and Six Reasons.
September 20 — So Long Davey, We Are the Arsenal, Shining Through.
November 15 — A Cursive Memory.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.

October 2 — T.K. Gardner.
December 4 — Peter Sprague.

Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994.
September 24 — Brooklyn & Bradley.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996.
September 14 — Cranky George.

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October 3 — Z-Bop.
November 7 — The Bayou Brothers.

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September 12 — Ratatat.
September 13 — Rebelution.
September 14 — Black Rebel Motorcycle Club.
September 18 — The Fratellis.
September 19 — Lights.
September 20 — Bonfire.
September 21 — Mike Zito.
September 22 — Lila Downs.
September 23 — Brazilian Girls.
September 24 — Paul Wall.
September 26 — Smokin’ Joe Kubek & Benois King.
September 28 — Fear, Agent Orange, Dr. Know.
October 1 — Lagwagon and MxPx.
October 3 — James.
October 4 — Mindless Self Indulgence.
October 8 — Yngwie Malmsteen.
October 11 — Chris Cagle.
October 12 — The Kings of Leon.
October 13 — Gavin DeGraw.
October 14 — White Lion.
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.
October 29 — Umphrey’s McGee.
October 30 — Apocalyptica.
November 1 — The Damned.
November 2 — Cobra Starship.
November 5 — Ingrid Michaelson.
November 12 — Joe Satriani.
November 14 — Melissa Ferrick.
November 16 — Hanson.
November 16 — Matt Wertz and Everybody Else.
November 19 — The Misfits.
November 23 — GWAR.
November 30 — Bell Biv Devoe.
December 4 — Five Finger Death Punch.
January 25 — Ramon Ayala.
February 7 — Badfish.
February 21 — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.

Humphrey’s Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
September 11 — Rhythm & the Method.
September 12 — Rockola.
September 24 — Michele Lundeen

& Blues Streak.
September 27 — Rockola.
September 29 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
October 10 — 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.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.
September 12 — Finntroll, Warbringer, Carnifex.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-

Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
September 13 — Sayvinyl.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
September 11 — Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band.
September 15 — Doug Allen.
September 17 — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.
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September 24 — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.
September 25 — Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band.
September 29 — Doug Allen.
October 1 — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.
October 4 — The Farmers.

McCabe’s Beach Club: 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.
October 11 — Fleetwood Max.

Neurosciences Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.
September 18 — Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes.
September 26 — The Hutchins Consort.

O’Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
September 12 — Drunkin Punkin Idiots.
September 13 — Race Against Space and Mr. Roarkes Tattoo.
September 14 — Mod Amish and Spero Lumina.
September 15, September 22, September 29 — Mystery Train.
October 17 — The Shake Ups and the Wellingtons.

O’Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Road, Poway, 858-486-7422.
September 13 — Mariner.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
September 24 — The Raconteurs.
September 25 — My Morning Jacket.
October 2 — The Mars Volta.
October 15 — The Roots and the Gym Class Heroes.
October 31 — Jason Mraz.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
September 13 — JACKfest II

Undercover.
September 17 — Kid Rock.
September 21 — Ana Gabriel.
September 27 — Anita Baker.
October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

Petco Park: 100 Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-795-5000.
November 4 — Madonna.

Pine Avenue Park: 3205 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 760-602-7513.
September 21 — Cowboy Jack.

Pounders: 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-739-1288.
September 13 — Hear No Evil.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.
September 15 — Judy Collins and Leo Kottke.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.
October 24 — Great White.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.
September 11 — Breaker Breaker One Niner.

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September 12 — Given Life.
September 19 — Danielle Tucker and the City Limits Band.
September 27 — Cash'd Out.

Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
September 13 — Federal Funk.

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

San Diego Harley-Davidson: 5600 Kearny Mesa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-616-6999.
September 13 — The Gold Dust Band.

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.
December 21 — The Cheetah Girls.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.
September 20 — Peter Sprague and Fred Benedetti.
September 27 — "Tribute to Woody Guthrie."

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.
September 14 — Barbara Jamerson & Two Deep.

September 21 — The Cat-illacs.
September 28 — Nova.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
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.

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September 14 — Tyrone Wells, Jason Reeves, Tyler Beach.
September 19 — Rancid.
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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Plane Without a Pilot**
Song: **"What I Would Do"** (from the CD *It's about Time*)
Heard By: **Tony Diprima**, Mission Bay



Tony

The first thing I heard was a "pang" cymbal, which bummed me out. It's one of those cymbals that has the edges folded up. They were popular in the late '80s. Everything else was pretty good. I liked the Descendents 20 years ago, and if [Plane Without a Pilot] came out when the Descendents did, they would have been on top of shit. They're probably listening to somebody who listened to the Descendents...like Good Charlotte — isn't that one of those bands? What's the other band? My Secret Funeral? I don't even know if that's a band. But, yeah, they sound like those bands. It's not bad. They've got good melodies and shit. There are teenagers out there waiting to listen to that and get bummed out.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Podunk Nowhere**
Song: **"If I'm Drinkin' "** (from the CD *Based on a True Story*)
Heard By: **Chris Bieck**, Golden Hill



Chris

I thought it was all right. It lacked a little bit of the soul and scratchiness that I like in the country music that I listen to, but it had a really beautiful intro. Lyrically, it could have been a little bit better. What I got from it was leaving all the stresses of life behind and drinking some whiskey and not worrying. They had a female singer and some really crispy acoustic guitar. I thought I heard a little lap steel in there, but I could be wrong. I could see that on a country radio station. They were very good musicians. The guitar intro was especially well played. I picture some sort of outdoor festival when I hear that song.

Artist: **Mannyfesto & Stel**
Song: **"Cali Roll"** (from the CD *Fe Means Faith*)
Heard By: **Chris Rossi**, Golden Hill



Chris

I thought it was pretty good for what it was. It sounds like a lot of other underground rappers that I've heard. The beat was all right, but it gets a little boring. It's the same thing the whole time. It was better than a lot of other beats that are out now, though. The first rapper had a style similar to Aesop Rock, and the second guy had much better rhymes and I couldn't really compare him to anybody. They made a lot of San Diego references, which is cool, and they talked about smoking pot, which is cool, I guess. I think they could have an underground following, but I don't think they'll be on MTV. I would probably have to light up a joint and sit back and relax in sunny San Diego to that song.

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DON'T HARSH MY MELLOW

by Josh Board

Last week I wrote about a '50s party. This week, we move forward a decade into the Summer of Love.

I wore a crazy orange shirt with flowers all over it that I bought in London years ago. I wore a bunch of bead necklaces, picked some flowers from the garden to put in the bandanna around my head, and was ready to head out.

Inspired by the Cheech and Chong reunion show I went to recently at the Comedy Store, I had an idea. They once put out an album that had a rolling paper in which to make a giant joint. I didn't have the album, but I improvised. I grabbed a piece of paper from my printer and went back out to the garden to pick some weeds, which I cut up and rolled inside it. I created a huge joint that stuck out of my front pocket.

I drove to Clairemont thinking that this would be the one time I'd welcome being pulled over by a cop, just to have him ask about the joint.

Daniel, who hosts a lot of theme parties, lives in a neighborhood of three-bedroom, two-



Top right: Erica, on the left, wearing her aunt's outfit; Bottom left: People were blowing smoke and bubbles everywhere

bath houses on a cul-de-sac. I parked down the street, and as I was walking up, I met a neighbor named Ben, who told me that these parties don't get that loud. He also told me that he has five roommates, so I assumed he was used to noise.

to my car to get change out of the ashtray.

Inside the house, there were

few people talking in there and helping themselves to the chips and booze on the counter.

The backyard was filled with people. One guy was smoking a cigarette and said, "Forget this thing. Let's smoke what you have in your pocket." I told him it was just a prop. When I told him what was inside it, he said, "I'm sure we could still smoke it."

I once read something about how in the '60s people tried smoking everything, even banana peels, which is supposedly what inspired the Donovan song "Mel-

low Yellow." So, I handed it over and told the guy to have fun with it. Another guy leaned in to me and said, "This is probably how someone discovered you could lick the bottom of a frog and get high."

It was hysterical watching him try to light it and fit the thing in his mouth. The lighter wasn't working, so he stuck the giant joint into the blazing fire pit. When he finally got it lit, he took a hit and passed it around.

A few guys had political shirts on. One read "Kennedy — yes. Nixon — no." A guy in his late 40s started talking to me about politics. It was interesting learning about elections in the '60s, but when it came to current politics, I said, "Dude, you're harshing my mellow." He looked at me like I was insane.

I overheard a few people talking about what gas prices were back in the '60s compared to now. I thought, *now there's a buzz kill.*

I went inside and poured myself a Coke. When I returned to the backyard, "superjoint" was half smoked. One guy holding a bottle of bubbles said, "I get the

"This is probably how someone discovered you could lick the bottom of a frog and get high."

There was a five-dollar cover at the door, and as I got ready to pay for my girlfriend and myself, I noticed I was a few bucks shy. She didn't have her purse with her, so I made the long walk back

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champion blower award. Oh, wait. There might be lots of innuendo if I say that."

When I saw Daniel come outside, I thought that he had more of a Hawaiian look going than a '60s vibe.

I talked to a couple of Latinas from TJ. One of them had something under her shirt, making her appear to be pregnant. She said, "I have twins in here. I'm going to name them Star and Moonchild." Someone mentioned that a few babies were born at Woodstock, but they didn't know if the kids were given weird names. Someone said, "It's weird that a lot of the musicians and celebrities of the '60s didn't give their kids weird names. They were on all those drugs, yet the kids had normal names. Now, celebrities are naming their kids Apple and Pilot Inspektor."

We talked about weird celebrity-kid names, and Frank Zappa naming his kids Dweezil and Moon Unit came up. Tom Cruise chose one of the more normal-sounding names with "Suri." A woman added, "I got made fun of all the time for my middle name, and it's relatively normal. What do you think Bruce Willis and Demi Moore's kid Rumer did in high school when a guy made

out with her over the weekend and the next day said, 'I was spreading Rumer over the weekend?'" One guy said, "Have you seen her? She's not that attractive. I doubt she had that problem. Their other kid is named Telulah. I'm not sure which is worse." I said, "With a dad like Bruce Willis, nobody probably made fun of those names. I mean, the kids probably saw *Die Hard* and knew better."

A tall woman with black hair said, "I always thought that Apple was a cute name, until my brother said, 'If she's fat, they're going to call her the Big Apple.' That's when I thought...maybe it's not the best idea to get creative with a kid's name."

An African-American guy told me that Jermaine Jackson named his son Jer-majesty. We all laughed for about five minutes. I said, "Well, two things. First, that would actually be a cool name if the kid were a rapper. And second, we're talking about celebrities. That eliminates Jermaine from this conversation." I didn't remember until the next day that Michael Jackson named his son Prince.

One woman pointed to someone and said, "That woman over there really is pregnant...and check her cup. She's drinking Jack Daniel's."

I was chatting with a chemist when a woman came over and told us a joke. She

then asked him if he had one to tell. The chemist said, "What did the electron say to the proton? You're so positive." I smiled, but she looked confused. He said, "Hey, I'm a chemist, not a comedian."

I saw several T-shirts that had '60s phrases printed on them. Some shirts were obviously homemade. One read, "I'm whacked out on LDS — A Mormon gone nuts." Another read, "Ban the bra." I asked, "Isn't that supposed to be 'burn the bra'?" The guy looked down at his shirt and after a few seconds thinking about it,

replied, "I like 'ban the bra' better. Why burn perfectly good clothing?"

A guy in a flannel shirt had on a Humphrey and Muskie campaign button. He was telling me about them when I noticed that under his flannel he was wearing a Hall & Oates T-shirt. I asked him what was up with that. "Well, the design kind of looked psychedelic," he said. "I was hoping no one would notice the band." ■

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Girls just wanna have fun, and aging-boomer foodie girls especially wanna have fun at the table (as other options become scarcer). Tabule offers that kind of culinary gambol. (Not gamble — I didn't taste anything awful.) A genuine original, it provides good vibes, professional service, affordable and interesting wines, and happy, oddball surprises in the cooking. The flavor-base is more or less Mexican, but then it rambles — to Japan, Thailand, Persia, anywhere that chef-owner Moe Sadighian's palate wants to roam.

Sadighian owns several fine-dining restaurants in Tijuana, including the original Tabule, with a similar menu of his recipes. As we know, since 9/11 brought our "beefed up" (paranoid) border security, TJ restaurants have been hurting badly. And from the opposite viewpoint, many middle-class transborder families have moved to this side of *la linea* as the crime cartels have taken up kidnapping as a big-money sport. Several Tijuana restaurants have faced the music and opened locations on this side of the frontier. Romesco (along with several of TJ's most popular taquerias) have played it safe by opening in Chula Vista, preferred neighborhood of TJ expats. Tabule is betting on the Gaslamp, with food that would go over big in North Park (land of culinary adventure) but may be risky for an audience of strolling conventioners, tourists, and club kids downtown. I hope it can manage to charm them as it charmed me.

The surroundings are attractive and comfortable, with a warm color scheme of orange, dark brown, and black and well-spaced tables that give you ample breathing room. Our server was friendly and professional (and also very cute). The menu is long, the appetizer lists daunting: One section showcases mainly Mexican "starters," followed by numerous variations of ceviche, plus sashimi, soups, salads. Samurai Jim, Michelle, and I expected chef-turned-realtor James to join us and ordered an appetizer for him too, just before he called to say he was at the vet's with a sick dog. The extra appetizer we ordered for him was the best of them all — what a shame we had to eat his share!

That was Gohan Tabule (Tabule rice), an inventive sort of deconstructed sushi party roll (minus the wrapping) mingling a pile of heavily sweetened sushi rice mixed with shredded crab and cream cheese, topped with avocado slices, slicks of Japanese eel sauce, and devastating puffs of sweet, ripe plantain. Sounds crazy, tasted amazing — every bite different from the previous bite, and none of them something you're likely to have tasted before. It's not high culinary art, nothing refined about it — I'd call it brilliant folk art. Or I'd call it scrumptious.



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Before the appetizers, we enjoyed crusty baguette slices dipped into two salsas, an incendiary green serrano chile sauce and a thin coral aioli variant. The spicy one came into play with our *arrachera* tacos, soft, fill-'em-yourself, small corn tortillas along with strips of mesquite-grilled skirt steak, chopped tomatoes, onions, minced cilantro, and chopped avocado. At the Tijuana Tabule, the skirt steak is marinated, but here it isn't — Sadighian feared that San Diegans wouldn't like a really Mexican marinade. I think (and hope) he's wrong about that; besides, this cut of beef is so porous, so ready to drink up flavors, that not to marinate it, or at least give it a spice rub, seems like a wasted opportunity. Cooked plain, it needed salsa to bring it to life. (If you care to go hunting for it, the best-marinated *arrachera* I've tasted locally was at El Callejon in Encinitas, with a haunting spice mixture.)

If we hadn't already decided on a duck entrée, we might've ordered the mesquite-grilled duck meat tacos instead. Or duck burrito. Or lettuce-wrapped pulled duck. I can't duck the feeling that Tabule is a place I'd like to eat at a lot more often, since I love duck almost any way you serve it. When I spoke with the chef-owner, he mentioned that his own favorite was a dish of Thai baby-back ribs in a spicy mango sauce "with genuine Thai spices." Maybe not everything will be dead-on great here, but it's a menu that begs for exploration.

A long list of interesting ceviches includes *caracol*. "Ever eat sea snails?" I asked Jim. He hadn't. "Ah, too bad your *sensei* didn't order that at Ota — Ota cooks a whole one over burning sugar, it's really interesting." Here, the firm-tender meat of this large, beautiful creature (with an opalescent white shell, when it's at home in the sea) is swathed in tomatoes, red onions, ginger, cilantro, and avocado. No, it doesn't taste like chicken — more like octopus. It's pretty good, not quite great.

Another dose of the green chile salsa might have helped, but my ears were still smoking from the splash I'd spooned over the skirt steak. From the selection of salads, the tabbouleh sounded like a natural. It's usually made from minced parsley and mint, plus bulgur wheat, cukes, tomato, and lemon juice. Here, the menu says it's made with couscous, but the grain is actually bulgur (the owner just thought couscous would sound more familiar). There's so little mint in it (again, for fear of offending cautious San Diego palates), I couldn't taste any at all. It was nice and healthy but to my taste awfully timid.

The most popular entrées, the handsome waiter told us, are the two variations of Chilean sea bass. Given that this noble, slow-growing species has been overfished to the brink of extinction and that impermissible catches are still being hauled in by the ton by outlaw poachers in the wild South Atlantic, I passed. (Michelle told

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PRICES: Soups, salads, starters, \$6–\$22; ceviches, \$13 average (abalone much higher); lavash wraps, \$10–\$14; pastas about \$15; entrées, \$12–\$35; desserts, \$7.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Eclectic, Mexican-based global fusion, including steaks, duck, and seafood in unexpected preparations. Smart international wine list with choices for all tastes and budgets. Full bar featuring creative martinis.

PICK HITS: Gohan Tabule (rice appetizer), linguini nere; duck breast with pomegranate. Chef's favorites: mesquite-grilled duck taco, Thai baby-back ribs.

NEED TO KNOW: Street-side patio dining available. Four lacto-vegetarian dishes, two vegan dishes. Most steaks are naturally raised Brandt beef. Reservations strongly advised, as on some nights restaurant is completely "bought out" for parties.

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me that Costco sells it cheap, frozen. All I can say to that is, "Ayyy! I hope it's counterfeit.") It's a great fish, I love it, but I don't want to eat the last dodo or Martha, the last passenger pigeon. (Yes, she had a name.) Gimme a nice haunch of lowland gorilla "bush meat" instead.... When I asked the owner about this issue, he told me that he buys the fish from Leong-Kuba (one of the best of the local fishmongers) and that it's certified non-poached.

Michele and I were simultaneously drawn to *linguini nere*, black pasta colored with calamari ink, served with shrimp and octopus in an *arrabiata* (spicy tomato) sauce. The sauce wasn't very spicy, but the dish was delish. The pasta was firm-tender, and so were the seafoods in it. The sauce was lively but not overwhelming — everything in balance. I loved the way the pasta texture and the octopus texture mirrored each other.

The entrée that drew me to the restaurant, more than any other enticement, was a duck breast with reduced pomegranate sauce with walnuts. The Persian name for this combination is

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fesenjan, and it usually involves diced duck meat swathed in the thick, tart sauce. Here in San Diego, our Persian restaurants (like Bandar and Sadaf) adapt the dish by substituting chicken for duck, which always disappoints me. (You need a darker fowl than chicken — a full-flavored duck or a squab — to stand up to pomegranate.) Well, Tabule doesn't do classic fesenjan either — instead of chopped duck meat swathed in tangy sauce, you get a whole duck breast glazed in it. To our tastes, the duck breast was rather overcooked at medium-well, but it wasn't dry, more like heavy-velvet — just as it would be cooked in fesenjan. The tart sauce was scintillating. The Middle Eastern-style veggies — grilled bell pepper and onion, zucchini lengths, and chopped creamer potatoes — were thoroughly pleasing.

The sauce with the French lamb chops (actually a cut piece of rack from the ribs) was also exciting, but there was far too much of it. Hot-sweet-tangy, it combined mint jelly heated by serrano chilies and enriched with mango — but there was so much of it, it swamped the plate. It was good with the lamb. It was god-awful with the potatoes and veggies. In the future, it may be applied more discreetly.

It was wonderful to face a wine list where we could choose good, tasty bottles at a fair price. Given the light-hearted style of cooking, I was happy to find a Montes sauvignon blanc from Chile to start (and it suited the appetizers perfectly), and for the entrées, a food-friendly Coppola Merlot, both under \$30. There are plenty of higher-end bottles if you're accompanying a high-end steak dinner; the choices run the gamut of taste and price.

This is one of those “two and three-quarter star” places — the cooking has some flaws, but it still is full of delights. The dishes I liked, I really liked. They weren't just good, they were “wake up and smell the cooking” good — with extra credit for originality. Add in the comfortable surroundings and very considerate service,

and you get a winner. Foodie girls like to ramble, too.

ABOUT THE CHEF-OWNER
Moe Sadighian's parents came to San Diego from Iran in '78, at the time of the revolution against the Shah. His mother died young, and he was raised by his dad, a businessman who started an auto-repair business here. Even as a kid, young Moe was a demon businessman.

“I started working when I was 10 years old, with a paper route,” he says. “At 11, I started my own business, cleaning apartments. At 13, I started selling NSA water-filtration products — it was a pyramid sales thing. And by 15, I was clearing six digits. I bought my first piece of property in La Jolla when I was 16 years old. [He's now 36.] Later, I had a chain of mechanic shops; I own a communication business in which I own the satellite.

“I graduated from San Diego State with an international business degree and a communications degree. I've always loved cooking and taking care of people on the side, so I also went to San Diego Culinary Institute, just for me, not for business. Then I went to San Francisco for six months to study at Cordon Bleu. At that time it wasn't money that got you in, it was your thesis, a dish, a video — the real deal, not just people with money.”

I asked him why he went into the risky business of restaurants. “I like a good challenge. I don't want to take no for an answer. I'm the kind of person who puts my mind to it, and I get it done, and I get it done right. I don't take short cuts. I take criticism with pride; feedback is very important to me. My wife, who's my best friend — I've been married almost eight years now, we have two beautiful kids — she's always supported me in all the decisions we make together. We're about to open another restaurant. I bought the Sun Cafe, the oldest restaurant on Market, between Fourth and Fifth, and we're gonna put a really fun casual place, Mexican traditional. And I have offers to open Tabule in Santa Monica and Beverly Hills.”

In Tijuana, his enterprises include the original Tabule, a steakhouse called Kobe, Mint nightclub, and Los Mariachis, the biggest restaurant in TJ at 40,000 square feet. He learned Mexican cooking while living in Tijuana for five years, picking up a lot of skills through his friendships with top chefs there. I asked him why he decided to open Tabule in the Gaslamp, rather than a more adventure-prone culinary district like North Park. “That's exactly why,” he said. “Because the food here downtown is so square — steak, Italian, sushi, some Thai. I don't think everything should be square peg. I believe in opening people's eyes — showing them, teaching them, being patient with them. I like to say we have everything that everyone else has and nothing that everyone else has.

“I'm not here for the conventioners, I'm here for the locals. I sized the place right. I priced it right for the locals. We have incredible martinis — I'm a mixologist by trade. My wine list is exceptional. It's not there to sit on a shelf collecting dust; it's priced so people can enjoy it. I don't have a shark mentality, take a bite and move on — that's for conventioners. So we get a lot of local companies that come here and buy out the place for an evening.

“The service and the food are very, very important to me. All the recipes are mine — all the drink recipes, all the food recipes. I train everybody in the kitchen in everything, like circuit training, so they can all cover every station and so they understand where each dish is coming from. The turnover rate among my staff is less than 1.5 percent. And our service has what we all the ‘living-room mentality.’ When you come into the restaurant and you see the decorations, the earthy tones, the orange glow, we want you to feel comfortable, like you're sitting in your own living room. We're not about turning covers. We don't hover over you while you're eating, waiting to take your plate away. Our servers work as a team, and they feel like it's their own business.” ■

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That's exactly what he's doing. What he has to do. Busking. We're at the corner of Market and Fifth. It's sometime after one in the mawmin'. His voice is deep, gravelly, just like Barry White or Lou Rawls.

E.J., "The Gaslamp Music-man," as he likes to be called, sings rip-your-heart-out songs such as "Rainy Night in Georgia" to the herd bursting from bars right now like fresh-shorn sheep. And to the Turkish girls here for the summer to pedal the pedicabs, giggling and chatting outside places such as the Blarney Stone. And to the bicycle cops leaning against their bikes, waiting for the biggest surge when the bars finally close down.

"Know any decent by-the-slice pizza joint that's open this time of night?" I ask E.J.

"The two I go to around here," he says, "are Gaslamp and Ciro's. Ciro's is just up at Market and Sixth. I like their crust and sauces. I usually have the sausage-and-pepperoni. What I like about the both of them is they're mom-and-pop. Back in DC, where I come from, it's nothing but chains."

"Huh. And where's Gaslamp Pizza?"

"Just down the road."

Two minutes later I'm there, farther down Fifth. Gaslamp Pizza's rockin'.

"Barrett, Barrett! You don't need a pizza!" says this woman. She's following a guy across Fifth.

"Oh, yes I do."

"Barrett...!" she says. "Oh, God."

Barrett disappears into the line. I join it too, between a lotta folks standing 'round eating slices. 'Cause slices is what they mostly do here,

\$3 each. Bottles of pop, \$2. Most end up spending a Lincoln.

"Help who's next?"

Guy with graying hair but a young face is hyped up for the rush. The little space has white tiles on its walls, a Cardtronics ATM, red Coca-Cola clock, a schmaltzy painting of a white horse in a green glade, couple of four-lamp ceiling fans, and a TV blasting a hip-hop video. In the back, a big guy sprinkles cheese on a couple of raw pizzas, then hauls out finished products from

two of the four ovens, rolls the cutters, and brings the sliced-up pies to the front cabinet.

One thing's for sure: gotta think quick. Line's moving fast. Guys ahead of me seem to be ordering the pepperoni, but I see they have a chicken pesto, a vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and one that has a green smear over the pastry. "Pesto," says this kid behind the counter, Alex.

I mean, I'm peckish. I ain't lost-in-the-desert hungry. But I need something. Just to get the ball rolling, I go for the BBQ chicken and a plastic bottle of Sprite. Five bucks. I chomp it down in five, half sitting on a stool at the stand-up counter. Pizza's fine. Slightly sweet taste of the BBQ sauce coming out. Nice thin crust. The guy who takes my money, Hadeer, says he's owned this place nine years. "My own favorite's the vegetarian, but most people ask for the pepperoni."

"They put love into their pizzas here, man," says this well-lubricated guy. "They're family. Only thing Ciro's does better is their stromboli."

I see they have non-pizza items too: chicken wings (\$4.49 for five, \$7.99 for ten), "halapeño peppers" (\$5.99), chicken strips (five pieces for \$6.99). Even a Greek salad (\$5.99) or Caesar salad (\$4.99). But I guess I want to know why Hadeer likes his vegetarian.

So I get one from Alex and take it outside to the park bench they have there on the sidewalk. It's certainly got lots of stuff aboard. Then, can't help wandering up Market, just to check out Ciro's. Kinda boisterous crowd here too, crammed into the little fenced-off table area outside on the street.

"I'm getting too old for this shit," this blonde in tootsie high heels is saying. "We're not marketing Cialis anymore. Smaller territories. Mmm... Tried this pesto? It's divine."

The crowd here's just as sauced, but richer, more biz-oriented. Inside, it's small, brick at one end with pix of old New York, old-time baseball fields, and at the other, a big 9/11 mural. "In Loving Memory of our Friends Charlie Heeran, Jimmy Riches..." In the kitchen, this one guy, Chris — turns out he's Sicilian, and the "person in charge" — is spinning the dough above his head. Beautiful to watch. "Actually," he says without looking down, "strictly speaking, it's pronounced 'Chiro's.' But nobody does."

"We make our own dough," says the other guy, Jarrett. He's hauling out a pizza from an eye-level oven. "Flour, sugar, salt, yeast, water. That's it."

Huh. Simplicity. Pretty good example is the margarita slice I order. So danged straightfor-



Chris

ward — tomato slices, basil, garlic, white cheese, no sauce, yet so delish. And here, by the slice, \$2.50. Heh-heh. Save 50 cents on Gaslamp Pizza. So I get that and a pepperoni-sausage. I know. Eyes bigger than stomach. It's the thin New Yawk crust everybody raves about. Gets me too. I take it outside. Somebody's saying how "pizza" actually means "pie" in Italian. So when you say "pizza pie," you're saying "pie pie."

Most delicious pizza moment? When I go back in and Chris has chopped up a slice of pizza for free offerings. "Chicken bacon pesto," he says. "It wasn't moving tonight." Wow. Can't think why not. I take a couple of pieces and head on out, back toward the warm, distant voice of E.J. Wilson. And my last bus. ■

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BEACHES

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077. "Bull" and "Bear," as in stock market moods. It's not surprising lots of soigné financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian prices. Of course the names kowtow to mighty Wall Street: the Broker Breakfast Burrito (eggs, bacon), Venture Capital Veggie Burrito, Bull Burger, Dow Jones Dog, Francheesie Dog. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Bottom line: it's a chew with a view. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily (bar open till 2 a.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beemers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi-bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a let-down, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the *char su* duck salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; duck wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D.

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at the French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free



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Joe's Crab Shack — Pacific Beach 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and downtown. — N.W.

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, University City, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* Kahana, or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Sadaf — La Jolla 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, 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. Non-specials and evening meals cost more,

but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

The Shores 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. At this family-friendly resort on the oceanfront at La Jolla Shores, the hotel restaurant serves simple steak and seafood entrées, classic steakhouse appetizers, and sides. Friday evenings there's a seafood buffet. Although the legendary Bernard (the Marine Room) Guillas is officially in charge as executive chef, the food bears no sign of his involvement: It is thoroughly ordinary. Wines are mainly familiar top-shelf supermarket bottling, with few by the glass (reasonable corkage). Full bar. Validated parking (three hours) in underground garage. Resort-casual dress. Reasonably quiet. Three meals daily. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive "early bird" three-course dinners for \$20, two courses for \$15. — N.W.

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La Petite Café Avenida Constitución #720-Q, Baja, 664-688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Vegetarian upon request. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Baja. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey after-taste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Vegetarian upon request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Baja, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next,

plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Vegetarian upon request. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Baja, 664-685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called mole *poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada de mole, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. "Super antojitos" means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B.

CENTRAL

Aladdin's Café — Hillcrest 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

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Asia Café 4710 Market Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Laotian. Laotian dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street, Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland; spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru; earthy Guatemalan

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Buster's Beach House and Long-board Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy Short Board pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy paella (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town;

a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours' validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.*

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulancee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose "small plates" many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Café, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultra-modern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as "sceney" crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W.*

Crest Café 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Home-made Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador

Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy vegetable steam basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the fresh salmon burger, the OuiOui burger (aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted Jack cheese) or the wicked, spicy, butter burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Del Cerro, 619-265-0218. At arguably the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego (it's not Katz's, but it's here, and the service is nicer), you'll find a full range of European-Jewish specialties from wonderful soups to nuts, including deli meats and fabulous smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, traditional Jewish-American dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter), plus 110 different overstuffed sandwiches — among them the very popular corned beef. To start the day, there are American and Jewish breakfasts, including a fabled matzo brei. The knishes, latkes, and chopped liver are all fine. A few acceptable, affordable wines by the bottle (only plonk by the glass), plus fountain drinks, sodas, some domestic and imported beers. Loads for lacto-vegetarians, less for vegans. (This cuisine is big on sour cream.) Open daily except major holidays, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate, with kiddie plates available at all meals. — *N.W.*

Dussini Mediterranean Bistro 275 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It's still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Eleva-

tor access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

India Princess — Hillcrest 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincipled sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B.*

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, Downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his Hump Day meat loaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B.*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, The Ultimate Boat (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, ex-

pect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

The Kebab Shop 630 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-525-0055. Food is one area where the Middle East is definitely taking over the world. Turkish-style *döner* kebabs are already on every street corner in Europe, and they're heading our way. Why? It's fast, flavorful, fresh food. The kebab's "meat" is usually lamb, chicken, or falafel, wrapped in a flatbread. The menu here specializes in all kinds of kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef *kofte* (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, Iskender, honoring Alexander the Great (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Try also minted zucchini, curried eggs, and Algerian eggplant. The ultimate compliment? Lots of Turkish San Diegians eat here. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street, Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222. Business-class watering hole where for seven dollars per item — food or drink — on the bar menu, we can at least taste how the Other Half lives and dines. The drinks range from Dragon's Blood sangria (a combo of Bordeaux wine, port, fruit and Calvados brandy) to Road Dog Stout (from Colorado's Flying Dog Brewery). As for the munchies, think lamby joes (luscious mini-burgers made of ground lamb); Mediterranean mussels (steeped in Old Monk beer broth); seafood salad (shrimp, squid, mussels, scallops, and sauce); or braised duck and stone-fruit flatbread. If money says one item only, lamby joes are most filling. Happy hour daily, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Magnolias 342 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul-food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Takeouts accepted. Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One,

the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush (sweet daddy eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Mission — Downtown 1250 J Street, Downtown, 619-232-7662. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast-beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, postindustrial, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations

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Pappalecco 1602 State Street, Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Pappalecco (“Lol-lypop”) is a different kind of Italian eatery. It doesn’t play the nostalgia card — it’s an exact copy of an actual modern café in Pisa that three brothers created there and now here. The idea is for a quick, sophisticated coffee-gelato-eatery where if you ask for coffee you get espresso, customers often have at least one gelato a day “for health,” and meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. Sometimes — and the brothers claim this is their idea — they actually combine gelato with their dishes. Expect a multilingual United Nations atmosphere. One delicious combo: the Rustico, different Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street, Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it’s in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — N.W.

Salad Style 807 F Street, Downtown, 619-255-6731. Is this the tipping point? Whereas traditional meals have always been meat and taters with a side of salad, here, it’s salad with a side of meat and taters. Salad’s the main item, and it’s delicious, even if salad’s not your thing, because each concoction is so original. For example, Scott’s Grilled Skirt Steak is an arty pile of organic greens, tomatoes, smoky, earthy mushrooms, hearts of palm, crumbled bleu cheese, plus red slabs of meat over it. Each dish does something, from the Moroccan couscous salad to the tuna-and-tomato salad. The Totally Vegan, with its golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

SoleLuna Café 702 Ash Street, Downtown, 619-232-0436. Put your climbing boots on. This place sits on the shoulder of the El Cortez hill, a sleek cave peeping out from under the historic hotel with an umbrella-strewn front terrace that’s great for people watching. Its Italian roots show from the excellent coffee and the menu. Many items come straight from the streets of Milano, such as the breakfast croissant with prosciutto ham, smoked Mozzarella cheese, and fruit or salad; or the Rustico Panino (with prosciutto, goat cheese, olive pâté); or *bresaola* (cured sliced beef); or the Sicilian salad (spinach, tuna, boiled eggs, capers, mozzarella). Other dishes include their homemade eggplant parmigiano and lasagna. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Star of India — Downtown 423 F Street, Downtown, 619-234-8000. It’s the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

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can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner “Wolfie” and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you’ll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made “Texas” beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Urban Solace 3823 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-6464. Your solace at this bustling neighborhood eatery is pleasing American comfort food with a faint Southern accent. Among the choices are housemade biscuits, moist and tasty sweet potato fries, or a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef “cooked your way” (and that can be rare — reasonably safe with this well-raised beef). Sunday brunches, with a live bluegrass band, offer a flawless portobello Benedict, fine butter-pecan French toast, and creamy, smooth grits. But some servers are neither from Mars or Venus but Uranus, apparently, and at busy times (always) they need a strict traffic cop to remind them to record your order and bring your food and beverages to Earth. No reservations, call aheads accepted. Wine and a fine beer list (no hard liquor, despite brunch menu’s mention of mojitos). Moderate. — N.W.

Vagabond 2310 30th Street, South Park, 619-255-1035. Seasonal world food filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don’t miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners’ global travels, is perpetually standing room only, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd

drawn for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant’s fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete’s Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant’s hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you’ll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Road, Suite E, in Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. This Scripps Ranch social gathering place, in a discreet center of gray timber shops and offices, was started by a couple — originally technocrats from San Diego city schools — who took early retirement. They do sandwiches, but what sandwiches! Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon, or their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich with garlic and rosemary — all original. They also do roasted eggplant on a roll, and a Special Salad stacked with interesting berries, fruit, chicken, and nuts. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. This huge eating space fills half of Ker’s outlet warehouse. Friday or Saturday, it’s crowded with Indian families — the best guarantee that good vegetarian food is served here — and reasonably priced. Only problem with an all-you-can-eat buffet is deciding what to eat. It’s mainly northern, Punjabi and Gujarati, according to the Sikh cooks. Just have at the aloo curry, basmati rice, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), and *bengan bartha* (eggplant). See what you like. Some dishes are smoky and roasted, others yogurty, others nutty. Try to leave room for dessert, specially the mango concoctions — Asian mangos are sensational. Open

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Since my oldest daughter, who is six years old, is allergic to casein and gluten, we use this day to cook her food for the rest of the week. One dish both kids really love from scratch is chicken nuggets. I make them gluten-free for my daughter but both of my children love them. Give them a try and they will soon be your favorite chicken nuggets as well.

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Hernandez’ Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez’ claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja’s best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant “enchilada pie” is as good as any Midwestern mom’s. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute “Old West” cantina

decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan — Vista 248 Main Street, Vista, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m.

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Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you’re not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya’s steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you’ll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweetbread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos’* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the



inch pieces and set aside. Heat oil in a medium-sized pan over medium heat (oil should be ready in about eight minutes).

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag, add in all the flours and the salt and mix well. In a medium bowl, stir the eggs and

kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant’s front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in — this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco’s Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shang-

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the rice milk well for about 2 minutes. Add the chicken to the egg-and-rice-milk mixture a few pieces at a time. Don't overcrowd. Take them out of the egg mixture when well coated and

place inside the Ziploc bag with the flours. Close the bag and shake it well so the flours thoroughly coat the chicken. Repeat this process until all of the chicken is coated with the egg-and-flour

mixture. When the oil is hot, begin to add chicken to the pan. Again, don't overcrowd. The chicken is done when the outside is golden brown and the chicken is cooked

through. Serve to hungry kids!

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hai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shang-hai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

NORTH COASTAL

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some Continental warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers,

steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 10 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheatgrass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both

Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: The Billy is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). The Cindy is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is The Pablo. It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place hum-

ming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous

fusion-food Nobu of NY, L.A., and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish pate and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — N.W.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest

sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of something extra — e.g., not just free edamame to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of 4 to 14, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — N.W.

Spices Thai Café — Del Mar 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood

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Royal India, downtown San Diego

Thank you reader for introducing Royal India to us in a review by Naomi Wise on August 21st. I always try restaurants reviewed by Onami. Upon entering and walking from underneath the arches we sat closer to the waterfall. It was fabulas, Magnificent ambience. I like my food to flavorful and tried Rogan Josh , Mango Soup and Garlic Nan at Royal India after reading the article and it was fantastic. Hats off to Royal India. Tenderness in meat and flavors were fantastic. My friend Angela tried chicken tikka masala and she said she loved it too. By **Julia1970** 6:48 p.m., Aug 25

Zocalo Grill, Old Town

I was very disappointed in Zocalo. I went there for my birthday on Aug. 18th. I ordered one of the specials which was8 Halibut with a blood orange sauce, plantain/cranberry mojo, and saffron potatoes. The Halibut was good as was the sauce, but the mojo was strange and too tart, and the potatoes were hard! How hard is it to cook potatoes?!? They were so hard I couldn't cut it with my fork and they were very bland on top of that. Couldn't taste saffron at all and even seemed lacking in salt and pepper. My Mom's meal of the Mahi Mahi was good but nothing special. My sister's meal of the lamb was the best of the bunch. The lamb was overcooked, but she still enjoyed it and the Gratin it came with was awesome. Definately the best thing of the evening. Desserts were so-so as well. I was brought creme brulee as the b-day dessert which was good, but the Tres Leches cake my sister ordered was boring and seemed like regular white cake. Service was also somewhat lacking. I was only asked once how everything was and that was before I had tried my potatoes. Overall the food is way too inconsistent to warrant another visit. By **Aimz** 2:20 p.m., Aug. 26

Ensenada Fish Market, Ensenada

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Okay, sure it takes you all day, and the long line crossing back is a test of patience, but for those of us who take our fish tacos seriously, there's no better option.
:-)
By **Fred_Williams** 8:55 a.m., Aug 28

Antique Row Cafe, Normal Heights

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By **sdalisa92116** 5:26 a.m., Sept. 1

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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.*

Swami's Café 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the post office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double-cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambience early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrees. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY

Chef Axel European Bistro 7097 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-421-8844. Chef Axel is a real chef with classic European training, bringing his expertise and high standards to this neighborhood German restaurant. Currently, he's offering only a set-price Sunday brunch plus occasional special dinners, along with catering on or off site. The food is made-from-scratch home-style cooking, including hearty soups, Bavarian veal sausage, rich noodle gratin, perfect schnitzel, and a Hungarian goulash that "really gets it" about Hungary's spirited flavors. The brunch buffet includes a wide sampling of these dishes. — *N.W.*

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war *and* Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom iHunter omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — *E.B.*

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of house-made fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*



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Have passions cooled? Can we discuss calmly? Without dispute *The Dark Knight* was the big story of the cinematic summer, which is the same as saying the big money of the summer, \$500 million domestic and counting. A movie doesn't ascend into that empyrean without ascending also into the rare air of a religious revival, a Great Awakening, an *E.T.*, a *Titanic*, a *Lord of the Rings*. Passions simmer and seethe. There's no reasoning with people in the throes of such rapture.

On the one hand I might want to assert that these are sham religions, but the other hand finds something touching about it: the craving, the yearning, the needing. Ever since the conceptualization of the "event-movie," a mere movie can't quite fill the bill. Moviegoers *en masse* don't even seem to want movies these days. They want something more, something they're missing. Paradoxically, one of the things they're missing is movies. Movie-movies, that is to say, movies like they don't make them anymore. And the new industry of the event-movie, the ongoing quest to heighten, deepen, broaden, lengthen, strengthen

the experience, can only take the moviegoer further away. But that's a large subject.

Let's get back to *The Dark Knight*. And let's not pretend there would have been anywhere near as much hoo-hah around it if not for the pre-release death of its Joker, Heath Ledger.

We can never know how big the story would have been, how big the money, were it not for that. And because we can never know, I'm free to speculate that while it would have been guaranteeably big, it would not have been significantly bigger (if at all) than the *Indiana Jones* film, the *Hulk* film, *Iron Man*, *Hancock*, *WALL-E*. It had been anointed in advance. This was The One to see. A viewing of the body. A canonization of the martyr. A sacred rite.

The question we might hash out on solid ground is that of how big was Heath Ledger. Granted he had made a splash in *Brokeback Mountain*—a right-place-at-the-right-time cannonball—and he already had been established as something of a hunk. Still, the subsequent *Casanova* hardly convened a sizable congregation, and *Candy* barely got an airing. (I missed

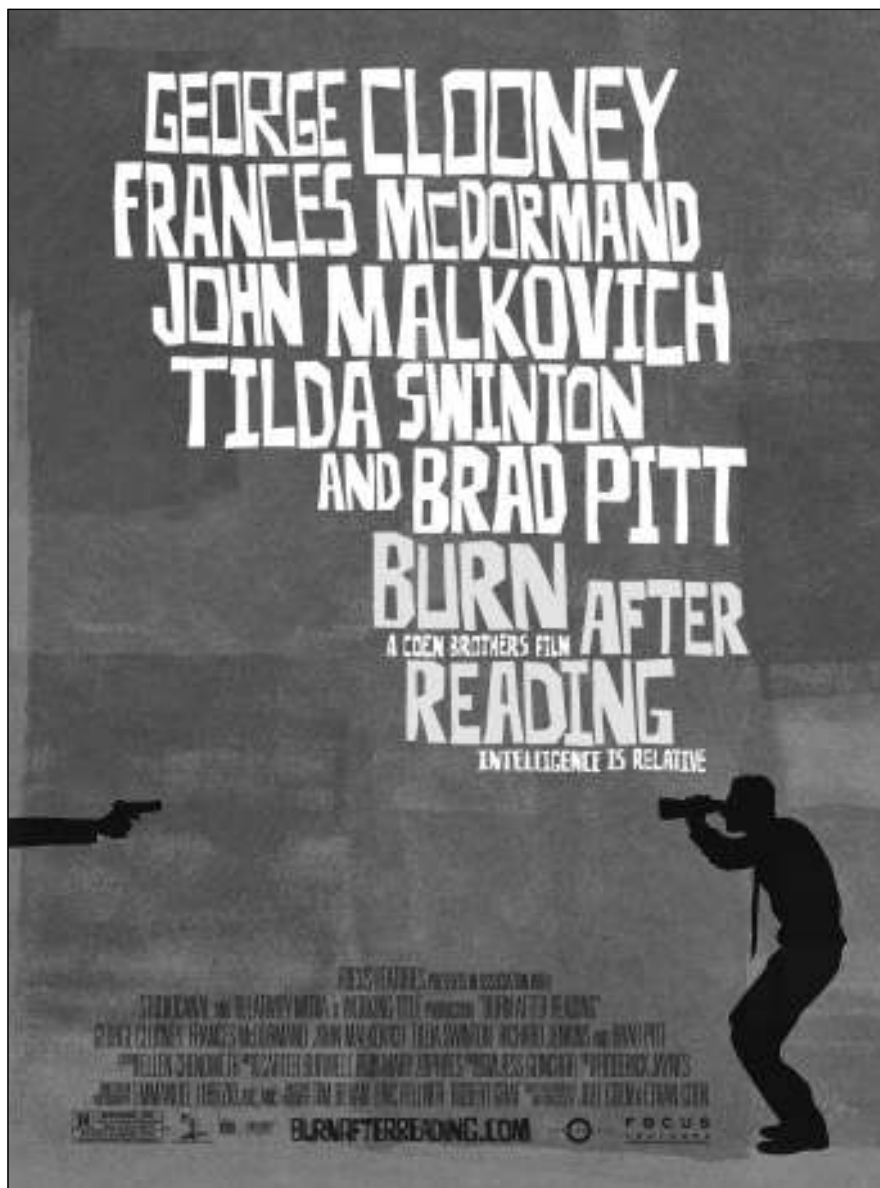


The Dark Knight

it altogether. Did it play in San Diego?) Before *Brokeback*, there was no gathering flock to be discerned around *The Brothers Grimm*, *The Order*, *The Four Feathers*, *A Knight's Tale*. He was pretty much just another pretty face, first brought to wide attention as a sacrificial lamb to Mel Gibson's masochism in *The Patriot*. It's a marvel what a drug overdose can do.

Had it been Christian Bale who perished beforehand, as opposed to (allegedly) assaulting his mother and sister in the midst of the promo tour, would *The Dark Knight* have been exactly as big? (Surely Ledger commanded a somewhat more ardent following.) Had it been Robert Downey, Jr., would *Iron Man* have been bigger? Or would *Hancock*, had

it been Will Smith? These questions are unanswerable, and probably, in polite society, unaskable. My own preferred point of reference would be the unhypothetical River Phoenix, who died under mysterious circumstances (meaning mysterious drug influences) on the street outside a Hollywood nightspot in 1993 at the age of twenty-three, half a dozen years younger even



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than Ledger. In my memory, Phoenix was at that time an arguably bigger figure than was Ledger at the beginning of this year. And yet Phoenix's just completed *The Thing Called Love*, by Peter Bogdanovich, got no added bounce (it never made it to San Diego), and his posthumous *Silent Tongue*, by Sam Shepard, went straight to video.

Now, admittedly *The Thing Called Love*, although a decent little movie, was not a Batman movie; and superhero mythologies, savior mythologies, do tend to tap latent religiosity. (Craving, yearning.) But much of the difference, I would postulate, can be seen solely as a measure of the increase in media rapacity over fifteen years, and commensurate increase in public rapacity. The difference, to put it another way, is the measure not of a bigger star, but of a bigger spotlight.

Item: Anna Nicole Smith, a Marilyn Monroe wannabe, dies of (wouldn't you know?) a drug overdose a year earlier, and the media, as if to make up for their laxity in 1962, carry on as if she actually *were* Marilyn Monroe. How much more could the media have done for the Real Thing? Item two: a summer ago, the public seemingly couldn't get (or be given) enough of Lindsay Lohan, for reasons founded on mug shots and pantyless paparazzi shots, and yet practically no one got in line to see her in *Georgia Rule* or *I Know Who Killed Me*. These were not event-movies, but even so. You might have thought, or I anyhow might have thought, that the mug shots and paparazzi shots were of interest in proportion to the interest in her movies. But I, or we, would have been mistaken. They were of interest, quite precisely, *out of* proportion. Tangible evidence, should any be required, that there really are no movie stars anymore, only celebrities. (If Brad Pitt is going to do *The Assassination of Jesse James*, he might as well be Dermot Mulroney. If Angelina Jolie is going to do *A Mighty Heart*, she might as well be Julie Delpy. No one is going to come.) For all practical purposes, mug shots and paparazzi shots will serve as well as movies. And please don't bring up James Dean as a point of reference for Heath Ledger. James Dean was a movie star. They were extant then.

I urged earlier that we not pretend *The Dark Knight* would have been as big without a dead Ledger, and for certain it would be worth our while to isolate and separate the Ledger factor if we want to talk about the movie *per se* as distinct from the cultural phenomenon. But in truth the entire phenomenon, movie included, smacks powerfully of pretending. Working ourselves up, convincing ourselves, deceiving ourselves. (Craving, yearning, again.) A large part of all that pretending is making believe that the late actor's performance is a great performance rather than only a grandiose performance: the Oscar drums begin to beat. (Related item from outside the movie world, though not outside the celebrity world: we have to pretend that John Edwards was within a hair's breadth of the Presidential nomination in order to spice up the commonplace tale of his extramarital dalliance.) I can't, and I didn't, go along. I honestly fail to see how anyone can feel any kind of excitement in *The Dark Knight*, much less keep it going into the light of day.

To submit just one piece of evidence, after which I am content to rest my case: if a major character gets killed off, in an action sequence so sloppily assembled you have to wait for the funeral to know he was supposed to have gotten killed off, and he later springs back to life (to cheers from the audience, pretending to believe they hadn't suspected it was all a ruse), then how can we afterwards believe that another major character has been killed off simply because there's no resurrection before movie's end? I am referring here — I don't suppose I can play spoiler for a movie that has raked in \$500 million — to the Maggie Gyllenhaal character, previously the Katie Holmes character. Will she somehow be back in the inevitable sequel? Will Katie Holmes resume the role? Will it be a third party? (Lindsay Lohan?) The answers to these questions don't matter. What matters is that the asking of them points to an essential frailty of the movie. An essential frivolity. A death is not a death. It's a plot device, a ploy. The make-believe universe can't be believed.

And in spite of its relentless reliance on head-spinning switcheroos — taking the old gag, for instance, of the dishonorable thief bumping off a fellow thief for a larger share of the pot, and then taking the gag to the logical extreme of another thief and another

thief until no thief remains to share the pot — *The Dark Knight* comes to us exactly as expected. The road had been paved, the lights pre-set on dim. The surprises never surprise.

For genuine astonishment, it would have been hard this past summer to top *The X-Files: I Want to Believe*, hard to top the astonishment of its modesty, hard to top the incremental revelation that this six-year reunion had nothing more up its sleeve than a possibly psychic pedophile. No aliens, no monsters, no nothing. (Well, maybe also a gender-bending Dr. Frankenstein.) The movie was well made, tight, taut, truly worrisome, and a total bust at the box-office. Modesty doesn't promise to fill the moviegoer's spiritual void. Asking any movie to fill such a void amounts of course to asking it to be more than a movie. Or in other words, asking too much. Very soon, if not already, the votaries of *The Dark Knight*, feeling empty again, must be asking, "What's next?" ■

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America the Beautiful — Informal, rambling, personalized documentary by Darryl Roberts (director, producer, narrator, and on-screen presence) on America's presumed "obsession" with beauty, a wide-ranging skim over interesting waters: the fashion industry (specifically an underage model named Gerren Taylor), dieting, eating disorders, beauty products, cosmetic surgery, the whole ball of wax. The slovenly film itself, a pasty digital transfer, is plainly not caught up in the mania. 2008. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Babylon A.D. — Futuristic thriller wherein a world-weary mercenary escorts an angelic nymph of indeterminate powers, and for unknown purposes, from a Mongolian convent to New York City. The hyperkinetic camera and overinflated action create the wrong climate for the apocalyptic solemnity. With Vin Diesel, Melanie Thierry, Michelle Yeoh, Gerard Depardieu, Charlotte Rampling, and Lambert Wilson; directed by Mathieu Kassovitz. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; 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)

Bangkok Dangerous — The Pang brothers re-do their 1999 action film in English, with Nicolas Cage in the lead. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/5)

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; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Boy A — Muffled drama, in milky light and molasses-y dialect, about a young Brit, a Mancunian, released from prison to start a new life under a new name, unable to outrun his past. It might have more impact if you could comprehend more than every third word. With Andrew Garfield, Peter Mullan, Siobhan Finnerman, and Alfie Owen; directed by John Crowley. 2007. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/4)

Chocolat — Another art-house food film: an agnostic chocolate-maker opens her Little Shop of Temptations during the Lenten fast. Director Lasse Hallstrom follows his discreet pro-choice propaganda (*The Cider House Rules*) with a smug, complacent, liberal-minded broadside against the smugness, complacency, and narrow-mindedness of a French-Catholic provincial village circa 1959. The motley international cast adds to the air of unreality: some do French accents; some don't; Juliette Binoche does one naturally; Johnny Depp does an Irish. With Lena Olin, Alfred Molina, Carrie-Anne Moss, Judi Dench, Peter Stormare. 2000. ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/4 THROUGH 6, 7:30 P.M.)

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 evildeor, "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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Elegy — An aging but actively tomcatting Columbia professor develops an erotic obsession with a "thirty-odd-year" younger Cuban student, who, in his eyes, resembles

Goya's Maja. (Penelope Cruz, the student, actually played Goya's Maja in *Volaverunt*, and here repeats the *desnuda* pose.) Isabel Coixet's rendition of the Philip Roth novel, *The Dying Animal*, is slow, pensive, adult, and cultured, if a bit overdependent on facile avenues of expression: first-person voice-over and classical mood music from Satie and Pärt (yes, "Spiegel im Spiegel" again, for at least the seventh time in the decade). Ben Kingsley, even apart from the polished dome, is well able to impersonate an egghead. With Patricia Clarkson, Dennis Hopper, Peter Sarsgaard. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 — 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. Misty Upham, Charlie McDermott, Michael O'Keefe. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/5)

Hamlet 2 — Andrew Fleming's low-budget indie 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. The beady-eyed, seaweed-haired Steve Coogan 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 ingenué, 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. With Catherine Keener, David Arquette, Joseph Julian Soria, and Melonie Diaz. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Hancock — Two ideas prevail. The first



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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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The House Bunny — Bimbo comedy about an evictee from the Playboy Mansion (a frisky Anna Faris) who becomes house mother to the misfits of Zeta Sorority, helpfully dumbing them down. Admittedly, the anti-intellectualism is balanced by an attempt at smartening up the bimbo, but there is, in every sense, nothing to it. With Emma Stone, Kat Dennings, Colin Hanks, Beverly D’Angelo, and Hugh Hefner; directed by Fred Wolf. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGES)

I Served the King of England — Jiri Menzel, missing in action since the Czech New Wave of the Sixties (*Closely Watched Trains*, *Capricious Summer*), has actually ground out over a dozen films in the interim, before this one got tabbed for U.S. distribution: a literally Little Man comedy, consistent with the pitying humanism we remember, about a diminutive waiter at a deluxe hotel who gladly adjusts to the Nazi occupation. Overlong, saggy, strainingly comic, and tastefully erotic. With Oldrich Kaiser, Ivan Barnev, Julia Jentsch. 2007.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/5)

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)

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 JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 9/5; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 (surprisingly 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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 mayhem 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.

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The Rocker — A heavy-metal drummer, booted out of the band at the brink of their breakthrough, gets a second chance twenty years later with a high-school prom group whose members are half his age. (Location: Cleveland, with too-many-to-count shots of the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame.) The wish fulfillment and mainstream sanitization thwart the potential for satire. With Rainn Wilson, Christina Applegate, Teddy Geiger, Josh Gad, and Emma Stone; directed by Peter Cattaneo. 2008.

● (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; POWAY 10)

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 — Three years later, the girls have gone on to separate colleges (Yale, Brown, NYU, and the Rhode Island School of Design) and on to a different director (music-video veteran Sanaa Hamri) and on to unexciting new challenges (pregnancy scare, married boyfriend, long-lost grandmother, summer-stock role in Shakespeare), and the loss of the peripatetic pants at the end cannot be regretted if it means no further updates. At this point Blake Lively retains her freshness, and America Ferrera shows her experience. With Alexis Bledel, Amber Tamblyn, Blythe Danner. 2008.

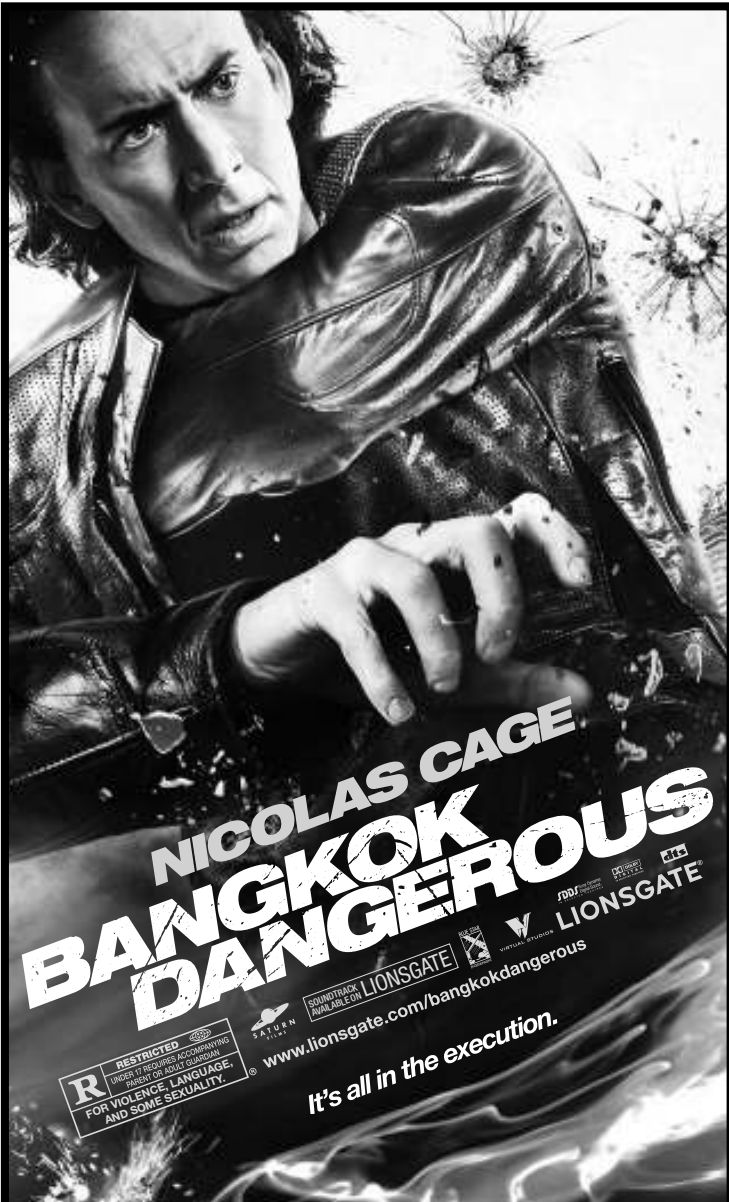
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Star Wars: The Clone Wars — Or in the order the words appear on screen and in the ads, *Star the Clone Wars Wars*. It fills in events on the timeline between parts two and three of the second cycle in George Lucas’s space saga. If, from this remove, 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. 2008.

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Step Brothers — Mainstream comedy, at the broadest point in the stream, about a pair of developmentally arrested forty-year-olds (Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly), still living at home with their respective single mom and single dad, then living together after the parents meet and marry, living first at loggerheads and later in boisterous accord. Everything is pushed to extremes with the intent of making it extra, extra funny, and with the result of making it not at all funny. It is to co-producer Judd Apatow rather than director Adam McKay that we are prone to ascribe the prosthetic testicles; and it’s between the scriptwriting team of Ferrell and McKay that we are obliged to split credit for lines like “I want to roll you into



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a little ball and shove you up my vagina” and “I feel like a lightning bolt hit the tip of my penis.” With Mary Steenburgen, Richard Jenkins, Adam Scott, Kathryn Hahn. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Tell No One — If this doesn’t give us what we expect and want from a French thriller, part of the reason must lie in its source, an American mystery novel by Harlan Coben. Convoluted and contorted beyond resemblance to organic life on Earth, concocted and cockamamie beyond the realm of all probability, it boasts the sort of plotting where an unassuming Parisian pediatrician, hounded by a remorseless hit squad, can call in a favor (i.e., troop support) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophilic infant. Or where a handy heroin addict will turn up dead at just the

moment when you need a body in order to stage a *faux* murder, and you can count on no one noticing the discrepancies between the autopsy cadaver and the supposed 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 rodent intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as

the absent 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)

Traitor — Espionage interlaced with education. A range of Muslim beliefs and attitudes emerges in the course of an FBI crackdown on a terrorist network. Fiercely acted by all concerned (Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce, Saïd Taghmaoui, Neal McDonough, Jeff Daniels), but rather

frivolously resolved, and the camera is prone to excitability at the least moment of stress and tension. Written and directed by Jeffrey Nachmanoff. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Transsiberian — A couple of Iowa missionaries in China take the long and scenic route home on the Beijing-to-Moscow rail line, and the along the way fall in with drug runners. Director Brad Anderson tames his shaky camera for some recognizably Hitch-

cockian suspense sequences. With Emily Mortimer, Woody Harrelson, Eduardo Noriega, Kate Mara, and Ben Kingsley. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Tropic Thunder — 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

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(Robert Downey, Jr.), a monastery love story called *Satan’s Alley*, a tony period piece aimed at the art circuit: the narrator’s clipped phrases, pregnant pauses, and portentous tones are dead-on. 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. His 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 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 cutthroat Asian heroin dealer and hostage taker.) If nothing else, 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. With Steve Coogan, Danny McBride, Matthew McConaughey. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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



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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 dryasdust 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 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; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

WALL-E — Relentlessly sentimental science fiction about a cute anthropomorphized “male” robot — a rattletrap contraption of binoculars atop tank treads — programmed to pick up garbage on an evacuated Earth in the 28th Century (his name is an acronym of Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth-Class), all alone on the planet but for the company of an indestructible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped “fembot,” whom he follows up to a mother ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like humans. Rather remarkable for any movie are the long stretches of nonverbal narrative, reminiscent of the opening and closing stretches of *2001*. (Other allusions to the Kubrick classic — the musical snippet from *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, the unblinking red eye of HAL-9000 — suggest the emulation is entirely conscious.) No less remarkable, in the context of a Disney computer cartoon, are the distinctive whiffs of post-apocalyptic and dystopian melancholy. The happy ending pretty much ruins it. If the film wanted full credit for evoking those feelings, the best ending it could have held out would be hopeful, not happy. With the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

What We Do Is Secret — Musical biopic on Darby Crash of the punk band, the Germs, played by Shane West. (KEN, 9/5 THROUGH 11)

The X-Files: I Want to Believe — Six years after the termination of the TV series (ten years after the mid-run movie), we find that Mulder the Believer and Scully the Skeptic have cut all ties to the FBI, the latter now a practicing physician at Our Lady of Sorrows, the former in retirement as a bearded hermit. The case that draws them back into the fold is not all that far out of this world, not all that far out of the workaday police procedural: an abducted female FBI agent and a pedophilic defrocked priest who might or might not be psychic. The scope of the crime grows exponentially when another woman goes missing and the psychic uncovers a major cache of body parts preserved in ice, and the trail ultimately will lead to some macabre mad-scientist experiments well worthy of allusion to Dr. Frankenstein. Yet we’re still a long way short of manifestations of extraterrestrial life or supernatural entities. And that’s a relief. This modest entertainment, under the authoritative direction of series creator Chris Carter, has plenty of speed and stamina; it has palpable suspense; it has honest shocks; and it has a unifying and a resonating theme of perseverance: Mulder in his lifelong pursuit of the Truth that, in a watchword of the series, Is Out There (way, way out there), Scully in her quotidian treatment of a terminally ill child, the ex-priest in his quest for redemption, and even the villains in the lengths to which they’re prepared to go in their self-serving villainy. (New watchword: Don’t Give Up.) Though you might almost wish that the movie had wiped the slate clean and started over with baggage-free characters, the passing years have added an attractive weariness, a romantic Weltschmerz, to the two lead actors, especially to Gillian Anderson (“I’m done chasing monsters in the dark” — done, too, covering up the beauty spot below her left nostril), who was always the more attractive to begin with. But even the supercool David Duchovny — an odd temperature for an ardent believer — appears to have gained a deeper layer of awareness, or else dropped an outer layer of vanity. Their mutual mission now looks like more a curse than a crusade. Where once their lodestar might have been Prometheus, at present it’s Sisyphus. With Billy Connolly and Amanda Peet. 2008. ★★★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 9/5)

You Don’t Mess with the Zohan — Adam Sandler’s Israeli accent (plus his stammering multiple negatives: “No-no-no-no-no”) seems like a sufficient base for a spy comedy revolving around a hirsute agent of Mossad, a sort of anti-*Munich* if you please. But the jokes stray a long way off the base and in diverse directions: the hero’s superhuman powers (snagging a bullet in his nostril, doing no-hands pushups, etc.); his pursuit, in America, of his secret desire to cut hair (“I just want to make people silky smooth”); his time-warp sense of fashion, gleaned from a disco-era Paul Mitchell catalogue; his sexual predilection for grateful old biddies; his, or rather (one and the same) the writer-producer’s, Pollyannish appeal for peaceful coexistence; and the hypocritical stigmatization, since *somebody* has to be the bad guy, of the corporate money-grubber — *anybody*, to be more particular, besides those altruists at Happy Madison Productions and Sony Pictures. Just as Sandler’s accent could seem a sufficient comic base, John Turturro might seem an adequate comic adversary as a Palestinian terrorist and fast-food entrepreneur, but this would be hard to verify on the laugh-meter. There are good-sized parts, too, for an all but unrecognizable grease-painted Rob Schneider, Lainie Kazan, Nick Swardson, and Emmanuelle Chriqui as a Palestinian cutie-pie, and bite-sized parts for Shelley Berman, Chris Rock, Kevin Nealon, Mariah Carey, and John McEnroe — and not enough laughs to go around even were they sliced into thin smiles. Directed by Dennis Dugan. 2008. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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Great movie, but if I hear one more person say “Keep it classy, San Diego” I’m gonna pop off.
By **Reader_reader** 1:08 p.m., Aug. 25, 2008

Traitor 2008

I saw the preview of *Traitor* and hated it. The movie is an intriguing story and well told. It has superb actors and is filmed in fascinating international sets. However, there were so many quick cuts in the film that I endured severe motion sickness throughout the film, with a splitting headache and nasty nausea.

By **SKITMOM** 10:04 a.m., Aug. 28, 2008

Traitor 2008

Not the best movie I’ve seen this summer, but it is definitely worth a look if you are trying to decide which movie to see this week. Don Cheadle is excellent as a FBI mole trying to infiltrate a terrorist network in the Middle East. Cheadle’s character, Samir, is a troubled one. He is a devout Muslim and prays to Allah five times a day and follows the words of the Koran. He is so far under cover that only one person in the U.S. knows about him. The two main detectives trying to catch him and his associates do a good job acting; however, their parts were not well-written.

The suspense and drama leading up to the finale of the movie make it worthwhile. The ending is a surprise because the whole time you are asking yourself, *How is he going to get himself out of this mess?* The movie is a look at the other side of terrorism — from the terrorists’ eyes. It borrows a bit from other movies, such as *The Kingdom*, *Rendition*, *United 93*, and *Munich*, but it manages to stay original. It’s hard to imagine, but the story starts to make you feel empathy toward the terrorists. It is for this reason that many people will probably label this movie controversial and anti-American, but how can you defeat an enemy if you do not know your enemy. The terrorists in this movie, much like the terrorists of 9/11, were organized and had a specific plan that they followed exactly. The targets in this movie may have been different, but the goal was the same: to inflict fear into the United States, to make people feel like they were not safe anywhere.

By **spooks69** 11:36 p.m., Aug. 31, 2008

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A Drooling Thesites

She also knows that, to both Trojans and Greeks, she's just a "thing."

Shakespeare's range was enormous. He could charm with *Twelfth Night*, enchant with *Winter's Tale*, go deep with *Hamlet* and *Lear*. But what if only one play of his survived? And what if that play were *Troilus and Cressida*? No matter how people lauded him while he lived — "honey-tongued" poet of "sugared sonnets," etc. — *Troilus* would stamp him as one of the most cynical, blackout-disillusioned writers of his age. No. Of all time.

Troilus is Shakespeare's take on Homer's *Il- iad*. A thousand ships come to Troy to bring Helen back to Greece (probably more like 100 ships, scholars now say, or as few as 10). All the "heroes" are there: noble Hector and his brother Paris, who stole the Spartan queen; Agamemnon, leader of the Greek invasion; his cuckolded brother Menelaus; wily Ulysses (with a wooden horse up his sleeve); and blonde Achilles, who talks the talk but fails to walk the walk.

Rather than buff Homer's Bronze Age idols, Shakespeare assaults them. Helen's a weapon of mass destruction, padded by rhetorical flurries and skimpy justifications ("she's a theme, of honor and renown..."). And the heroes? Slimy, self-regarding thugs — on both sides — who bounce around the Dardan Plain like overinflated balloons, more eager to defend their reputations than fight. And when they do fight, the myths trundle out the door.

In the midst of this chaos, Shakespeare spins the archetypal tale of infidelity. Troilus loves Cressida, and she him. Then her father Calchas has a vision of Troy's fall and flees to the Greek camp. To secure a place among their pavilions, Calchas pimps his daughter to the generals. She goes and splits in two: half still loving Troilus, the other having to cavort to save her life. Troilus becomes "as true as Troilus," but only for a few lines; after that he's angrier over losing a horse than Cressida. Pandarus, who brought them together, becomes the archetypal panderer

and Cressida the icon of falsehood, at least in Trojan eyes.

Helen went to Troy, Cressida to the Greeks. Railing Thersites says everything's just "war and lechery." But even here Shakespeare trips you up. Look beneath the sexist labels, and Cressida's one of his wisest creations: she knows that "men prize the thing ungained" and that "things won are done; joy's soul lies in the doing." She also knows that, to both Trojans and Greeks, she's just a "thing."

Betrayal is everywhere. And it starts with Shakespeare's betrayal of Homer. So why, if the play's a photographic negative of the original, did Goethe say, "If you would see Shakespeare's mind unfettered, read *Troilus and Cressida*?"

Shakespeare may have written the play not for the Globe Theatre and its "groundlings," but for lawyers at the Inns of Court. This restricted, literate audience freed him not only to gouge Homer with "monumental mockery," but to raise questions about order, value ("what is aught but as 'tis valued?"; what can justify the cost of a war?), time, and perception. Throughout, what we see is at odds with what we hear or remember from Homer. Cressida sums up the conflict: "Minds sway'd by eyes are full of turpitude." This is Shakespeare at his most philosophical. He wrote *Troilus* around the time he wrote *Hamlet*, and, as scholar Marjorie Garber says, the play "might almost have been written by Hamlet."

Goethe said "read" the play, not stage it. Until the 1960s, when it suddenly became "contemporary," few companies mounted *Troilus*. It last appeared in San Diego, at the Old Globe, in 1976. One reason: it's a theatrical monster, demanding actors with muscular physicality and the vocal chops to deliver some of the Bard's finest poetry. Another reason: you must cram the Trojan War onto a stage.

Aside from anything else, Compass Theatre deserves praise for attempting such an epic task.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Laura Kaplan, Adam Parker in *Troilus and Cressida*

Troilus and Cressida, by William Shakespeare
Compass Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest

Directed by Welton Jones; cast: Edward Eigner, Michael Zlotnik, George Weinberg-Harter, Brenna Foley, Laura Kaplan, Michael Nieto, Scott Amiotte, Adam Parker, Gerard Maxwell; scenic design, Christian Lopez; costumes, Shelly Williams; lighting, Roger Henderson

Playing through October 5; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-688-9210.

Director Welton Jones and George Weinberg-Harter (who plays Pandarus and Agamemnon) have done a smart job of trimming a script that's pure literature when read, but that waxes verbose when performed. They've turned the small Compass Theatre (formerly 6th@Penn) stage into a plus. A wall rotates for easy scene changes. And having the actors so up close and personal mirrors Shakespeare's warts-and-all approach to the legends.

The opening-night performance, however, left much to be desired. The acting ranged from amateurish reciting to odd emphases to sprinting through the poetry (if you get to speak the lines "when time is old and hath forgot itself,/ When waterdrops have worn the stones of Troy," PLEASE don't mumble them, at top

speed, to the floor). Most of the cast had yet to internalize their roles. And the better performances — Michael Nieto as Aeneas and Ulysses, Adam Parker as Paris and a drooling Thersites — exposed the others' weaknesses.

Only 9 actors play over 25 characters. Sometimes the double-casting's effective (Laura Kaplan's a radiant Helen and a frantic, cursed Cassandra). But it also makes for strangeness: King Menelaus, Helen's husband, as an octogenarian? And, for audience members unfamiliar with the story, it can make for confusion.

The Compass production may, or may not, grow during its run. But then again, if the "past is prologue" for what's to come, this may be your only chance to see a *Troilus* in San Diego for the next 32 years. ■

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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 wed-

dings have you attended where people whisper, "Give it six months" and are being optimistic?). All may be well that ends well, but at the ending of *All's Well*, Helena and Bertram have only just begun.

Worth a try.

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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.

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 Dining Room

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages A.R. Gurney, Jr.'s drama about a vanishing American institution: the dining room, where major events in family life (birthdays, holiday dinners, celebrations) took place. Eric Bishop directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 4.

Fat Pig

OnStage Playhouse, in association with InnerMission Productions, presents the San Diego premiere of Neil LaBute's comedy that asks, "How much has our relentless pursuit of beauty turned us into an uglier species?" Kym Pappas directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 4.



All's Well That Ends Well

Hairdresser on Fire

Compass Theatre's new QPlay series (five plays based on gay and lesbian themes) opens with Scott C. Sickles's seriocomedy about "how much we're willing to put up with when the alternative is loneliness."

COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 8.

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 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 newfound 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. SATURDAYS, 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-Cen-

tury melodramatic style and frolic with histrionics). White hair down to his shoulders, Jonathan McMurtry looks like Wild Bill Hickock, until he draws his six-shooters and terrorizes the town. Wynn Harmon's Caius, a French doctor in an aqua jacket, malaprops amusingly. Deborah Taylor, Charles Janasz, and Sloan Grenz enhance scenes. And Bruce Turk, as Frank Ford, turns a minor character into a Falstaff-sized, green-eyed dupe.

Worth a try.

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRIDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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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 was n’t supposed to live, a doctor said, and if she did, she’d never be “normal.” In five scenes — which move from her birth (and her grandfather appealing to an authority higher than MDs) to age 11 (when she discovers her singing voice) — Woodard’s solo show proves the doctor both wrong and right. She lived, but she isn’t “normal.” She’s blessed with artistic gifts as an actor, singer, and storyteller. *Pretty Fire* (the ironic title refers to one of America’s most hideous sights) grows in narrative drive as Charlayne grows. The earlier sections could use tightening, and the piece in general unfolds like a 90-minute script expanded to two hours with an intermission. At the Lamb’s Players Theatre one can’t fault Tracy Hughes for the slow spots. She gives her all in every scene, a tour de force combining her rich singing voice with eloquent silences (when faced with racism and brutality for the first time, she almost seems to implode; and during these moments the spellbound audience is hear-a-pin-drop mute). Hughes creates at least a dozen characters so sharply crafted it’s as if you’ve known them all along. Kerry Meads’s precise, almost gymnastic direction ranks among her best work. Robert Smyth’s spare two-level set includes a seashell-shaped fan, like 25 times of a huge bamboo rake, on the rear wall. Nate Peirson’s lighting illumines the fan

with cascades of raindrops then burns an ugly fire.

Worth a try.

LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7.

Romeo and Juliet

For the Old Globe, director Richard Seer wisely sets Shakespeare’s tragedy in its time. Romeo and Juliet lived when a land-based economy was still the norm. Vows, like marriages and one’s social station, were permanent, and their love was absolute. Anna R. Oliver’s costumes include the slashed fronts and sleeves of the period. Iron gates and stained-glass windows dominate Ralph Funicello’s stained-wood set. And York Kennedy’s splendid lighting finds that mystical source, somewhere above and to the side, that illumines the works of Tintoretto and Caravaggio: amid darkness the lovers glow. Stage pictures resemble paintings. Some echo each other, as when Juliet’s hand reaches down for Romeo, from the balcony and from the tomb. But Seer breaks the picture frame, so to speak, when Romeo and Juliet address speeches to the audience. If the choice was meant to endear them to us, they don’t need it (I can’t think of anyone audiences could care more about). And including us in their private thoughts breaks their tragic isolation. The night I caught the show, Graham Hamilton — and the production overall — settled in about a third of the way through. At first Hamilton dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later he hit his accents and began to mean what Romeo meant. Heather Wood not only expresses Juliet’s youth and intelli-

gence, she has a naturally melodic voice that only rings false when she tries to add melody to it. The production offers strong visuals, and the story, as so often in Shakespeare, works on elemental levels. But the second half’s a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy’s opera-like impulses. *Romeo and Juliet* runs in repertory with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *All’s Well That Ends Well*. Call the theater for days and times of each.

Worth a try.

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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



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the play would be stiff and deper-sonalized. It isn't. It's alive and un-folds 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 effec-tively probe the play's twisting, emotional core.

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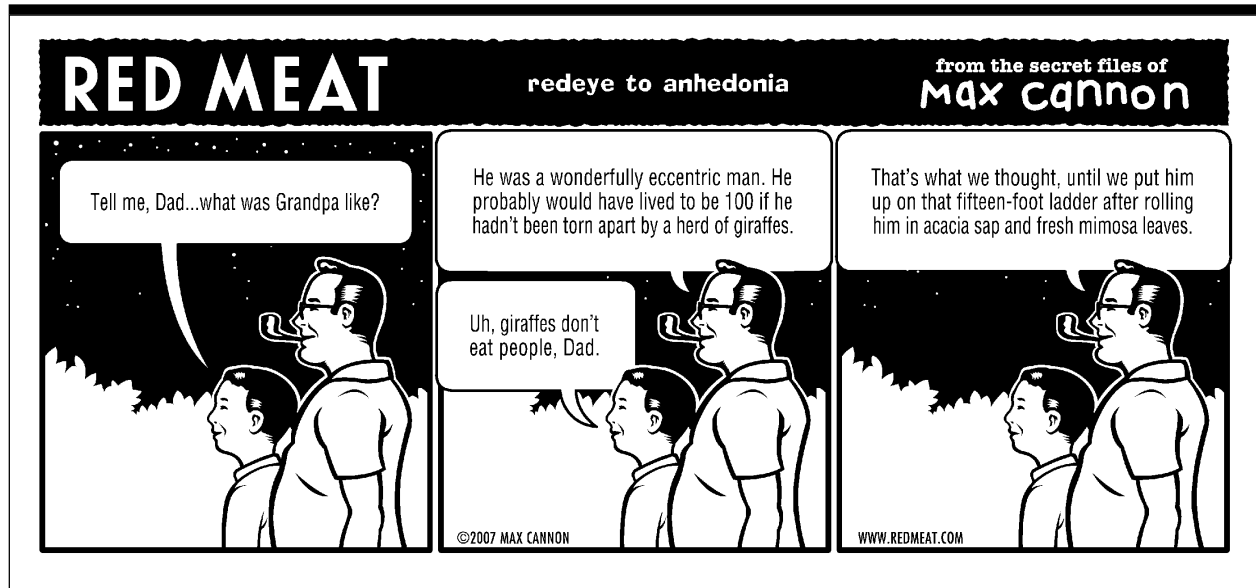
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This week's questions

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2. A ninja-in-training stomps on Ollie's foot (he swears), which swells to the size of what?
3. What prop did Josh Board create to "wear" to the '60s theme party he attended in Clairemont?
4. In 1852, Third Sgt. Philip Crosthwaite, following a skirmish in Old Town, was awarded what "trophy" by the citizens of San Diego?
5. Moe Sadighian of the Gaslamp's Tabule restaurant was what age when he bought his first piece of property in La Jolla?
6. Whom does Cressida's father pimp out to Greek generals in Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida*?
7. Name one popular brand of ready-made empanada dough sold in Argentina and mentioned in "Best Buys."
8. Name two rock groups that Alejandro Escovedo has been in previously, as Dave Good's "Of Note" explains.
9. Scientific researchers have recently proven the existence of what phenomenon? (Matthew Alice knows.)
10. Which member of Revenge Club used to wear a Chewbacca mask in concert, as they tell Josh Board?

Answers to last week's Reader Pop Quiz

1. One. (p. 7)
2. The 2000 Châteaufort du Pape. (p. 112)
3. *The Seven*. (p. 33)
4. Public speaking. (p.20)
5. Dogs. (p. 109)
6. "[Come] Sail Away" by Styx. (p.22)
7. In 1891. (p. 122)
8. Oceanside Amtrak station. (p. 82)
9. No. (p. 14)
10. *Pink Flamingos*. (p. 65)

Congratulations to last week's winners:

Graciela Polick, Monique Hernandez, Greg Podresov, Renee Calvo, and Trinaise Abbott

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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. Nacho chip dip
- 6. Apple.com purchases
- 11. Toshiba rival
- 14. It may include a cc or bcc list
- 15. "Chicago" song
- 16. Near eternity
- 17. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Hsing and Carlos?
- 19. Broke ground
- 20. Void
- 21. Legendary NYC club that closed in 2006
- 23. Prefix with mensch

- 24. Courts
- 28. Cuts a film
- 30. Dads
- 31. Direct
- 32. Has the nerve
- 33. Scamperer in the woods
- 35. Sweet Sixteen org.
- 36. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Juan and Chen?
- 39. Hawaiian root
- 40. Tag for a particular purpose
- 41. Habeas corpus and others
- 43. City south of Florence
- 44. Vietnam's Le ____ Tho
- 47. Clueless
- 48. Fuss
- 49. "I could ____ horse!"
- 50. Knocker's reply
- 52. Abduct
- 54. Introduction to sex?
- 55. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Li and Miguel?
- 59. Last letter, in London
- 60. Interminably
- 61. Vast expanse
- 62. Popular ending?
- 63. Duma dissents
- 64. Joanna of "Growing Pains"

Down

- 1. In stitches
- 2. Blob
- 3. Dorothea and Jessica
- 4. Mandolin relative
- 5. Heaps
- 6. Lyricist partner of George

- 7. Soccer ____
- 8. Let go
- 9. Magazine fig.
- 10. Sunken treasure locale
- 11. Good wood for cabinetry
- 12. Aqua-Lung inventor
- 13. "Lust, Caution" director Lee
- 18. Second chance
- 22. Port on the Vistula
- 25. Endure longer than
- 26. New York neighbor
- 27. Arose (from)
- 29. Federal agcy. that's ass backards?
- 31. Pal
- 33. Benjamins
- 34. City located midway between New York City and Atlanta
- 36. Three-time Cy Young Award winner Pedro
- 37. Haiti's Jean-Bertrand
- 38. 60 minuti
- 39. Former rival of Pan Am
- 42. Biblical strongman
- 44. Member of Santa's team
- 45. Jazz enthusiast, most likely
- 46. Birds for the table
- 49. Draw forth
- 51. Start of a few choice words?
- 53. "No harm done"
- 54. Action film gun
- 56. "Get it?"
- 57. Queen of the hill?
- 58. Readers of MRI results

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Message: _____

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Pamela Swain, College Area, 12. "There is no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation."
Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 11. "The crux of the biscuit is the apostrophe."
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 11. "Get your stinking paws off me, you damned dirty ape!"
Karen Davies, San Carlos, 11. "Can I get the Reader in Vegas?"
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 11. "My Purlieu is a bike shop."
George Jackson, Oceanside, 11. "Drill! Drill! Drill!"
Ron Meyer, Santee, 11. "Hi Matt and Megan. Welcome home."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 11.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 11. "Ding dang, y'all!"
☛ **Julie Osburn, North Park, 11.** "Easy puzzle this week!"
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 11. "Hope everyone has a good week!"
Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 11. "How come I've been left off?"
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 11. "Purlieu @ Oktoberfest!"

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 11. "Obama is to statesmanship what bumper stickers are to philosophy!"
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 10. "Pepe, have fun in Arizona, but don't stay 100 days, OK? Peace."
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 10. "Only days away from NFL!"
Amna Cornett, Mission Hills, 10. "Great shirt, nice and roomy!"
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 10. "Remotest? Really now. At least the T-shirt fits!"
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 10. "Happy birthday, Tommy and Paula!"
☛ **C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 10.** "Hullabaloo over. Hullabaloo. It's a loo-lloo!"
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 10. "Thanks, girls!"
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 10. "Go for broke."
John L. Drehner, North Park, 9. "Is there such an animal as a non-laughing hyena?"
Janet Goff, Cardiff, 9. "Colorless green ideas sleep furiously."
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 9. "Jesus is returning soon!"

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 9. "www.paintwithdan.com"
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 9. "Reese and Spencer: Have a wonderful first week of preschool."
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 9. "Eat at Gio in La Mesa!"
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 8.
Leslie Chase, Campo, 8. "Kenrix, our favorite purlieu!"
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 8. "John, Pamela, don't look behind you. Number 8!"
Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 8.
Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 8.
Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 8. "You misspelled my name last week!"
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 8.
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 8.
Dave Small, San Carlos, 8.
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 8. "Go get 'em, Andre!"
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 8.
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 7. "What happened to last week's entry?"
Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 7. "Mary Johnson for president!"
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 7. "My platform? Cheap gas and wet Reader T-shirts for the masses."
Martha Klages, Encanto, 7.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 7. "Meriman, look out below, donkeys coming!"
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 7. "Happy 25th anniversary, Secret Society Scooter Club!"
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 7. "Go Minnesota Gophers, sports teams in the Big 10!"
☛ **Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 7.** "Missed ya. I was heli-skiing in Chile."
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 7. "I'm in my milieu!"
Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 7. "Hi Sarah Hair!"
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 7. "Ban-shee, Buster, Wicket and Stripey: I miss you cat buddies!"
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 7. "Angelou's poem 'On the Pulse of Morning' is worthy reading."
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 7. "P-town 4 life!"
Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 7.
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 7. "Thanks for the shirt!"
Bob Werner, Bay Park, 7. "Dreams do come true."
David Castillo, Bay Park, 6. "Go Chargers!"
Laurence Altobelli III, Carmel Valley, 6. "John R., are you 12 for 12? U R a machine."

Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 6. "Go Steelers!"
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 6. "It's Obama or yo mama!"
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 6. "Barack - rhymes with crock."
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 6. "Bodo's such a good boy. Heigh-ho!"
Mercer Kepler, Clairemont, 6. "Thanks, Dave."
Jim Koziol, UTC, 6. "Take us to school, Pops! Lukie, Jiminy, Timothy."
Ronald Long, San Diego, 6. "Go PSU!"
Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 6. "Challenge your third grade with Penrose tiles."
Robert Phillips, Downtown, 6. "I coulda been somebody. I coulda been a contenda."
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 6. "Raise your hands if you remember filmstrips!"
☛ **Eddie Spaghetio, Coronado, 6.** "Il n'ya pas de meilleur moment que maintenant! CIUM21!"
Kelley Wilson, Santee, 6. "Need another shirt! Swan's not dead!"
Jeff Smith, University City, 6. "University City is not UTC."
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 6. "I think I was gypped last week!"

Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 6.
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 5. "I'm on vacation. Yeah, yeah! Rat-a-tat-tat. I will be back."
Brian W Beadle, Clairemont, 5. "Dissolve the Federal Reserve and lynch the international bankers."
☛ **Maria Coda, Oceanside, 5.** "Hi All!"
Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 5. "I love Dr. Russo!"
☛ **Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 5.** "Goodbye, Bubba."
Anne Hintton, , 5. "Too many Ls in Hullabaloo?"
Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 5. "Got a T-shirt once—too small! How about XL?"
Melissa Menard, Escondido, 5. "Happy birthday to my mom and to Amy!"
Tom Stam, Lakeside, 5. "I need a new T-shirt."
Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 5.
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 4. "Hasta la vista gringo tourist!"
D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 4. "Woo hoo! #4."
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 4. "Thanks for the shirt!"
Mike Crowley, Ramona, 4. "Hi Em, Connor, and Aiden"

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Sheila Agahan-Price, Ocean-side, 4. "Happy 52nd birthday to me, September 4!"

Jenn Avila, Clairemont, 4. ☛ **Max Calhoun, Vista, 4.** "A pool and a pond. Pond would be good for you!"

Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 4. **Marc Gearhart, Imperial Beach, 4.**

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David Koza, East Village, 4.

"Go Laura, Eric, and now Micah!"

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 4.

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste. Use it sparingly!"

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 4.

"Good puzzle."

Connie Rittichier, Poway, 4.

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 4. "Ken-

rix, our favorite purlieu."

Marissa Torres, San Marcos, 4.

"Noni uses Ragu sauce."

☛ **Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 4.**

"Been on vacation; missed doing this puzzle."

Steve and Dawn, North Park, 3.

"Where's Jackie?"

Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 3.

"Vote for my candidate!"

Bruce Bell, South Park, 3. "Hi Kat."

Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 3.

"Don't go, Jen! Hi M & T."

Traci Duddy, Gaslamp, 3. "I rock!"

Marie Grace, College Area, 3.

"Puzzles keep you sharp!"

Claudia Nordquest, Carmel Mtn., 3. "Please vote for Rob."

Diane Sengir, Downtown, 3.

"Everybody: faxing is better!"

Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 3.

"You can always hire feral employees."

Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 3.

"You people that have to use the Internet are cheaters!"

Donna Swing, La Mesa, 3.

"Taylor's mom."

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 3. "How am I driving? Call 911."

Roger Cleamens, Cardiff, 2. "I got a scorpion in my underpants."

Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 2.

Mark Gleed, Hillcrest, 2. "Me fail English? That's impossible!"

☛ **Erico Gomez, Chula Vista, 2.** "Across C.V. to S.D. down."

Dawn Guendert, Carlsbad, 2.

"P.H., better together than apart!"

Leo D. Juffer, Pacific Beach, 2.

"Go Obama!"

Chicago Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 2.

"Wrigley Field: The biggest gay bar in Chicago! Chisox forever!"

☛ **Billy Horton, Santee, 2.**

Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 2.

Phil Nichols, Escondido, 2.

"Where's Jackie?"

Donovan McGlynn, Golden Hill, 2. "...with help from Christina!"

Elizabeth Rainbalt, Mission Valley, 2. "I finally beat the dead-line!"

Becky Reeb, San Diego, 2.

"This is really my third."

☛ **Dalia Reynolds, Solana Beach, 2.** "Happy 75, Jonelle!"

Emily Strahan, Lakeside, 2. "I'd like to thank Captain Kirk, Chuck Norris and Angie."

Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 2.

"JLWV, you're still the one!"

☛ **Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 2.** "What happened to the old noncrossword puzzles?"

☛ **Gina Watson, Chula Vista, 2.** "Third time is the charm!"

Jim Cacolice, 2.

Aurora Alvarado, Carmel Val-ley, 1. "R2, where are you? I need you!"

Lidia Ayala, Golden Hill, 1.

"Yay team! Chaletans!"

Marv Brown, Kearny Mesa, 1.

Tony Colera, San Carlos, 1.

"Change is coming."

Paul Delisle, Chula Vista, 1.

"See you at my purlieu!"

Allen L. Edwards, Coronado, 1.

"A mile is actually 88.9% of the Kentucky Derby."

Todd Gleed, Del Mar, 1. "Go ahead, skin that smoke wagon and see what happens."

Sara Khwaja, Poway, 1.

"Thanks!"

Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 1.

☛ **Lisa Leitter, La Mesa, 1.**

"Look, Ma! No hands!"

Don Malm, San Marcos, 1.

"Size M, please!"

Annelise Lee, Cardiff, 1. "Sarah

Palin? You've gotta be kidding me!

What a joke!"

Aleksa Mendive, College Area, 1. "Thank you, Aunt Marie and Kaitlin, for everything!"

Brian Mingsu, El Cajon, 1.

"Hey, babe!"

☛ **Glen Patricio, Mira Mesa, 1.**

"Look, Ate! It's a fatal fatality!"

Sue Tankersley, Valley Center, 1. "I'll always remember my first."

Jennifer Underwood, Univer-sity Heights, 1. "Yay! I am a win-ner! I'm on the map!"

Donna Walag, San Diego, 1.

"Deus te amat."

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Panel 2: A man says, "One popular means of self-improvement is to expand your horizons. Try new things, or learn a new skill." A woman is watching a TV show where a chef is cooking. She says, "I will watch Iron Chef, then cook and eat one of the dishes." He says, "Today's secret ingredient is ... PIGLETS!" She replies, "Tomorrow."

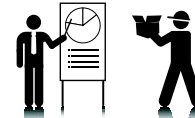
Panel 3: A man says, "If your problems are either physical or mental in nature, medical science may hold the answer." A woman says, "HEY! HEY!" He says, "Sorry, I had my eustachian tubes tied. Now I can't hear kids." She says, "That makes no WHAT?" He says, "If doesn't work that WHAT?"

Panel 4: A man says, "Don't tell other people about your self improvement. They don't want to hear about you problems, or lack thereof." A woman says, "I have shed all of my human weaknesses." He says, "I assume you considered hair a weakness." She replies, "Yours certainly is."

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My friend's parents went to the
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I broke my friend's mom's car win-
dow. I was a kid, and someone
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buddy knew I did it, but [his mom]
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I felt bad, though.



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I broke my aunt's watch when I
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aunt lets me play with everything, and
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it wasn't broken. I think she was
really mad, but she knows it was an
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I don't think I've ever broken any-
thing at someone's house. Oh,
wait...a glass. Maybe some dishes,
too. At a dinner party I remember
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I had a bad one when I was at my
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SurfDIEGO

Name: Gretchen Kauffman

Age: 25

Occupation: Technical designer for Reef

Been Surfing: Five years

Pre-Surf Music: Slightly Stoopid

Gretchen, an O.B. resident, has just experienced her first bit of sexism on the beach. "This guy saw me walking by and shouted, 'Oh, it must be summer! Girls on the beach!' He definitely meant it in a sarcastic way. I just kind of laughed it off. What else can you do? I'm glad to see us girls out here. I thought everyone was okay with it; girls are cute and they don't bother anyone."

Gretchen isn't your typical beach girl. She recently graduated college and works as a technical designer for Reef surf apparel. This year she moved from Florida to the West Coast, where she has always wanted to live. She learned to surf five years ago and went out sporadically. Her move to



California reignited her interest and she busted out the board a few weeks ago.

"My boyfriend got me into surfing when we lived in Florida. He wanted someone to go out with,

and he thought it would be fun if I learned. He taught me. Some stuff came naturally, like balancing, and I can swim well. Before surfing, I ran track and played volleyball."

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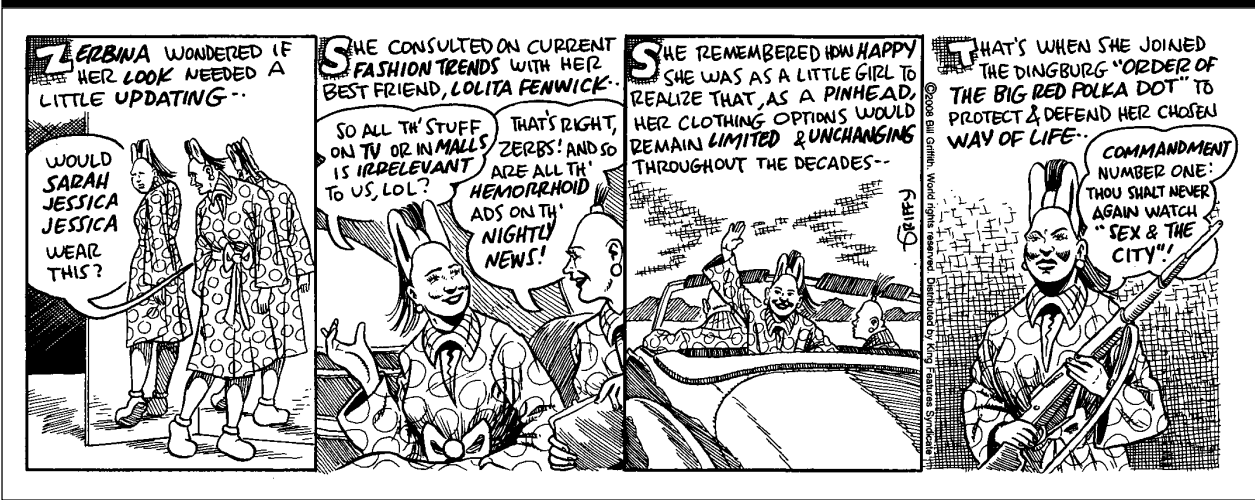
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— Great Moments in Capital Punishment: Prosecutors in Portland, Ore., took the death penalty off the table for Tremayne Durham in July, accepting a minimum 30-year prison term for an “aggravated murder” over a business deal. Durham agreed to plead guilty when prosecutors relented to his additional demand of two pig-out meals (including KFC, Popeye’s and Häagen Dazs right away, and pizza and lasagna on the day the judge accepts the plea). Prosecutors said they hated appearing to cater to the whims of a murderer, but eyeing the expense of a long trial and lengthy appeals, as well as the turmoil for the victim’s family, they agreed. In August, the judge accepted the deal.

Can’t Possibly Be True

— Though it has been on national cable TV since mid-July, ratings have not been spectacular for the G4 channel’s show, *Hurl!* leaving many Americans unaware of how far standards of taste have fallen. *Hurl!* contestants are forced to gorge themselves, then are twirled and shaken on car-

nival-type rides, with the last player to retain his stomach contents declared the winner. Wrote a *Washington Post* reviewer, it’s “for people who found *Fear Factor* much too nuanced.”

— Least Competent Multitaskers: A Dallas entrepreneur recently created a programmable device for parents who need to be reminded that they brought their tots with them in the car. Provided that they’re not too busy to set the system up, an alarm alerts them if they exit the car without the baby. Said one Texas woman interviewed by NBC News, “As a mom, you can get really distracted.”

Inexplicable

— Believers: (1) In June Rocky Twyman of Washington, D.C., started Pray at the Pump, a brief, scattered national campaign to urge prayer to bring down gas prices. A colleague in St. Louis claimed his prayer sessions caused the price drop in July, pointing to his use of the civil rights anthem “We Shall Overcome” (and his new verse: “We’ll have lower gas prices”). (2) In July, Salinas, Calif., mayor Dennis Donohue, frustrated

at this year’s surge in gang violence, kicked off a campaign to urge a citywide fast, which he said was a proven technique in achieving social justice.

Unclear on the Concept

— In a July ceremony, Minneapolis police chief Tim Dolan honored S.W.A.T. officers for their bravery and professionalism during a December middle-of-the-night raid of a house that supposedly contained a gang’s guns. However, it was the wrong house, and the bewildered, frightened resident started shooting back. Said Dolan, “The easy decision would have been to retreat, [but the] team did not take the easy way out.” The house got riddled with bullets, but no one was hit, and the chief later apologized but still felt that it was “a perfect example of a situation that could have gone horribly wrong but did not because of the [team’s] professionalism.”

— Unrealistic Expectations: (1) Victor Rodriguez, 21, about to be arrested on a domestic assault charge in Bridgeport, Conn., in June, turned to his nine-foot-long pet python and, as police approached,

shouted to the snake, “Get them!” (It remained motionless.) (2) In July, Josef Fritzl, the man who imprisoned his daughter and her children for 24 years in a dungeon in their home in Amstetten, Austria, told his own jail’s officials that he needs daily exercise outside because he hates being cooped up in his cell.

Tough Guys

— (1) Lamont Cooke was arrested by a S.W.A.T. team in Vernon, Conn., in July after spending the previous year on the run from Philadelphia and Maryland authorities, who wanted him for charges of kidnapping and murder. According to the arresting U.S. marshal, Cooke surrendered quietly, except that he wet his pants. (2) A police task force in Orem, Utah, arrested a 21-year-old gang member in June, catching him riding a tricycle that he had just stolen from a little girl.

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Thirty Years Ago

Moving through the shadows along Fourth Avenue is a man who appears to be another holdover from last night's revelry. But as he draws nearer, the yellow light from the Cabrillo Theater reveals the face of Raymond McCain, the newspaper seller who's been hustling papers for 57 of his 63 years.

"I started sellin' papers June 1, 1920. My mother told me I couldn't start until I went to school."

—PRESS PASSES: **"READ ALL ABOUT IT,"** Neal

Matthews, September 7, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice: I've watched the construction of the new First Interstate Bank high-rise downtown between Third and Fourth on B Street. They've dug a hole at least ten stories deep, and at the bottom is a crane resting on a flatbed truck that's bigger than any semitrailer I've ever seen. What are they using the crane for and how do they get it out of the hole?

Tyrone Walker

San Diego

They simply drove it in. Of course, there was no hole when the crane first appeared on the site. It was driven onto the site at street level, a hole was excavated around the crane, and it

was gradually moved down ramps to the bottom of the sixty-five-foot-deep pit. It's now busy putting up the walls for a six-level underground parking facility, largest in downtown San Diego.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice,*

September 8, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

Furtively, I sought the opinion of Gary, my drinking buddy of nearly 20 years. I asked him what he thought of my entering a place called Morningstar, a North County treatment facility for people with schizophrenia. I had been diagnosed with schizophrenia, and Gary had a dry view of my disorder. After telling Gary about my elaborate Bigfoot delusions, he offered to take me out to the woods, turn me loose without my medication, and collect me a few months later so I could write down all the things I believed had happened to me.

—"MAN IN A CORNER," *Ralph Richardson,*

September 8, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

Your September 2 inside story, "Don't Load the Nose," made me sick to my stomach. Doesn't the *Reader* ever weary of stories about dope heads, dope dealers, prostitutes, sex per-

verts, malcontents, prisons, and prisoners?

—LETTERS: **"MAKES HER SICK,"** *Carrie Ambeck,*

La Mesa, September 9, 1993

Ten Years Ago

At the halfway house near 14th and Market, inmates sit on the balustrade, smoking cigarettes and chewing the fat. When you ask them about Fred Levy, they point toward the office around the door.

Levy, the one-time king of San Diego's topless entertainment business, including Pure Platinum and Main Attraction, may be at church, as this is a Sunday. Since his troubles began, friends say the Arizona native has undergone a conversion. They report he now attends El Cajon's Black Mountain Community Church most Sunday mornings.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"GOD, TAKE MY TOPLESS CLUBS,"**

Bill Manson, September 10, 1998

Five Years Ago

On Saturday, September 6, 1958, Marilyn Monroe and the 175-person company of *Some Like It Hot* arrived at the Hotel del Coronado to begin location shots, after filming in Hollywood the previous four weeks. The movie, cowritten and directed by Billy Wilder, is about two musicians, played by Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, who, to elude a gang of bootleggers,



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dress up in drag and join an all-girl band.

[Her playwright husband Arthur] Miller had flown in...according to one biographer, "to try to help stabilize" her. For the first month of shooting in Hollywood, Monroe had been repeatedly late; she often flubbed her lines, requiring multiple takes and incensing her costars. The probable reason Monroe was having trouble was the baby — she was pregnant, the second time that year.

—"THE WHITE MASK," *Thomas Larson,*

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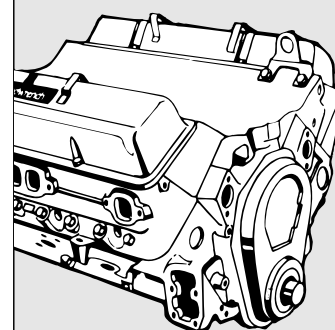
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I BUSTED MY DAMN FOOT. I WAS IN NINJA SCHOOL; we were practicing that throw-the-egg-full-of-explosive-powder-down-and-disappear thing when the new guy in the purple sweats disappeared in the wrong direction and stomped my foot.

“WAAAAA!” I squealed like a Girl Scout in a rape machine.

I whipped off my weird ninja boot (with the separated big toe) and checked out my foot.

I’m not lying. It had swollen to the size of Alec Baldwin’s head and turned Tinkie Winkie purple.

Scotty, the ninja master, found his glasses on the floor and replaced them on his face. He adjusted them to get a better look and said, “You better get that to the emergency room.”

“Wha...? Use ninja magic and make it better. You know, clap your hands together and rub ‘em back and forth. Then you put your hand like that on the top and then...”

“What?”

“Haven’t you ever seen *Karate Kid*? Man, fix this.”

“Uh,” Scotty said, petting down his little mustache. “Ninja magic is, uh, *too* powerful for this. If I used ninja magic it would turn your foot into a South American dictator with those mirrored sunglasses and that military hat and those gold ropes on his shoulders and everything. So, uh, we need to use ‘regular people’ medicine on it.”

Of course, how foolish of me to think I deserved ninja magic. We found the rubber bands that had popped off of ninja master Scotty’s braces (they’d skittered under a bag of Gummi Bear-and-Swedish-Fish mix that Scotty calls “ninja fuel”), and he helped me hop out to my pickup truck. I asked him if he could drive, and he said he didn’t have a license.

“I can call my mom and she can come pick you up,” ninja master Scotty said. I thanked him but refused the offer, confident I could get myself to the hospital.

I operated the truck’s controls gingerly and pulled away from the curb, where the entire class of the North Park Ninja Training and Tax Preparation Academy stood and gave me the *Star Trek* live-long-and-prosper salute.

Eight.

Hours.

Later.

I hobbled from the emergency room with a splint on the wrong foot and an envelope with three children’s Tylenol in it, determined to return to ninja school after I’ve watched a lot of TV and healed up. A ninja’s life is dangerous; it’s all part of the job.

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(Normally this section is about what’s on TV, but I’m bored with that and want to talk about the random processes and occurrences that offer up people as “celebrities.” Excelsior! Onward!)

KIM KARDASHIAN
WHY SHE’S FAMOUS: HUGE ASS
Not usually one for the vacuous celebration of individuals without a discernible talent, I’m all about Kim Kardashian making rafts of cash because she’s got huge hindquarters. This is one trend I’ll happily support and hope some scout of big butts finds me on the street and shouts, “Eureka! The mother lode!” Really, my can is three axe handles wide and until now hasn’t shown much in the way of moneymaking opportunities. Except that one time in college, but I doubt the antlers still fit and, besides, all that waxing was a hassle.

AMY WINEHOUSE
WHY SHE’S FAMOUS: DRUNK, HIGH, BAD TEETH
I really love Amy Winehouse. It’s as

if someone told her, “Honey, you’re talented. Have a ball! Cram more drugs and booze into your face than the entire population of the Colonial Kingdom of Colombian Ireland.”

MICHAEL PHELPS
WHY HE’S FAMOUS: FISH-Y, IMMORTAL, MIGHT BE ABLE TO FLY
Michael Phelps says he won’t stop until after the 2012 Olympics in London, but seriously, he could turn to a life of supervillain crime and America would still gladly line up to kiss his feet. Now that I think of it, that’d be super cool. Somebody should start making him a metal mask with a voice-deepener thing so he can shout, “KNEEL!” more commandingly. He should also commission a theme song that goes “Nun nuh nuh nuh! Phelps the supervillain! He’ll kick you in the face! Nun nuh nuh nuh!”

LINDSAY LOHAN
WHY SHE’S FAMOUS: REMARKABLY DUMB, NO, REALLY, I MEAN REMARKABLY DUMB
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DAVID BECKHAM

WHY HE'S FAMOUS: PLAYS A GIRLS' SPORT

Well, if you're going to dance around a daisy field with sweaty, mulleted Italians, you might as well be the best at it.

HEIDI MONTAG

WHY SHE'S FAMOUS: NOT REALLY SURE

Sources tell me she's a reality TV star, but that's not a good reason to be rich or famous. In fact, the title "reality TV star" should carry with it a stigma similar to being that guy in the gym whose shorts are a little too tight. And he sniffs the machines when nobody's looking. And he smuggles a zucchini for show. And...well, I'll just say it, it's me. FINE! Those are all me. SHEESH, get off my case, already.

SPENCER SOMETHING OR OTHER

WHY HE'S FAMOUS: SLEEPS WITH THAT CHICK, HEIDI SOMETHING OR OTHER

Worse than reality TV star? Trophy boyfriend of reality TV star. Honestly? You're just some famous chick's

boyfriend? Boy, your name just jumped to the top of my "needs a hard punch to the huevos" list. Or, you're the smartest man alive. Not sure which yet.

JOHN MCCAIN

WHY HE'S FAMOUS: OLD

Even though I'm a tree-hugging, dirt-loving liberal, half of me wants McCain to win just so one morning we can all wake up to news footage of him getting the paper and handing out taffy while he's in striped boxers and knee-high black socks, then taking a leak on the White House hydrangeas. "Here, kids. Merry Christmas. Play ball. I know I came out here for something, but I'm not sure what. Aaaaaah. That's the good stuff."



Heidi Montag

BARACK OBAMA

WHY HE'S FAMOUS: HAS THE AUDACITY OF HOPE TO BE PRESIDENT EVEN THOUGH HE'S HALF BLACK

Really, the only reason I want Obama

to win is to see the look on my dad's face. All he'll be able to say for three days is "...!" You all right, Dad? "...! ...!" Dad, a black guy's president. "...! ...!" Dad?

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T.G.I.F.

Let me tell you this one about my mother and the balloon animals.

By John Brizzolara

Many people will tell you, when the subject comes up, that one's dreams are uninteresting to others. I do not find that to be the case, but what I do find is that most people will assume that their dreams couldn't possibly be interesting to anyone else or possibly that their dreams might be too revealing. In any case, I don't hear people recounting what happens during REM sleep, at least not to me. Asking seems odd and invasive and is often met with the stock responses, either "I don't dream" or "I don't remember my dreams." It is bad form to ask, somehow.

Last night I dreamt I was writing this column. It was near dawn in waking reality, but in this dream it was daylight, maybe high noon. Everything was much too bright. Still, blue water, a kind of canal was to either side of me, and I was in a canoe or gondola of some kind with a laptop, much like my real one though it would morph into a typewriter, much like my old one. The feeling was pleasant, as if I were being protected somehow by clement weather and a system of locks along the canals that were operated by unseen hands, so I did not have to do anything in terms of guiding the progress of the vessel. No one else was in evidence in this tableau.

I typed the letters TGIF, which I always do, and as always when I am attempting to construct sentences on a page or screen in my sleep, the left-brain functions dissolve. Reason, linear think-

ing, grammar, punctuation, spelling all become far more unpredictable, and the result in these kinds of dreams is often gibberish. These are "work dreams" for me, and for years I had them about bartending. Less so now, though I still dream of performing music on a disintegrating, melting — transforming into unplayable — instrument.

The exception here, the extraordinary aspect of this commonplace dream, was that the text was legible and remained so long enough to remember a good bit of it. It began, "To suffer that gravest of sanities, or endure abduction within abduction in the Kashmir of the mind." The rhythm of the syntax would indicate that the next words might be, "that is the question," but not so. The following sentence appeared, "To Marlswordt he sped and thought Kashmir to be most preferable for the weekend. He turned..."

More complete sentences followed, but I don't remember them except for fragments. No meaning was clear, but the fact that syntax survived at all in a dream seemed remarkable. The word *Marlswordt* is easy enough to explain; I had been reading the SF author Silverberg, his *Majipoor Chronicles* (I once imitated his type of wording in a novel with a place name, Nijwohl), and Marlswordt or Mar-swoldt was simply dreamland or what H.P. Lovecraft called Kadath. The opening line, I figure, was some pretentious Shakespearean phrasing equivalent to the famous "To be or not to be." In general, I assumed the dream was a kind of wish-fulfillment thing indicating a state of controlled, maybe even inspired writing.

In complete contrast to it would be a dream I had repeatedly in my 20s after rereading *The Count of Monte Cristo* in which I was imprisoned in a dungeon and was digging my way out with fingers and nails. Keys, as on a typewriter, appeared at my fingertips and would sink into the mud and clay in which the body of the typewriter was mostly embedded. The meaning of this one seemed so clear that I remember waking myself with a laugh that my unconscious or subconscious should be so transparent and blunt. This dream gave rise to my theory (echoed by many others from Carl Jung to Norman Spinrad) as to the similarities in the state of mind one is in while either dreaming or creatively writing — fiction in particular.

Along these lines, I once had a dream that I was a small boy, holding hands with a woman who seemed to be my mother though she did not look at all like her. We were approaching a building in Vienna at 17 Bergenstrasse, which I believe was the address (or close enough) to that of Sigmund Freud. Obviously I was engineering this scene on some level much as I would if I were writing it. The only difference being, I was not aware I was doing it. *When you are bludgeoned with awareness of Freud even while you are dreaming*, I remember think-



ing, *the whole business is suspect*. It did not seem to count Jungian symbols out, however, but I'm not a shrink and I'm already far into the pretentious, anyway. Still, I find this fun.

As far as pretension goes, this next one takes the Moody Blues Award. Far and away the single most stunning, gorgeous, and emotional dream I ever had was really more of a ten-second tape loop. The ice is stark white and so is the horse, its mane streaming poetically in the wind. The horse leaps off the cliff and lands on the ice, shattering the stuff into foam, freezing droplets and huge chunks. That's it. The accompanying emotion was intense relief. I cannot for the life of me recall what the circumstances in my life might have been at the time, and that may be the most puzzling aspect.

Sit down. Where are you going? Wait a minute. Let me tell you this one about my mother and the balloon animals. You're gonna love th... All right, forget about it. Just repress it.

My recommendations for this Friday night are dinner at T.G.I. Friday's, Saturday go to the zoo, and Sunday go to SeaWorld. Sweet dreams.

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