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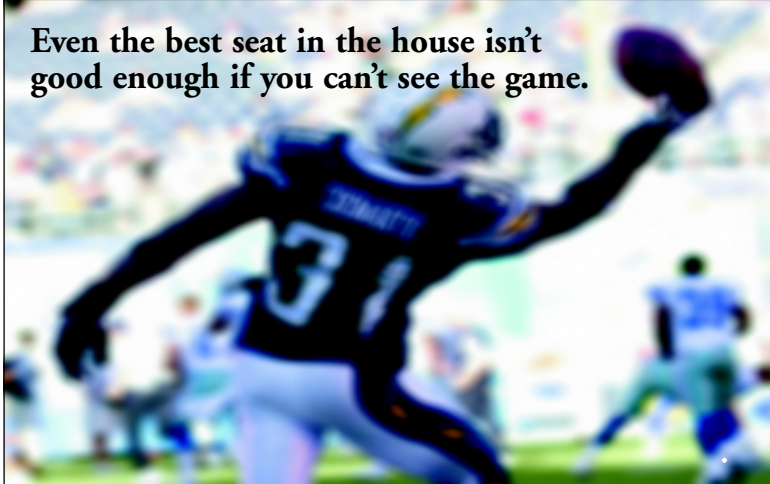
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On August 8 the Government Accountability Office denied Lockheed's protest, citing in part a long list of performance problems at General Atomics. According to the report, the choice of General Atomics, which would have done about half the work under Lockheed Martin's proposal, "was determined to represent a high risk" that the project would come in late and over budget. Citing a December 10, 2007 Army evaluation of another Predator contract, the report said that General Atomics "has resisted hiring adequate engineering and technical staff to address all of the tasks they are currently contracted to perform." It added that the company "had not met contracted...delivery schedules" and that "senior management continues to obligate the company without fully reviewing and understanding the current workload and commitments."

The report concluded that General Atomics' "engineering staff appears to be technically [competent], but in most cases are not empowered at the appropriate levels to make the necessary decisions to push the task forward in a timely manner to maintain schedule." As a result, the review said, "as the program continues, and [General Atomics] takes on additional contracts, we are concerned about [General Atomics'] ability to successfully manage and deliver products to all customers on time and within cost."

General Atomics issued a brief written response to the Government Accountability Office's assertions, saying, "we don't see the need to prolong the discussion." The statement added that the company's "record of delivering sophisticated and combat-proven aircraft to the war fighter speaks for itself."

No cigar When word broke two weeks ago that GOP presidential nominee **John McCain** had picked Alaska governor **Sarah Palin** as his running mate, among the few San Diegans to have actually met her was a small coterie of executives from Semptra Energy. It happens that back in May 2005, the giant San Diego-based utility holding company was seeking to build a pipeline to bring natural gas from Alaska's North Slope down to Valdez on the coast so it could be liquefied, loaded into tankers, and shipped to Semptra's liq-

uefied natural gas terminal near Rosarito in Baja California. The project was sponsored by the Alaska Gasline Port Authority, a government agency whose members included the City of Valdez as well as the Fairbanks North Star Borough — akin to a county in the Lower 48 — where the city of Fairbanks is located.

But Semptra wasn't alone in coveting the project. Other big energy outfits, including oil giants Conoco, BP, and Exxon, were also in the hunt for the pipeline concession that could provide billions of dollars of new revenue. Enter Palin, then ex-mayor of the small town of Wasilla, who was recruited by the Semptra backers for their TV, radio, and newspaper ads — paid for by Semptra — promoting the project as the "all-Alaska gas pipeline." Palin was joined in the spots by former Alaska governors **Jay Hammond** and **Walter**



Sarah Palin

Hickel, as well as retired state senate president **Rick Halford**. According to the *Anchorage Daily News*, Semptra was paying Halford \$25,000 a month to lobby the project through the state legislature.

The big oil companies, which wanted to pipe the gas down the Alaska Highway and then through Canada to Chicago, attacked the Semptra ad campaign, claiming that the West Coast was too small a market for the natural gas from Alaska and that it needed to be piped directly to the American Midwest and East Coast.

The resistance was so fierce that Semptra, having paid \$6.25 million to the port authority to promote the project, eventually ran up the white flag and pulled out of the deal. "The protracted political wrestling taking place in Alaska is costly and very time consuming," said **Darcel Hulse**, who runs Semptra's liquefied natural gas operation, in a June 2005 letter to the authority. "While all this is taking place, the West Coast market is being actively pursued by others." Hulse's letter added that then-governor **Frank Murkowski** and U.S. senator **Ted Stevens** had also hindered the effort.

Ironically, after Palin was elected governor as a reform candidate in 2006, her administration backed a plan by a Canadian company, TransCanada, to build a 1715-mile pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to an already existing pipeline hub in Alberta; last month she signed the bill awarding TransCanada a license to proceed.



Darcel Hulse

Semptra spokesman **Art Larson** said nobody at the company, including Hulse, would discuss their relationship with Palin. A longtime Semptra executive, Hulse has contributed \$5000 to Proposition 8, the measure on November's California ballot to ban gay marriage in the state. Alaska public records show that he has long held a hunting and fishing license there.

— Matt Potter

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By Don Bauder

On August 31, the *Union-Tribune* printed an obituary on the death of Allard Roen, one of the original developers of

Carlsbad's La Costa Resort and Spa. He was living there when he died August 28 at age 87.

The *U-T*'s obituary was a typical, dutiful encomium. It did not mention the background of one of Roen's major partners in La Costa and other projects, Moe Dalitz. He was among the 20th Century's most notorious gangsters, as the Senate Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, known as the Kefauver Committee, pointed out in 1950 and 1951. In fact, a book that is now a best seller, T.J. English's *Havana Nocturne*, notes that Dalitz, then 47, attended the famed Havana Conference at Cuba's Hotel Nacional in late December 1946. According to English,

a select group of 22 dignitaries caucused to strategize the American mob's plan to make Cuba a Western Hemisphere vice haven. The group included Giuseppe (Joe



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Allard Roen

Bananas) Bonanno, Vito (Don Vito) Genovese, Meyer Lansky of Murder Inc. and the Bugs and Meyer Mob, Charles (Lucky) Luciano, Luciano's sidekick and "Prime Minister of the Underworld" Frank Costello, Carlos Marcello, Santo Trafficante Jr., Joe Adonis, and Tony (Big Tuna) Accardo, former bodyguard for Al (Scarface) Capone and later head of the Chicago

mob. The book points out that Dalitz had been a partner with Lansky in the Molaska Corporation.

Timothy L. O'Brien, author of *Bad Bet: The Inside Story of the Glamour, Glitz, and Danger of America's Gambling Industry*, writes that Dalitz had run "the Cleveland branch of Charlie 'Lucky' Luciano and Meyer Lansky's nascent Mafia." Decades later, Dalitz was known as the caretaker "of underworld investments in Las Vegas."

A Federal Bureau of Investigation official said in 1978, "The individual who oversees the operations of the La Cosa Nostra families in Las Vegas is Moe Dalitz," according to James Neff's *Mobbed Up*.

After Prohibition's repeal knocked out his bootlegging business, Dalitz went into the illegal casino business in southern Ohio and Kentucky. He then became the Big Boss in Vegas, arranging casino financing from the mob-tainted Teamsters Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund and keeping track of the books at such spas as the Desert Inn, where Roen was also a key figure. In the late 1940s, Dalitz resurrected crooner Frank Sinatra's sagging career by giving him gigs at the Desert Inn.

Roen, who in the 1960s pleaded guilty in the United Dye and Chemical securities fraud, joined with Dalitz, Irwin Molasky, and Merv Adelson

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Autism at the Eye Of the Storm

By Joe Deegan

In the 1970s, a fellow student used to confide in me about his family problems. His little girl had been diagnosed with autism.

While he showed plenty of concern for the child, my friend seemed even more troubled over his wife. Good understanding escaped me then. I had yet to hear of “refrigerator mothers,” a concept meant in early research to explain

chogenic theory of autism’s origins. He did it in a book called *Infantile Autism: The Syndrome and Its Implications for a Neural Theory of Behavior*. But some ideas die hard. As late as 1990, Bettelheim insisted on the older explanation. Today, Rimland’s theory, a biological approach that relies on genetic predisposition and environmental triggers, commands almost universal acceptance.

Rimland worked out the theory at his family home in Kensington. After becoming the first person to receive a master’s degree from the psychology department at SDSU, he earned his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in 1953. He then returned to San Diego and worked for the Navy in personnel research.

In 1956, Rimland’s wife Gloria gave birth to a son who displayed immediate developmental disorders. The child was diagnosed with infantile autism, and Rimland began a long quest to understand it. In 1965, after the appearance of his book, he cofounded the Autism Society of America, with headquarters now in Bethesda, Maryland. Two years later, he founded the Autism

Research Institute in Kensington. Today, the organizations are among the foremost centers worldwide for research and coordinating support for the families of autistic children.

Matt Kabler, who is 32, is speaking with me in the Autism Research Institute’s small cluttered office on the northeast corner of Adams Avenue and Edgeware Road. Kabler is the institute’s director of operations. He points out the window at the organization’s first location a block west and across Adams.

I expected that shock jock Michael Savage’s recent comments about autism must have caused the institute to be flooded with media inquiries. But not even local media out-

lets have called, says Kabler, despite the national media frenzy that erupted when on July 16 Savage belittled the disorder. Savage called autism medicine a “fraud, a racket.... I’ll tell you what autism is,” he ranted. “In 99 percent of the cases, it’s a brat who hasn’t been told to cut the act out. That’s what autism is. What do you mean they scream and they’re silent? They don’t have a father around to tell them, ‘Don’t act like a moron. You’ll get nowhere in life. Stop acting like a putz. Straighten up. Act like a man. Don’t sit there crying and screaming, idiot.’ ”

But I am more interested in Bernard Rimland, who died in November 2006 at age 78. “During the time he was doing all that research, he also worked for the Navy,” says Kabler, who in recent years became Rimland’s assistant after being a longtime friend of the family. “The man hardly ever slept.”

What motivated Rimland’s zealous research was the inadequacy of the medical approaches to his son’s affliction. “A pediatrician told the family in 1956,” Kabler tells me, “that nothing was unusual in their baby’s behavior, even though he would sit in a corner and scream for hours. The Rimlands knew there had to be much more to it.”

Yet despite the biological approach, researchers today still have a poor understanding of autism’s causes. Consensus does exist that a genetic

predisposition underlies the malady. Increasingly, heavy metal toxins from air pollution are taking much of the blame. And Rimland had been a leading proponent of the view that mercury in vaccinations caused many cases of autism. The medical establishment has disputed that opinion, but manufacturers have removed mercury from most vaccination formulas by now.

In the absence of brain imaging and biochemical analysis that provide unambiguous diagnoses, however, there have always been heated disputes over the nature of autism. From the beginning, controversy swirled around Rimland’s neural theories, according to Kabler. And today, to compound matters, he says, “Autism is viewed as a spectrum disease with infantile autism at one extreme, attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity at the other, and others such as Asperger’s syndrome in between.” In addition to the many types of autism, there are a great variety of ways to treat it.

So it should be no surprise that a Michael Savage could still inject into the discussion of autism a heterodox opinion. What is disturbing, how-

ever, is the hyperbole in his July 16 statements. Savage defended himself to CNN’s Glenn Beck by saying that people took his words out of context. He said his concerns were with two categories of children: the ones who would not get the treatment they need because of wrong diagnoses; and the cases of children with genuine autism who are having resources they need depleted by the overload of

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Matt Kabler

autism’s origins. Even Bruno Bettelheim largely found autism’s cause in mothers who did not give their children the love they needed for proper mental and emotional development. My friend’s 23-year-old wife, I am now convinced, must have been tormenting herself as too heartless to care for her baby.

Already in 1964, research psychologist Bernard Rimland had debunked the psy-



Bernard Rimland, mid-'80s



Mark Rimland, mid-'80s



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to build Las Vegas's Sunrise Hospital with Teamster funds. They tapped Teamster funds for other investments. That Central States fund was essentially a piggy bank controlled by Jimmy Hoffa.

The fund played a key role in San Diego. It loaned \$100 million to San Diego's Irvin J. Kahn, a mobbed-up financier who used the money to develop Peñasquitos. He also got a concealed loan of \$800,000 from a tiny Swiss bank named the Cosmos Bank, which made other mob-related loans before being closed up by joint action of the United

States and Switzerland in the 1970s.

But the Central States Teamster fund's big investment was La Costa. The interim loans were made by U.S. National Bank, controlled by C. Arnholt Smith, named "Mr. San Diego" by the Downtown Rotary Club and "Mr. San Diego of the Century" by a reporter for the *San Diego Union*. Following the interim loans, the Teamster fund would assume the U.S. National loans. There was a cozy relationship. Frank Fitzsimmons, who became head of the Teamsters after Jimmy Hoffa was exterminated, used to come down to watch the Smith-owned minor-league Padres play. And Fitzsimmons would

play golf in San Diego with politician Richard Nixon.

The *Union-Tribune's* recent panegyric to Roen mentioned that in 1975 *Penthouse* magazine ran an article charging that La Costa was a hangout for mobsters, and the founders sued for libel. Here's how the *U-T* summed up the result: "A 10-year court battle ensued until La Costa accepted a written apology from the magazine." This is a rank distortion. A joke.

"San Diego leadership has a tendency to fall in love with people with big bucks who come into town," says Mike Aguirre, city attorney. The La Costa founders "were one of the first big-bucks boys who rode into town, and the

welcome wagon was driven by C. Arnholt Smith." The *U-T* then, and to this day, protects the roughriders who bring their sacks of money to San Diego.

Aguirre was one attorney representing *Penthouse* in the suit. He and his colleagues parsed every sentence in the article. The *Penthouse* trial lawyer rattled off to the jury the names of those who had shown up at La Costa, including Hoffa, Dalitz, Lansky, and many other hoods. And here is the key: *the jury exonerated the magazine, agreeing that it had proved that everything it said was true.*

It turned out that the judge, Kenneth Gale, had formerly been a lawyer for Jimmy "the Weasel" Fratianno, a notorious mob hit man who had begun cooperating with the government. Fratianno was to testify for *Penthouse* about the mobsters who habituated

La Costa. Gale wouldn't let the magazine's lawyer question Fratianno. Judge Gale had also previously represented an infamous union racketeer, as related by Matt Potter in a 1999 *Reader* story.

After Gale threw out *Penthouse's* victory, the magazine thought it could win a retrial, but after ten years and \$8 million in legal expenses, *Penthouse* issued an innocuous statement, saying that it "did not mean to imply nor did it intend for its readers to believe that Messrs. *Adelson and Molasky* are or were members of organized crime or criminals" (italics mine). Note that Dalitz and Roen were *not* included in that statement. The magazine praised Dalitz and Roen for their "civic and philanthropic activities."

Then La Costa owners lauded *Penthouse* for its "personal and professional awards." It was a détente sans sincerity.

Dalitz died in 1989 at age 89, leaving a daughter in Rancho Santa Fe. She is involved in many peace and politically progressive activities. Her attorney was once San Diego's James T. Waring, who didn't last long as Mayor Jerry Sanders's real estate czar.

The information on Waring ran in detail in the *Reader* in early 2006. San Diego's leaders, always friendly to moneybags, didn't appreciate the story. ■

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diagnoses.

But how do you explain away the idea that 99 of 100 cases of autism are bogus? Then the label of autism as the "diagnosis du jour, as asthma once was," also a Savagely gem. Finally, the placement

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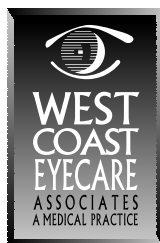
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of blame on parents for evading proper discipline through the diagnosis.

It was these views that enraged most people in the autism community, says Kabler, who disputes the notion that too many children these days are viewed as autistic. "When it comes to misdiagnosis, we actually get more children who should be treated as autis-

tic but are seen as having basic developmental disorder, even though that diagnosis is just a label that means nothing. Many of its symptoms match those of autism exactly, but the child then doesn't qualify for autism services. So I believe that there are many more children being misdiagnosed in a way opposite to what Michael Savage believes."

I ask Kabler to compare childhood behaviors that result from too much parental permissiveness with those that

are genuinely autistic. "They'd be completely different," he says. "Nonautistic children could be, as Michael Savage says, bratty, always yelling, for instance, 'I want this and I want that.' But they're not going to be sitting in the corner screaming and rocking up and down or running around in a circle." There are the other classic symptoms of autism too, the absence of social interaction, repetitive activities, and difficulties with language.

"On the message boards of the autism community," Kabler continues, "people couldn't believe that some-

one would be taking a national audience back to the Bruno Bettelheim days, when autism was blamed on parenting. Today we know that autism is not a psychological disease, that there are underlying biological issues which can be addressed to help the child. Everyone who has close contact with autism knows that these children are not brats, that a lot of them are in severe pain, and their behaviors are how they express that pain or get their wishes out."

It seems, I tell Kabler, that regarding diseases, folks often want to find some human factor to blame. "You know," he says, "there have been many divorces among autism families, where one parent blames the other. At our conferences, we've been getting 80 to 90 percent moms. With the diets and interventions we recommend, the dads often said, 'Whatever, I don't believe this.' But that's getting better and we're seeing more dads."

"Dr. Rimland always used to encourage people never to give up trying to improve the lives of their autistic children. You never can tell when they

will suddenly improve. Autistic people have come out of their shells suddenly in their adult lives."

Kabler shows me an institute chart called "Parent Ratings of Behavioral Effects of Biomedical Interventions." The chart lists, among other things, the number of parents reporting and whether drugs or nutrients caused their children to get better or worse. Thirty-six percent of parents reported that Prozac, for instance, made their children better, while 32 percent said it made them worse. For Ritalin, it was 29 percent better, 45 percent worse.

Rimland, says Kabler, was a great believer in the effectiveness of natural substances. "He told me," says Kabler, "The bodies of autistic children are not suffering from an absence of Ritalin.' Of course, drugs like Ritalin sometimes have to be used to prevent a violent child from hurting himself or others in his family. But natural substances are usually better." The parental ratings chart reports: 56 percent of children taking fatty acid supplements getting better,

while only 2 percent got worse; and 60 percent of those receiving hyperbaric oxygen therapy got better, while 5 percent got worse. Magnesium, for years a favorite of Rimland, shows 29 percent getting better and 6 percent getting worse.

Gloria Rimland still lives in the family home in Kensington. After her autistic son Mark, she had a son and a daughter. Neither she nor Mark likes giving interviews, says Kabler, who compensates by telling me of an event long ago. "At a banquet, an otherwise well-meaning woman sat down next to Gloria and said, 'You must feel terrible that you caused your son's autism.'"

The truth, it seems, is that both father and mother gave their son every ounce of their energy to improve his life. Though Mark Rimland had early difficulties with language, according to Kabler, today he speaks normally, albeit without total control of pitch. He has become an accomplished artist. I am looking at his lovely watercolors that hang high on the wall of the Autism Research Institute. ■

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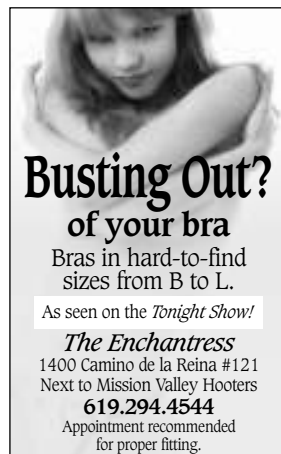
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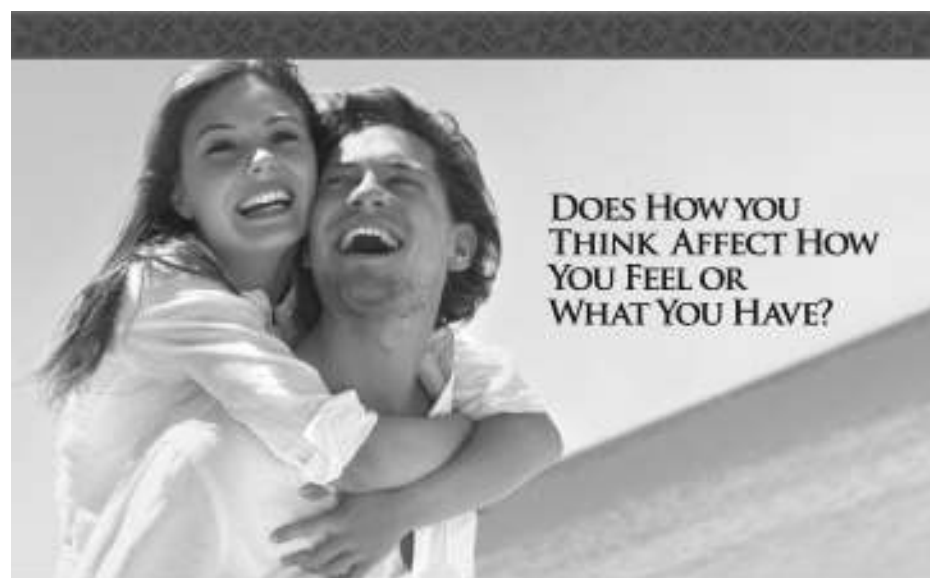
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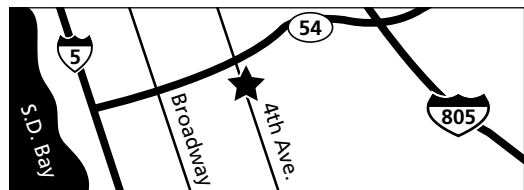


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We've Been Warned

I'm calling about last week's cover story ("They Think They're in Love," September 4). I think as the community speaker, the Reader is handed out freely to everyone, including children. I think that you need to use your best judgment. You might want to be thinking before you just put out anything. I love the Reader, but I tell you, that copy with that cover story, I was in disbelief. I want you all to remain in the public eye, but if you're going to continue along those lines I will just have to tell people not to pick it up. I work in the

hospitality industry. I generally hand out the Reader, but I couldn't even make myself hand that particular copy out freely. I really feel that you need to be thinking first. Put on your thinking cap. Not everything is news or should be publicized, particularly when it's free to the public, including children. Somebody has to start making the right judgment for the children. Let it be you. Let it be you. Let it be a good voice.

Needed to tell you that. Hope you all listen. Continue your good work that you do informing the public, but not with that. God bless you.

Name Withheld

With Respect To Chuck

I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to John Brizzolara for his wonderful remembrance of my boss of 30 years, Chuck Valverde ("We'll See No More of Giants," Feature Story, September 4). John's sincere and respectful article is very much appreciated by both his family and the staff of

Wahrenbrock's Book House. Everyone in the San Diego book scene has a story or three to tell about Chuck. His influence in the book business will be felt for years to come.

Jan Tonnesen
La Mesa

Who Cares?

I don't understand bloggers ("You Blog, You're Out," "City Lights," September 4) thinking anyone should care about their trials and tribulations of daily life. Don't we have more important things to do in life than waste time reading about other people we don't know brushing their teeth or how traffic was when they drove into work? I couldn't care less what bloggers think of their coworkers. I hate my boss too, and I'm self-employed.

Ken Harrison
Oceanside

Welk Love

This is in response to Dale Ann Thompson's letter from August 14 regarding Lawrence Welk, which is shown on PBS and in which they ask for contributions to keep the show continuing. You say you are 72 and you hate Welk. Ma'am, I am half your age, and I love Lawrence Welk. Just because you don't like him does not mean we who do, even if few, don't deserve to

watch, and if you don't want to watch him, then don't. You don't have to contribute to PBS for his program, but we who do will continue to support PBS in keeping him alive. I don't care for the music you said that you like, but I don't try to tell anyone they cannot listen; just keep it out of my earshot, if possible. Welk will not be buried, as you are wishing would happen. We have the Welk Resort in Escondido, and if he were "buried," it would not continue to exist. So please don't question when Welk will be buried, and I won't question when your "music" will be buried. Thank you, PBS, for keeping up his music. Adios, *aurovwa*, *allveedersane*. Good night. Or something like that.

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Sporting Box Published September 3

Posted by coover on September 4, 4:03 p.m.

Of course the Aztecs lost to California Polytechnic State University. Their name is longer than San Diego State University.

Now I notice that San Diego State University is longer than Notre Dame University. So, of course, the Aztecs will win.

The length of the name ... that is the key to victory!

City Lights by Michael Hemmingson Published September 3

Posted by Jephphab on September 3, 9:53 p.m.

Wow, thanks to the SD Reader for reminding us that it's 2005. Cutting edge I tell ya.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Heymatt:

Everybody's so worried about being bitten by mosquitoes these days. It sort of occurred to me that maybe if you were drunk and had a pretty high blood-alcohol level and were bitten by a mosquito, it would get drunk too. Could this happen?

— Junior, North County

Staggering mosquitoes? Mosquitoes with tiny lampshades on their heads? Hitting on your girlfriend? Passed out on the couch? Yikes. What a picture. As much fun as it might sound, it's not going to happen. The state of being blotto is a result of the effects of alcohol on the brain. Mosquito nervous systems and brains are not like humans', so the tiny amount of alcohol they'd ingest wouldn't affect them as it affects us. This is entomological speculation, though. Nobody's bothered to try to get a mosquito drunk under laboratory conditions.

But that's not to say that all of insectdom is immune. Some bugstudiers in Ohio have been feeding alcohol to honeybees and produced some laff-a-minute results. Seems that the honeybee is wired up much like humans and can be used to study human-brain problems. These particular lab wonks are looking for a good animal model to study the molecular-level effects of chronic alcohol intake in humans, and the honeybee seemed like their best bet. They rounded up bees, fed them food with various levels of ethanol in it, then stood back and waited for the fun to begin. Results were just as you'd expect. Low levels of alcohol produced mild behavioral changes. The bees fed very high levels spent all their time flat on their backs.

Hey, Matt:

There is something that's been bugging the crap out of me for a while. Seems like I get a different answer, depending on who is doing the answering. Money is tight nowadays, so I've been doing a lot more grocery shopping rather than eating out. But depending on what I pick up, they are all marked with "best by" date, "sell by" date, or "use by" date. Now, "use by" date is pretty self-explanatory. What the heck is "best by"? Is there a "taste-o-meter" that I can use to determine whether the item is at 60 or 70 percent of its maximum taste capability? Don't even get me started with "sell by." Is this some conspiracy from the food industry to make us discard and buy more when they are perfectly fine for consumption? Help me save some \$\$\$!

— Tom, via email

Sit down and towel off, Tom. You've got your stuff in a knot over very little. No conspiracy by the USDA or some megamart cartel. Simply an effort to be a little helpful, maybe to protect a brand's image. First of all, only baby food requires date stamps by federal law (a few states have related laws). All this sell-by and use-by stuff is an idea thunk up by manufacturers of food that might quickly lose its liveliness on the shelf. The USDA emphasizes that dates on packages have nothing to do with product safety, though they recommend you don't buy any product with a sell-by date that's passed. Dates are related to product quality and freshness. So, yes, I guess the companies have their own taste-o-meters that judge when their prune juice has begun to pass its peak of pruniness, and they want to give the store a heads-up about that. The feds do say that if you have a calendar date on your package, you must explain what it means — sell by, use by, whatever — so what you see is the manufacturer's choice. To net it out, "sell by" means the vendor should pull the product at this time because it's passed its prime, but it's not deadly. "Use by" means the product will start to poop out at this time, but it won't kill you. "Best by," ditto. The manufacturer wants only his best-tasting goods on the shelf, and these dates help. They are very sorry they have caused you so much pain and anxiety.

Hey, Matt:

Once a pedestrian has pressed the button ONCE on the traffic light pole indicating that he'd like to cross the street, may the pedestrian then consider the button officially pressed, or if he instead presses it A HUNDRED TIMES, like some peds like to do, does that communicate to Mr. Pole that there are literally herds of pedestrians waiting to cross, causing him to change more quickly to green so the herd won't be kept waiting? Or, once a button is pressed, is it PRESSED, like an on/off button? Thank you.

— Donna, via email

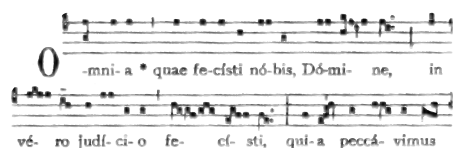
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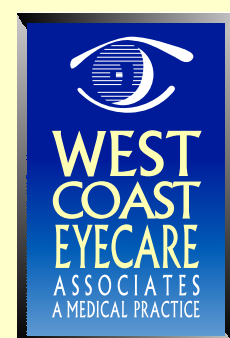
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By Anthony Gentile

Steele Canyon and experience

Posted September 4, 2008, 12:47 a.m.

If Steele Canyon does not improve on their Division III quarterfinal appearance of a year ago, it won't be because of a lack of experience. Twenty-seven of the 46 players on this year's varsity roster are seniors.



Steele Canyon Cougars varsity offense practicing from sideline

"This is the first time we have been pretty senior-heavy. It's always been pretty 50-50 in the past," said Cougars head coach Ron Boehmke.

These seniors were present for last year's disappointing quarterfinal loss to St. Augustine in the playoffs. After earning the three-seed and a first-round bye, the Cougars fell 35-21 at home to the Saints.

"Last season we ended on a tough note," Boehmke said. "It left a sour taste in our mouth and a lot to work for this year."

The playoff loss served as motivation

in the offseason. Senior running back and defensive back Jebari Washington said that carried into what was a difficult camp.

"It was hard but it was worth it," Washington said. "The coaches were harder on us because they know that this year is our year to go all the way."

The Cougars have been practicing since August 6.

After more than a month of practices, Steele Canyon opens their season at home on Friday against Cathedral Catholic. This game against the defending Division III champions will be a tough test for the Cougars.

Comments

1. Cathedral has 24 returning seniors this year. The offensive line should be tested Friday night, which will in turn tell us if Senior running back Tyler Gaffney will be breaking loose often this season. Senior Parker Hipp takes over the quarterbacking duties and may be missed at tight end; we'll have to wait and see.

By JustWondering 9:46 a.m., Sep 4, 2008

2. Steele Canyon may have been counting on experience, but Cathedral Catholic actually executed its gameplan and dominated the Cougars, evidenced by the half-time lead of 42 to nothing. Led by Senior QB Parker Hipp, the DONS opted to kick off after winning the coin toss and never looked back.

By JustWondering 6:25 a.m., Sep 6, 2008

Oceanside's Pirates survive

Posted September 6, 2008, 10:49 a.m.

When Oceanside took on Eastlake at Southwestern College, both teams played with intensity, but at times neither executed. The defending state champion Pirates survived a game filled with mistakes and missed opportunities with a 26-23 win over the Titans on Friday night.

"It was intense, very intense," said Oceanside senior Jerry Whitaker. Whitaker finished the game with a touchdown catch and an interception.

It didn't matter to Oceanside head coach John Carroll that it was the first week of the season. He was still disappointed.

"I thought we played very poorly. That was an un-Oceanside-like performance," Carroll said.

Despite the loss, Eastlake head coach John McFadden was happy with his team's performance.

"Most of our team is first-year varsity, and we still came out and played well," McFadden said.

With 43 points scored in the first half, the game had the makings of a shoot-out. But only six points were scored after the break in a second half filled with turnovers and miscues.

After halftime, Oceanside had trouble handling the snap and lost two fumbles in the third quarter. The first time it happened, the Pirates were one yard away from a touchdown.

"It's both of our faults," Wynn said about himself and sophomore center David Vasquez. "It's something we've got to work on. There's no excuse for it."

Next Friday, Oceanside (1-0) travels to play crosstown rival El Camino (0-1), and Eastlake (0-1) heads north to face Torrey Pines (1-0). Both games start at 7 p.m.



Oceanside senior quarterback Jordan Wynn under center

Point Loma's Rogers outruns Monte Vista

Posted September 6, 2008, 7:25 p.m.

In a Saturday afternoon contest, Point Loma outran Monte Vista at home 29-26. Pointers junior running back Leslie Rogers rushed for 290 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries.



The line of scrimmage

"Their defense was rushing, so it was hard for me to find the holes at first. After they went outside, the inside opened up way more," Rogers said.

In a tight game, Point Loma needed every one of Rogers's yards. The contest was tied at 14 at the half, and the Monarchs led heading into the fourth quarter. Junior quarterback Maurice Payne led Monte Vista's offense, throwing for a touchdown and running for two more.

But the afternoon and the game belonged to Rogers.

"I'm happy. I owe it to my defense for getting the ball to me and my offensive line for opening the holes for me to get there."

Next Friday, Point Loma (1-0) travels to Cathedral Catholic in a rematch of last year's Division III final, and Monte Vista (0-1) hosts Santa Fe Christian. Both games start at 7 p.m.

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By Patrick Daugherty

Week One

An erratic NFL Week 1. Tom Brady's gone. After 111 consecutive starts, the New England quarterback left Sunday's KC game in the first quarter. Knee injury. The Patriots were an ordinary football team after that, managed to beat the bottom-feeders (2007 record of 4-12) from Kansas City by a single touchdown. Playing at home. That's how good Brady was.

You know about the Chargers. Indianapolis went down. Atlanta not only wins, but wins by 13 points. Yes, they were playing Detroit, but Atlanta "beat them good" with a rookie quarterback. Brett Favre and the Jets got by the Miami Dolphins (2007 record of 1-15). Brett looked like Brett — 15 of 22 for 194 yards and no interceptions. Sounds better than it looked. He got one touchdown by way of a typical Brett Favre 4th-and-13 desperation toss. The rest of his team looked average. I wouldn't celebrate yet, although others are. The Jets are 2½-point favorites over New England this Sunday.

So, we're one week in. Let's stroll around the NFL and see what head coaches had to say at their post-game news conferences.

Miami Dolphins head coach Tony Sparano (Jets 20, Miami 14): "We didn't play well enough, made too many errors.... In our league, every single week the margin of error is so small; it really is. Make a few more errors than your opponent does..." Standard script.

The last literate NFL head coach was Bill Walsh, but Tony Dungy of Indianapolis comes close (Chicago 29, Indianapolis 13). After the game, Dungy said, "We certainly haven't had one like that in a long time, where we got that soundly outplayed.... Have to give the Bears all the credit. They played well, played very hard, did the things you have to do to win and didn't do things that cause you to lose."

Baltimore 17, Cincinnati 10. Cincinnati head coach Marvin Lewis: "I'm disappointed in a couple areas. We got an opportunity there to stop and get the ball back and we don't do the job there. We've got to play better football than what we played today." Prime coach-speak.

Pittsburgh Steelers 38, Houston Texans 17. I like the way Gary Kubiak, the Texans' head coach, talks: "We got manhandled, you know? They got after us pretty good. Hell, I

don't have no excuses for you. The first place I look at, I go look at myself. So, take a hard look at myself and where I had the football team going into the game. Obviously, it wasn't anywhere close to good enough."

Tennessee 17, Jacksonville 10. Jacksonville's head coach, Jack Del Rio: "Good, tough, physical football game today. They did a little better job controlling our run game than we did controlling theirs. Ultimately, they were able to win a very hard-fought ball game here. Close game. There were a lot of chances in the ball game to have it come out a little bit different, and they made more of those plays and took advantage of those opportunities a little bit better than we did." Hack spiel.

Tennessee Titans head coach Jeff Fisher: "Have to credit the defensive line because of the pressure, number one, and get the ball out; and secondly, they did a *really* good job of disciplining their rush lines. David can't see and got in a situation when he had to throw the ball and he did and we made the plays." No one's home.

Patriots 17, Kansas City 10. Here's another straight shooter, Kansas City coach Herm Edwards. He was asked if there was anything he could take away from his team's one-touchdown loss to New England. Edwards said, "No. We lost. No. We lost. That's all you take. We lost the game."

Dallas Cowboys 28, Cleveland 10. Dallas coach Wade Phillips: "I thought we managed the game really well. Offensively, we moved the ball well. Defensively, we played well and special teams played well. I thought we were ready to play." Straight up, that's how the game went.

Philadelphia Eagles 38, St. Louis 3. Philly's Andy Reid: "Good way to start the season. There was some good things. I'm sure when we look at the film, they're never as good as you think and never as bad as you think. There'll be a lot of things to work on for the next week." Information-free statement.

Atlanta Falcons 34, Detroit Lions 21. Detroit head coach Rod Marinelli: "I thought we were a little bit high, a little bit tentative. We just got to get our pads down, come off the ball a little bit better. I thought we were in our gaps; I thought we had a chance to really go, stop the run." Making it up as he goes along.

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Sunday school enrollment: 25 (adult)

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Weekly giving: n/a

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Diversity: mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour

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Good Shepherd's pastor, Gregory Stenzel, was away on Sunday, but he left a meaty meditation in the bulletin on Martin Luther's receptive spirituality. The piece contrasted the old pattern of reading, meditation, and prayer — which culminated in "waiting for...the bestowal of spiritual illumination" — with Luther's model of prayer, meditation, and temptation. "This, in turn, leads a person back to further prayer and intensified meditation," such that "the spiritual life begins and ends here on earth....

Luther...does not imagine the spiritual life as a process of self-development but as a process of reception from our Triune God," which turns us into "humble beggars before God. This, then, is the secret to our spiritual lives."

The readings for the day bore a similar, earthly bent, full of talk about the life of the community — in particular, the care one ought to have for the moral good of one's neighbor. "If...you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die...but his blood I will require at your hand" — Ezekiel. "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" — Romans. "Whoever causes one of these little ones...to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea" — Matthew.

But the rest of the liturgy tilted more toward eternity. Guest pastor David Peterson's opening prayer praised God for His "great promise," a promise written below the fine stained-glass image of the resurrection on the

side wall of the old church: "Because I live, you also will live." The communion hymn, sung as the congregants knelt at the rail surrounding the altar, promised that "In this bread there is healing/ In this cup there is life forever," while the post-communion blessing asked that "the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, unto life everlasting." And Peterson's closing prayer asked God to "bless us as we go with that wonderful blessed assurance...of Your presence, of forgiveness, of life."

The sermon, too, seemed tailored to a congregation with more ultimate things on its mind. Peterson segued from a line in the Gospel about God's joy at the recovery of lost sheep to Christ the Good Shepherd (depicted in the window above the altar), and from there to Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..." It was the last line of that psalm — "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" — that he was after. "Jesus talked about

that house at the Last Supper — 'Do not let your hearts be afraid. In my Father's house, there are many rooms. I go to prepare a place for you.'

In contrast to the Father's eternal house, there was "the house we live in here, this temporal tent of the Holy Spirit." And by way of comment, Peterson told the story of how Stuart Hamblen came to write the song "This Old House." Hamblen was hiking in the Sierras when he came across a dilapidated house "that seemed ready to fall apart." He called out but received no answer. He went inside, "and in the back room on a couch lay the body of an old man; some snow lay on his chest, blown in through a broken windowpane." Hamblen wrote the song "not just about the deterioration of a house...but about the aging of the human body. 'Ain't got time

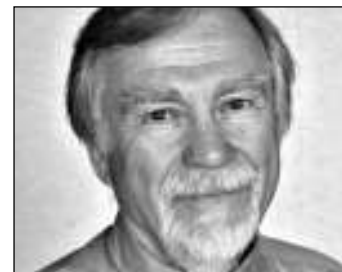
to oil the hinges/ Nor to mend the windowpane/ Ain't gonna need this house no longer/ I'm getting ready to meet the saints."

"We say in the creed that we believe in the communion of saints," continued Peterson, "the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.... We do not need to dread or fear death. He overcame it, and one day we will also. He gives us hope. Paul writes, 'Christ in you, the hope of glory.' H stands for 'heaven'; o stands for 'our'; p, 'promise'; e, 'eternally.'"

What happens when we die?

"God will give us what we want," said Peterson. "If you want His grace, if you want eternal life, He'll give you that. But if you don't want it — you got it."

— Matthew Lickona



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— EVE KELLY

"I thought only new parents looked like that," I said to my friend Cherie, worrying over her glazed eyes and exhausted stare.

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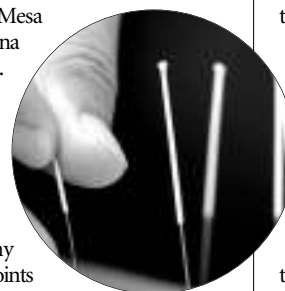
I called Valerie Ning Beckwith, a licensed acupuncturist with clinics downtown and in Kearny Mesa who has trained in China and the U.S. (valeriebeckwith-lac.com; 858-201-9889). She was able to help. "Acupuncture," said Beckwith, "is a therapy that uses the insertion of tiny needles into specific points on the body along its meridians, or energy channels. The needles stimulate certain points along those meridians in order to draw your chi — your energy — toward those points. It's very similar to the network of blood vessels in the body. Chi flows freely through the body just as blood flows through the blood vessels. And when there are blockages, the result is pain, disease, or dysfunction — sometimes, it's something as subtle as low energy level or insomnia."

But, said Beckwith, it's not as simple as sticking a needle in the right spot and slipping off to the land of nod. "With Chinese medicine," she explained, "it's not a matter of one symptom, one cure. There are many different patterns associated with insomnia. One of the big questions is, is it difficult to fall asleep or to stay asleep? The questions help me to figure out the pattern of the dysfunction. Falling asleep and then waking up and not being able to go back to sleep points to a heart-kidney disharmony. If you're tired all the time and you can't fall asleep, that may mean a heart-blood deficiency."

Heart-kidney? Heart-blood? "Your meridians have directions," said Beckwith. "Some originate in your feet and some in your hands, but they are all correlated to the body's organs." Depending on the underlying meridian, "Different positions on the wrist correlate to different organs, and so I'll take the patient's pulse at different points on the wrist and look for a pulse dysfunction. The patient's tongue maps out all the organs as well — a redness at the tip of the tongue correlates with the heart channel and often shows up in relation to insomnia, anxiety, and heart palpitations." It's all part of determining a particular dysfunction's pattern.

"Once I determine the pattern, I'll give an acupuncture treatment based on that pattern. Say it was just a heart-blood deficiency. Then I would treat the heart channel, which runs from the pinkie finger down the side of the wrist." But if the pattern is more complicated than that, she might also work on the *yintang*. "It's between your eyebrows, and it's a sedation point. It calms the mind and is great for treating anxiety, headaches, and insomnia."

Treatments, said Beckwith, involve the patient lying on a table for 30 to 40 minutes. "Your chi cycles through all the meridians every 15 minutes, so you get two cycles of chi during the treatment. During that time, I insert very fine needles — about the thickness of a human



"Chi flows freely through the body just as blood flows through the blood vessels."

hair — into anywhere from 5 to 20 points on the body. I use individually wrapped, sterile needles — one needle for one point. Insertion is relatively painless — we use guide tubes and pop the needles through the sensitive layer of skin so fast that you don't really feel it. Plus, I use a distraction technique, tapping the skin around the area where I'm going to insert. People can't tell what's the needle and what's my finger."

Exactly how many needles Beckwith needs depends on the individual pattern. "The needles stimulate that area on the meridian and draw chi. If the chi is not moving in an area, the stimulation says, 'Come here and heal.' There's a lot of theory involved — there's no textbook solution of 'Treat insomnia by hitting these five points.' You treat based on an individual's symptoms and body constitution." If Beckwith is treating a heart-kidney disharmony, she might treat "the heart channel, the kidney channel, and the large-intestine channel. I know I'm at the proper depth when I get a chi sensation — a response from the patient or a response that I can feel as the practitioner. It's not so much a pain as it is a dull ache — a release. It can come just as the needle hits the right point, or it can come over time."

Beckwith also works with various points on a patient's ears. "There's one called *shen men*; it's in conjunction with the heart, and it works well for insomnia. Sometimes, I'll embed needles called ear tacks in the ear itself. I swab the area, put in the needle, and put a little Band-Aid over it.

The patient wears them for about a week and can push on it at several points during the day to activate it. For insomnia, people will pulse it toward the evening." Herbs sometimes help as well: "For insomnia, I might prescribe salvia root, sour jujube seed, and longan fruit. Usually, people will feel a difference after just one treatment, but I advise three or four treatments for people to see if it will work for them." (Sessions run \$80 to \$85 and are sometimes covered by insurance. Call for appointment.)

I then spoke with Toni Narins, L.Ac., M.T.O.M., of Mission Valley Acupuncture (missionvalleyacu.com; 619-281-7696). She gave me the following image to describe the process: "There's a stream of energy flowing, and somebody's come along and thrown too many rocks into it. So on the upstream side, you've got a puddle, and on the downstream, there's a trickle. We find out where those rocks are, and the acupuncture needles pull them out of the stream — the needles unblock the energy, draining where there's too much and adding where there's too little. There are ways of inserting and manipulating the needle that will drain and ways that encourage energy to move to the particular area." (Phone consultation is free; first visit is \$80, follow-ups are \$60. Discounts available for seniors, students, and active military.)

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Homeland Absurdity

If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.

— Frank A. Clark

The only burp so far on our maiden voyage to Montreal had been the *poutine*. As a foodie, David was eager to sample the famous Québécois dish of french fries smothered in chicken gravy and “squeaky” cheese curds.

But it only took two bites for us to realize that, like a burrito from a 24-hour Mexican joint, such an improbable trinity of greasy glop should only be consumed after one’s ability to recite the alphabet has been wholly wrecked by alcohol. Still, aside from that little disappointment, the trip had been nothing short of perfect. David had planned the surprise excursion as a brief, exotic escape from my day-to-day. From first-class seats

on United to a designer boutique hotel in Old Montreal, his plans had gone off without a hitch — even the sky remained clear despite forecasts of rain. So splendid and easy, it’s no wonder I never saw disaster coming.

David set the alarm for early Sunday morning, the day of our departure, so that we could have breakfast and check out at our leisure. We made it to the bus station with an hour to spare, so we established which gate was ours, grabbed a few beverages, and found seats nearby. When we noticed a fast-growing queue at our gate, we hustled to the end as other stragglers lined up behind us. There seemed

to be more people than could fit on a bus, so David left me with the bags and went to investigate.

As he made his way back through the crowd, David’s face was a mask of indignation. “What is it?” I asked, once he was within hearing distance.

“Our bus left. They changed the schedule. Come on,” he said, already heading back to the front of the line. Surprised, but not overly concerned, I threw my messenger bag over my shoulder, grabbed my suitcase, and followed after him to a small room with a window and counter, behind which two pimply faced teenagers stood waiting.

“The schedule changes every month, you should have checked,” said one.

“It says right here on the ticket, 11:45,” snapped David.

“You’re supposed to get here an hour early anyway. We made an announcement,” said the other. “The bus left at 11. The next one is at 3:45.”

“We were an hour early,” I whined. Turning to David, I said, “We were here when it left, we were right here!” It hit me that if we had to wait until 3:45 to embark on the two-and-a-half-hour ride to the airport in Vermont, we would miss our plane; if we didn’t make it on the plane in Vermont, we’d never make our tight connection in Chicago; if we didn’t make that connection, we’d end up hav-

ing to crash somewhere and wait until the following morning to return home. My heartbeat quickened, and I suddenly found it very hard to breathe. Then my self-control blew the escape hatch and I hurled a Tourette-like barrage of muttered obscenities at the floor. Infected by my behavior, David unloaded an uncharacteristic string of profanity.

Witnessing the emotional deterioration of my incessantly serene love snapped me out of hysteria. “Let’s take a taxi,” I said. David shook his head, saying that would cost a fortune. The taller teen suggested that if we took a taxi, we might catch the bus at the border crossing. I continued, “If we miss our planes, it’ll cost more to reschedule and get a room. Plus, we might lose our first-class seats.”

At the mention of losing our seats, the glaze of despair in David’s eyes disappeared, and he said, “We better hurry.”

Outside, we approached a line of taxis from the back; each driver directed us forward. The first guy in line didn’t speak English, so we asked the second driver — a compact man with graying, Super Mario-style hair and mustache — to take us. “No, no, this guy is good driver, you don’t worry,” he said, lifting our bags into the trunk of the first car. The monolingual driver — a tall, silent type who wore dark, second-day stubble on his face like a ski mask — seemed to



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agree with us that he was not the right guy for the job. Mario translated as we explained that we had to get to the border to catch a bus, but if we didn't catch the bus, we needed to be taken all the way to Burlington. I could tell from the shaking of the tall man's head and his pantomiming with his road map and wallet that he had no idea how to get to the border and that even if he made it that far, he did not have the necessary papers for entering the States.

I looked Mario in the eyes and said, "We might need to be taken to Burlington." Mario pushed us into the car and said, "It's fine, it's fine, he take you, and if bus not there, we have taxis at border on other side. Don't worry!" Our driver continued arguing with Mario, who then grabbed the map and jabbed at different spots as he spoke. In the backseat of the cab, David and I furrowed our brows at each other. This was not cool, but our options were limited. Just after our driver started the car, Mario leaned in through the front window, reached back, and slapped David hard on the arm. "Don't worry!" he said. Then he slapped the driver's arm, said

something in French, and we lurched forward as the driver zoomed out of the lot.

Relying on his iPhone and five years of French classes, David directed the driver to the point of entry at which our bus was scheduled to stop. An hour and a half later, we learned of Mario's first lie — our driver could not accept credit cards. A young checker at a duty-free shop directed us to the nearest ATM, a 20-minute drive away.

With all hope of catching up with the bus dashed by the 40-minute cash-gathering journey, we resigned ourselves to forfeiting another \$150 for a cab to take us the rest of the way to the airport. Because the last U-turn before customs was 200 yards short of the border, our cabbie dropped us there.

I noted there was no sidewalk as David and I lugged our stuff up the side of the road. Five lanes led to five kiosks. "I don't think we're in Tijuana anymore, Toto," I joked. With an eye on the sporadic traffic zip-ping by, we jogged awkwardly across all five lanes. We were 30 feet away from the U.S. Customs office when a uniformed man in dark

glasses and a bulletproof vest poked his head through a door and shouted, "Stop right there! Why are you on foot?"

"If you let us come closer, I can explain," I said. He beckoned us forward, a forbidding look on his face. I told him about Montreal, the acned Greyhound employees, and Super Mario. When I got to "...and that's where the guy dropped us off and turned around," the weight of Mario's second lie hit me. My shoulders fell and, in a dejected tone of voice, I said, "There aren't any cabs waiting on the other side, are there?"

The officer took our passports and welcomed us into the waiting area. Inside, around 20 people who had come by car were dealing with various issues. Still more than an hour's drive from the airport, I began to fear we wouldn't be able to find a cab to take us, which would strand us in the middle of nowhere with naught but the fragrance of manure in nearby cornfields to keep us company.

After what seemed like an eternity, our names were called and a kindly looking older officer explained that the

only taxi company in Highgate Springs — a town whose population is half that of Wasilla — was closed on Sundays; he reached a taxi-paging service in the next town over, so we'd have to wait and see if we got a call back. I smiled and thanked him for his help while my inner voice screamed bloody murder like a bimbo in a B movie.

Five minutes later, the phone rang...and rang. My eyes nearly popped out of their sockets as I desperately stared at the agents behind the counter, beseeching them to answer. On the seventh ring, just as I thought I might faint, the officer who'd been helping us picked up the nearest receiver. I almost cried with relief when he told us a taxi would collect us in about 15 minutes.

Several hours and \$300 after we'd checked out of our hotel in Montreal, we finally made it to the Burlington airport. Short of finding a sparkling-clean restroom when I really have to pee, I couldn't think of anything that could bring me more relief than sitting in the terminal, waiting to board. Twenty minutes after our plane lifted

from the tarmac, my muscles began to loosen their death grip. The flight attendant handed me a porcelain container of warmed mixed nuts and asked if I'd like anything to drink.

"Red wine, please," I said. It was all I could do

not to add, "You may as well just leave the bottle with me." ■

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Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds

• Captain Charles Moore, UCSD alum, steps overboard. He disappears into the inky Pacific. It's 2007, nighttime, 500 miles west of San Diego. He swims, about three, four feet beneath the surface, through the spooky blue. A large jellyfish swipes him in the face.

Except it isn't a jellyfish. It's a plastic shopping bag.

"It could have come from San Diego, it could have come from Tokyo," says Moore. "They're both on the edge of the North Pacific Gyre." The Gyre? A slow-swirling oceanic system that has amassed a huge floating plastic garbage patch, twice the size of North America.

• In the kelp beds off La Jolla, a spore drops away from its giant mother plant toward the bottom, destined to grow into a male kelp gametophyte whose sperm will wiggle-swim toward a female kelp egg. But the resulting baby plant needs a rock to anchor on and start growing. Problem? Plastic grocery bags cover the stones. It tries to grip. Slips. Tries again. Slips. Tries one last time before the currents carry it off.

• An outboard-powered fishing day boat heads homeward through big surf toward the calm waters of Mission Bay. It must make it through the narrow entrance of the Mission Bay Channel. Suddenly, a heat alarm sounds. Something is blocking the water intake. The engine cuts. The boat drifts helplessly onto the rocks.

Score another for the iniquitous, ubiquitous plastic bag.

Plastic bags. Why can't we eliminate these polluting, addicting, consumer-age indulgences from our lives? Probably because they're so damned practical, so accommodating. What better overnight-clothes stuffer? Beach towel carrier? Garbage pail liner? Pooper-scooper bag? Californians Against Waste estimate that we use 19 billion plastic grocery bags each year in the state. That's about 500 each, almost 2 a day. But we recycle only 1 to 4 percent properly, which means 18-plus billion end up in landfills like Miramar — or blow out to sea.

Put it this way: the average plastic bag has an estimated life of from 20 to 1000 years, depending on the bag

and whom you talk to. So if William the Conqueror had buried his dog's doo-doo in a plastic bag after the Battle of Hastings in 1066, the bag'd be wasting away just about now. We don't need to be creating history like that.

A plastic bag's useful lifespan is, what, 20 or 30 *minutes*? However long it takes to get from the supermarket to home. Thereafter, it launches into a second career filling our landfills and clogging our streams, storm drains, oceans, fishes' bellies. And from there, perhaps, to our bellies. How bad is the problem? Green think tanks have had a field day conjuring up original ways to express the horror.

By weight, Californians alone, you read, throw away 294,000,000 pounds of plastic bags

every year, or 147,000 tons.

By volume? End to end, enough to circle the planet over 250 times.

By time? Six hundred plastic bags jettisoned every second. Worldwide, around 17,000 per second, a mil-

lowest-grade plastic and hard to sell at a profit, (b) they gum up the sorting machinery at the recycle centers, and (c) they're too much trouble. Just leaving a shopping receipt inside one can cause sorting problems, plus it takes huge

veteran of the City's Lifeguard Service, has learned to hate what he calls "bagfish."

"They're the curse of outboard engines," he says, "because if you run over one, it'll wrap itself around the cooling intake on the outboard engine and the engine will overheat. Most modern outboards have a little alarm that'll go off, called the 'hot horn.' There are some times when you'll be doing a rescue, and you hit a bagfish and you don't know it because you can't really tell. You have to stop what you're doing and back down on the engine, so the pump reverses and blows the bag off. It's a guaranteed stop for at least a couple of minutes while the engine gets squared away, which counts when you're trying to reach someone in trouble. It can affect any precarious situation."

Messinger says the bagfish invasion has gotten worse. "Way worse.

The Port has a full-time trash boat on the bay, every day, does nothing but pick up trash from the water, and a helluva lot of it is plastic bags. It happens to me every time I paddle out. I end up taking around ten items out of the water, and three of them will always be bagfish."

Even when people dispose of bags properly, they can end up in the ocean. "You should come down to Mission Beach after a holiday," says Messinger. "It's plastic-bag mayhem! It's not careless people. Most of them have done the right thing. They've stuffed their leftovers into a plastic bag and tried to squeeze it into one of the trash bins. Of course, there are never enough. And no sooner have the folks taken off than the seagulls fly in. They haul those bags out and peck them to bits to get at the food. Then the bags get light and fly off in the evening breeze. You remember the plastic-bag scene in *Ameri-*

San Francisco has simply banned plastic bags in its supermarkets and chain pharmacies.

lion a minute, more than half a trillion plastic bags per year.

You can take them back to the supermarket, but don't try putting them out in your recycling bin. Edco or Allied will reject them or send them to the landfill because (a) they're the

numbers to make up a nice, heavy, sellable bundle.

"Plastic bags are not a waste issue," says Yvette Snyder of Edco. "They're a stormwater issue. Those bags are like little parachutes. They fly around, and being a coastal community, our biggest concern is that they can get into the ocean."

The "Bagfish" Invasion

Rod Messinger, a 15-year



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can Beauty? So beautiful. But that's what happens above every downtown. Those high-rises create heat chimneys. Half the time you can't tell if they're bags or birds. I saw one today. Thought it was a bird. It was flying over the Coronado Bridge. Plastic bag. And you should see the Center Beach and Silver Strand. Bags galore."

Next evening I'm down on Coronado's Center Beach, walking the mile to Naval Air Station North Island, where the fence struts out into the water. I'm looking for plastic bags in the sand, among the seaweed, in the water, aloft on the breeze. Not a thing. In the whole two-mile walk, I find one plastic cup and an orange and yellow Sour Patch candy wrapper.

"What's the story?" I ask Messenger when I call him back that night.

"Ah," he says. "Center Beach. That's a special case. Have you ever heard of FODs? That means foreign object debris or foreign object damage. Or foreign object disposal. It's a continual worry for fliers. Things getting sucked into their jet intakes or props. Anything from seagulls to plastic bags. At North Island they take a lot of trouble to track them down and keep the base clear of them. Why don't you go down to the slough at IB or across the border? Trust me. You'll see plenty of bag-fish there."

I do. There are. Hiding in pockets in the slough, wrapped around Otay River bridge legs, caught on seagull claws as the birds fly high to free themselves, swirling in dust devils under I-5 off-ramps, pinioned to cactus prickles down at Popotla in Baja. Once you start looking, you see them everywhere.

Harbor Garbage Patrol
One morning I wander

out to the G Street Mole, just past the American Tunaboat Association building, where a few old guys mend nets stretched from jetty railings. Three men in jeans and caps hover around a

workaday catamaran you wouldn't normally notice among the hot-shot blue-water fishing vessels with names like *Charlotte V.*, *Nancy*, and *Victoria City*. The craft has a black outboard attached and two mas-

sive logs slung alongside, floating in the water. A big box with built-up sides is sunk into the deck area, just ahead of the steering console.

The box is packed with flotsam, jetsam,

driftwood, picture frames, plastic buckets, water cooler bottles, shoes, Clorox bottles, and plastic bags, lots of bags, like interstitial tissue among the other debris. The two logs alongside are collapsed

pier legs they're disposing of. The crew, Julio Bello, Jose Robles, and Antonio Sandoval, spend their days putt-putting from one end of the bay to the other (it takes a couple of hours to get down to Chula

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Vista). They do nothing but pick up debris. They call the boat *Alligator* because it's supposed to snap up floating garbage. "Plastic bags? A lot," says Robles. "Drifting across the water or alongside the riprap off Seaport Village. By the outfalls especially."

"We get to pick up dead animals, syringes, plastic bags," says Bello. "You name it, it's coming down the storm drains."

It's a countywide problem, they say. Outfalls can debouch plastic bags that have traveled from as far inland as the Cuyamacas.

"If only they'd come up with heavy-duty biodegradable plastic," says Bello, "it'd make our job easier. Especially at places like Seaport Village, where tourists let bags fly, and National City. I'd say we pick up 30 to 50 a day."

What's Being Done About the Plastic Plague?

So what are we, San Diegans, doing about this? In the City of San Diego, it's hard to know. If you can believe this, Mayor Jerry Sanders has decreed that none of his employees shall speak to or cooperate with, and definitely not have lunch with, the *Reader*. I was not even allowed to go to the City's landfill at Miramar to inspect the situation with the City's landfill king, Stephen Grealy, who sounded slightly embarrassed in relaying the bad news. So let me get this right: the mayor, a paid servant of the People, tells the People of San Diego whom it should get its news through? Echoes of Putin-style "managing the news"?

Donna Frye, chair of the city council's Natural Resources and Culture Committee, is the other most likely elected city

official to take an interest in the issue. In July, members of San Diego Coastkeeper presented arguments for banning the bag to the committee. Frye said she needed to hear from the other side, in a meeting scheduled for yesterday, Sep-

"Charge a dollar a bag. Why not? That would control the use. But a ban?"

tember 10. But it doesn't look as if the City is giving the bag ban the fast-track treatment.

The County hasn't moved any faster. "I like the idea of 'pay as you throw,'" says Wayne Williams, program coordinator for recycling with the County's Department of Public Works. "Charge a dollar a bag. Why not? That would control the use. But a ban? You need a plan for a ban."

The County has supported only the voluntary approach to recycling plastic bags. "We were very happy when the State passed AB-2449, the legislation requiring retail stores of a certain square footage to set up recycling facilities in each store," he says, "because we thought that that was a very good way to control this problem we have with plastic bags. At this time, neither the County nor the City has ordinances aimed specifically at recycling plastic bags. However, we do have anti-litter ordinances, which are enforced."

Personally, Williams doesn't think the plastic-bag problem is that bad. "I've worked in 23 different countries, most of them in the third world. And comparatively speaking, the litter problem [here] isn't anywhere near what it is in many of them," he says. The County, he says, is concerned, but bags are

a lower priority than, say, recycling food waste and construction and demolition materials. "Our way is through educational programs," he says. "We're spending \$175,000 — 12 percent of the recycling budget — in education

programs, including 60 presentations to schools, and billboards."

And yet, Williams says, he recognizes that "100 percent" of plastic bags eventually make it to the ocean and that that can be a dangerous thing. "If a plastic bag takes 500 years to go from the Sycamore Landfill to the ocean, molecules intact, in many cases, the plasti-

cizers are still residual in the final product. And when those plasticizers are released, if they're taken into cells, then it could create problems, because we know that those are problematic."

And the effect on us?

Moore tries to demonstrate the enormity of the problem and the health risks that plastics in the ocean pose for us humans. "The American people weigh approximately 50 billion pounds," he writes on his website, "but 100 billion pounds of plastic resin pellets (the raw materials for consumer plastics) are produced in the U.S. annually...."

"Plastic materials accumulate and concentrate organic chemicals and environmental pollutants up to one million times their concentration in the surrounding

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Why, then, not just ban plastic bags? "If citizens want to ban them," says Williams, "they should make their voices heard. Petition! Use democracy! I work for elected officials. Give them information. These actions need strong grass roots."

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San Francisco has simply banned plastic bags in its supermarkets and chain pharmacies. "Did San Francisco's city government act as a result of popular pressure?" I ask Mark Westlund, spokesman for that city's Department of the Environment.

"No, not at all," Westlund says. "It was driven from the top, and that's what you call political leadership."

San Francisco's elders, under Mayor Gavin Newsom, wanted to get rid of plastic-bag blight, perhaps inspired by Ireland's decision to tax plastic grocery bags, which resulted in a stunning 94 percent reduction in the use of plastic bags at supermarkets. At first Newsom played nice. "We initially did a voluntary agreement with the grocery stores," Westlund says. "We said, 'Can we reduce your bags by ten million over the course of a year?' And we signed agreements at a whole big press show with the mayor and the supervisors and the grocery store representatives. A year goes by, and we'd actually given the grocery stores the format that we needed to have the data in, so that we could verify that it was

accurate. And the year comes by, and we get no data. And we give them two extensions and we get no data. And finally the third time we give them an extension, a couple of stores turn some [data] in. But only

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through the California Grocers Association to amend a state bill-in-the-making (AB-2449) intended to curb plastic-bag use. The supermarkets and the plastic-bag makers “succeeded in amending that bill so no city could charge a fee on bags and no city could ask the stores how many plastic bags they use,” says Westlund. “That shot directly at the deal we’d made with them. So we couldn’t really extend our deal, and no other city could do anything like it. I think it was that fact

alone that created the political will amongst our city fathers to push through this ban on plastic grocery bags. It was ‘We can’t do voluntary agreements, and we can’t charge a fee. I guess we’re going to have to ban them.’

“So we gave them six months before the ban took effect for the markets, and within that six months, the stores started finding alternative supplies, and most stores were compliant before the ban even took effect. They had paper and cornstarch plastic

[compostable] bags and, of course, reusable bags for sale.”

Other cities tried to follow San Francisco’s lead. But they had not only the California Grocers Association but also

“In 1979, the tonnage of plastic outstripped the tonnage of steel.”

the American Chemistry Council, a trade association, to contend with. Oakland’s attempt foundered on these groups’ insistence that the

environmental impact of using paper bags be studied before a plastic-bag ban be allowed to proceed. Meanwhile, other West Coast cities, including Seattle, Malibu, and Manhattan Beach, have

decided to ban or charge — in Seattle’s case — for plastic bags. L.A. plans to too. Chula Vista’s Steve Castañeda has been urging his four

fellow councilmembers to take action.

It may seem like just another greens-versus-corporate America tussle, but many see this as a bellwether fight for a paradigm shift in America: whether America “gets it,” that a profligate energy-consuming lifestyle can’t continue. And it comes down to a simple but perhaps life-changing act: choosing between using plastic bags at the supermarket and taking your own cloth bags.

Dave Heylen, spokesperson for the California Grocers Asso-

ciation, says it should be voluntary. No government mandates. “Actually, the way the City of San Francisco did it was it wasn’t an outright ban on plastic bags,” he says. “It was called a ‘compostable bag mandate,’ which meant that grocers had the option of either using a compostable plastic bag, which could go into the city’s compost program, or use a paper bag, or provide reusable bags for sale to consumers.”

Of course, Heylen’s members had no desire to pay maybe five cents

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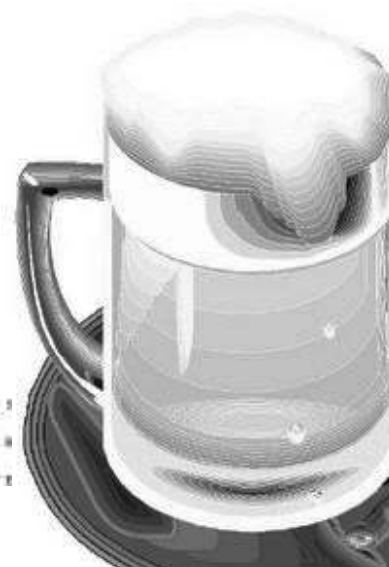
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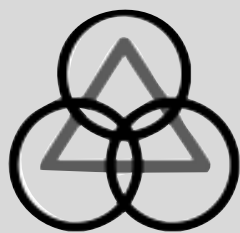
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and hauls it off to the municipal compost heap. (In fact, the grocers never took to the compostable plastic bags. Both sides disliked them. They weren't strong enough for the grocers, and composters complained that the bags took three times as long to break down as the compost scraps. The beach crowd complained that the corn-oil plastic bags decomposed only in compost-style 115-degree heat; in the cool ocean, they were as long lasting as ordinary plastic.)

But for the rest of the state, "voluntary" remains the key word for grocers. "We support AB-2449 — to reduce the amount of waste in the waste stream through either recycling or not using any bags but using your own reusable bag," says the Grocers Association's

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- **1982** Kroger and Safeway start to replace traditional [bags] with polyethylene “T-shirt” bags.

- **1990** Consumer plastic bag recycling begins through a supermarket collection-site network.

- **1992** Nearly half of U.S. supermarkets have recycling available for plastic bags.

- **1996** Four of five grocery bags used are plastic.

“We call them urban tumbleweeds,” ...says Elizabeth Willes. “But they’re lethal tumbleweeds.” Willes is the driving force behind the Surfrider Foundation’s push to get Encinitas to become the first city in San Diego County to ban plastic bags. “A Surfrider chapter recently found a baleen whale that had starved to death because once they get plastic in their system it doesn’t pass. And it had six square meters of plastic bags in its stomach. They look a lot like jellyfish, suspended in the water, so

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“I walk my dogs in Encinitas, and you’d be surprised at the amount

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the lowest-grade plastic, and, two, most people just use them once and toss them. It’s not only a waste of oil, but they never go away!”

Willes is a real estate

lawyer by day. “But I’m also a surfer and environmentalist. I got involved with Surfrider. My main goal is outreach, to alert and energize people. We’re going

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bags are going down!"

During the spring she was instrumental in gathering signatures for a plastic-bag petition. "It's a very simple petition showing that citizens of Encinitas support trying to reduce the amount of plastic bags that are used, whether that's in an outright ban or some kind of voluntary reduction." She managed only around half of her goal of 3000 signatures by the time Encinitas Environment Day (June 8) was over but still got a sympathetic hearing from city councilmembers Maggie Houlihan and Teresa Barth. On June 11, Surfrider presented the petition to the council, which sent it to the Encinitas Environmental Committee to give it a 90-day review. "We talk about a needless blight on the landscape that could [disappear]," says

Willes, "if people just used the little effort of using a reusable bag. And you [could save on] a lot of costs to the city, such as cleaning up storm drains clogged by plastic bags."

She realizes that it sounds very Encinitas. And that a ban sounds like one more govern-

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July 2011. If the goal is not met, retailers would have to charge a 25-cent-per-bag fee, the proceeds of which would be used for plastic-bag cleanup efforts, recycling, and waste reduction.

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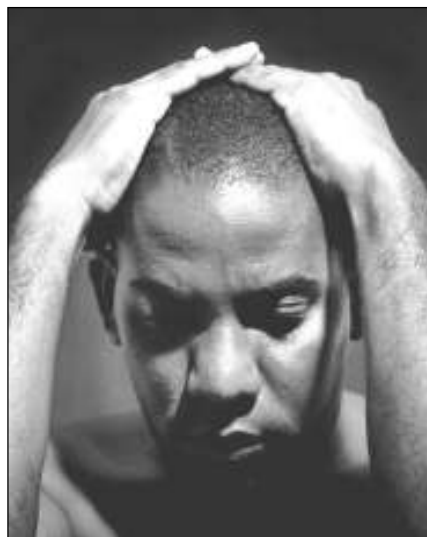
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support the bill. San Diego is noticeable by its absence.)

But doesn't this smell of middle-class antismoking campaigns that resulted in ever-higher taxes on cigarettes, which mainly affected the poor? "No way," says Willes. "When Heal the Bay [foundation] went into low-income communities, looking for support for a plastic-bag ban in Santa Monica, what they found was that it's kind of a social justice issue. The amount of trash that is found in low-

income communities versus the more affluent is just out of sight. And plastic bags are a huge part of that blight. And so they found there was a lot of support for reducing the use of plas-

tic, in order to encourage people there to not use plastic bags anymore."

She says response to the petition to ban plastic bags in Encinitas was guarded among the

"The Chinese have banned giveaway plastic bags."

tic. So Surfrider has bought several thousand reusable bags that we [are] planning to distribute in low-income communities in San Diego [over] the sum-

business community but "very, very positive" among its coastal dwellers. Of course, these are people who use the ocean and see firsthand how it has become

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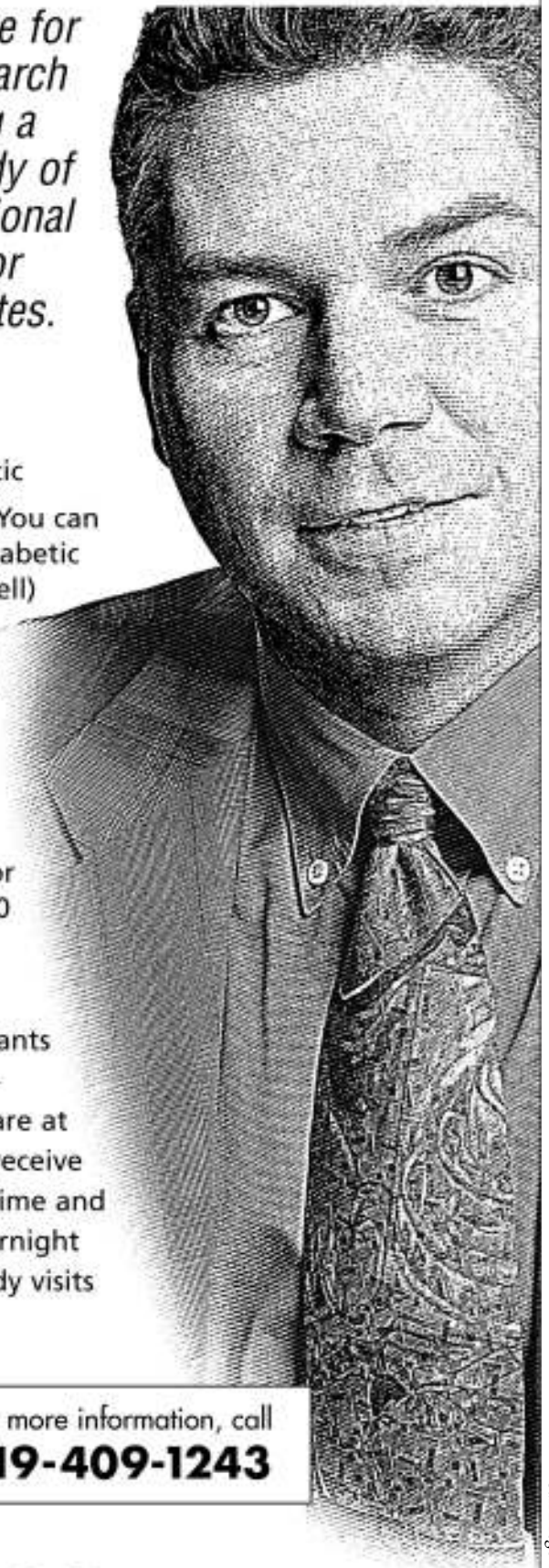
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"We hope people will go back to a simpler way of life with less of a plastic footprint, less of a carbon footprint, that's more sustainable," says Willes. "Because the amount of petroleum that we use for our lives right now is not sustainable. With the price of gas, I hope people will realize the connection."

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Over these past ten years, he has returned many times to check on the effects of the plastic-garbage epidemic on the fish out there. The 2007

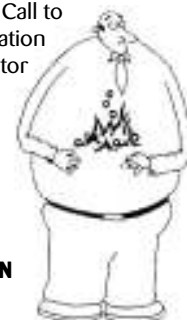
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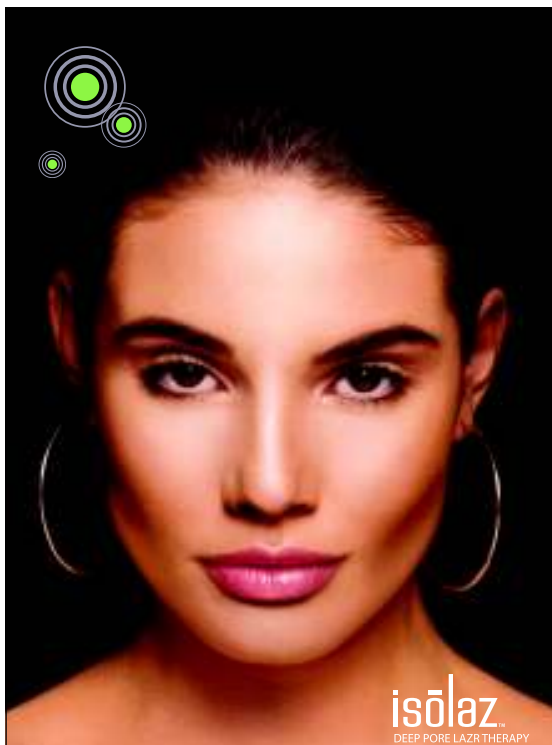
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incident wasn't the worst. In 2000, "When I dove into the water, I swam right into a ten-mile stretch of shopping bags. They had spilled off a ship."

He had been looking for fish, especially the lantern fish. "What you see is these tiny little creatures frantically night feeding on plankton. The dawn is their enemy. They become visible. They're food for predators if they hang around. They've got to have an internal clock that lets them know, just before dawn, to swim down so deep that no light can penetrate. These fish, if you look at them, have huge eyes. At night you see them, as big as your middle finger, darting everywhere. They're engaged in a frantic effort to put on fat. Especially, we found that males and females in a reproductive phase

are eating not just plankton but the little white balls, remains of plastic bags, which they mistake for plankton. The female is creating eggs and the male is creating sperm, so the demands for nutrients are increased. So they become less selective. When you see this desperate feeding going on, I just had a gut feeling — before I actually got back to the lab and our ichthyologist opened them up — that we were going to find plastic in them. But I had no idea we'd find such a high percentage of each species impacted and with so many pieces of plastic."

Earlier this year, he and his team collected and brought back over 500 fish. "The most common are lantern fish — myctophids. Over 50 percent had plastic in their stomach,

and one tiny fish [two and a half inches long] had 84 pieces of plastic inside him."

The garbage, he says, gradually spins in from the coasts of Asia and North America. "These subtropical gyres — called gentle maelstroms, that sweep the coasts and bring the trash out into the center — cover 40 percent of the world's oceans."

So what is this "garbage patch" like? Could it coalesce into an island? "What we found on our latest trip was this so-called garbage patch is like the cemetery where the stuff goes to die, but the line of hearses waiting to get into the cemetery is longer and has more caskets than the cemetery itself. We found more pollution on the way to that [spot] near the international date-

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Not that you'd notice it from the air: this plastic mainly floats like a soup of tiny particles, in a deep vertical layer below the surface, but not below the levels where plankton floats to catch the sunlight and its predators come to feed.

He concedes that people sometimes overestimate the damage caused by man. "But in the case of plastic, we may be underestimating it. That's the worry. The future is pretty bad. I'm looking at some figures: In 1999, at station number six, we rolled up 1210 particles out on the ocean. In 2008, that same exact transect, we went to the exact same coordinates and patrolled it again. And the [plastic particle count] went from 1210 to 4588. And that makes sense to me. Because in 1988, [colleague] Dr. Robert H. Day went out, and the worst he could find was one-third of the amount we found. And since then, it has multiplied four times."

The effect, he says, reaches far beyond plastic in fishes' stomachs. "It's becoming increasingly like shade cloth. As we're adding more plastic to the ocean, it's shading the ocean below it more, creating more and more shade. Which is interrupting the sequestration of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which occurs more in the ocean than anywhere else because the plant life in the ocean is the largest sink for carbon dioxide. We're inevitably going to interrupt the natural cycle."

Broken-down pieces of plastic bags are sponges for DDT, PCBs, and other oily pollu-

tants. "They can absorb up to a million times the level in the ambient seawater. When we surveyed the ocean with our nets and trawled and collected samples,

we were finding that the [plastic ingestion] by these fishes was much worse than we expected. It's pretty clear now where it's going, which is the fishes, the main

food leading up to the fish that we eat. You've got these poison pills with all these pollutants absorbed into them now making the link to the basic food for the

predatory fish, which are our favorites: mahi-mahi — the dolphin fish — and the tuna. They're eating tons of these myctophids — lantern fish — and the

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industrial pollutants. Anyone who has their own body analyzed will find that they have a body burden of industrial chemicals unknown before the 1950s, numbering in the hundreds. Thin plastics make up a significant percentage of all the debris that's out there. The bags occupy a disproportionately large part of the pollution. I think it's because they are so easily carried by the wind."

A study Moore did in 1999, published in the *Marine Pollution Bulletin* in 2001, found six times more plastic fragments by weight in the central Pacific than zooplankton. A second paper he published found that even in the surface waters off Southern California plastic outweighs plankton by a factor of 2.5. Next year he'll conduct a tenth-anniversary



Sea turtle eating plastic

study of his original test areas at the heart of the gyre. After a decade of carrying out ocean and coastal sampling for plastic fragments in over 20,000 miles of the north Pacific Ocean, he suspects this study will sharply delineate increases in the presence of those bags we hold as such icons of our lifestyle.

It was while he was at Puente Hills Landfill,

shooting a documentary with *National Geographic*, that Moore got a dramatic view of one source of much of that gyre's plastic bags. "We were working on *Strange Days on Planet Earth* when I looked up in the sky and I saw birds, maybe 300 or 400 meters up, so they just looked like dots in the sky," he says. "Then I put my binoculars on them, and I realized not only

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were there birds flying up there, there were plastic bags flying up there too. This was part of L.A.'s largest landfill. These things were escaping, even from a well-managed place like [Puente Hills]. It's really not possible to contain them. They're always going to be such volatile components of our waste, they need to be made out of something that won't last forever. Because the material that they're made of now, polyethylene, is not biodegradable. So if you've got to use a thin plastic bag, select one that is going to biodegrade. If you don't, it's going to become a permanent part of the ecosystem."

But even biodegradable plastic bags, he says, are not the answer. "If we continue to make it a policy that single-use throw-away containers are to be preferred, then biodegradables will end up on the street and in the gutters. And as they slowly degrade, they will clog up our trap stations that control litter."

Has the world sat up and paid attention to this? "Al Gore has made headlines helping us understand the threat to our own survival from the atmosphere. But an ecological crash on an oceanic scale similar to what we're facing in the atmosphere? I don't think the government is ready or has the energy to tackle the global threat to the oceans. But it is indeed global. At least half of the oceans have become a plastic soup."

What we have to realize, Moore says, is that we have entered the age of plastic. "We did it in 1979, when the tonnage of plastic outstripped the tonnage of steel."

What's beyond plastic? "We don't know what the next phase is. All we know is we're now becoming aware

that we *need* the next phase. We need a new approach to our use of materials that doesn't threaten our survival. This present way does."

Others go further. Curtis Ebbesmeyer, a

world expert on flotsam and a colleague of Moore's, told the *Seattle Times' Pacific Northwest* magazine that plastic could spell the end of man. "If you could fast-forward 10,000 years


and do an archeological dig, a core sample down through the beach, you'd find a little line of plastic," he says. "What happened to those people? Well, they ate their own plastic and dis-

rupted their genetic structure and weren't able to reproduce. They didn't last very long because they killed themselves.... Mother Nature is writing to us...and if we don't lis-

ten, it's very easy for her to get rid of us."

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cate and member of a group called Campaign Against the Plastic Plague. The longtime San Diegan says the plastic-bag plague is being — at last — successfully attacked by using the same weapon that floored the Ku Klux Klan: going for the bank-account jugular.

"It's happening all over the world," Anthony says. "The Chi-

nese have banned give-away plastic bags. Apparently they get in the gutters and clog up the sewage. The cost of cleanup was somewhere around 25 cents a bag. And they say the move will save China millions of barrels of oil each year."

Anthony reckons if Ireland and China can banish plastic-bag giveaways, that's the least

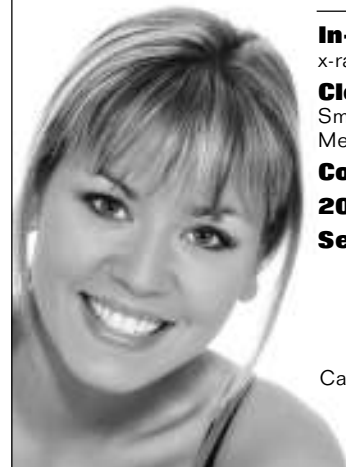
San Diego should do. "People say bans don't work," says Moore. "But look at smoking. It's cut down secondhand cancers tremendously. It's a very good thing to do, to ban harmful practices. People just don't get the harm of these bags like I do. But they're not out on the ocean all the time."

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The future's already here in Hillcrest. Even if cities don't get their acts together, individual stores can. On Earth Day (April 22) this year, the Whole Foods store, along with its 269 fellow stores across the U.S. and Canada, opened up as maybe San Diego's first plastic-bag-free zone. Their unilateral action has sent a ripple through the more conventional supermarkets. "Yes, we're ordering about 30 percent more paper bags every day," says Mike Gaby, who's listed as the Hillcrest store's "front-end team leader," "but we're getting near to 50 percent of customers bringing their own bags. Just since Earth Day. It's incredible. They've really got the spirit. So that somewhat offsets the extra costs, even though we give back a nickel to each customer who

brings their own bag. And," he says with eyes shining, "from Earth Day through the end of the year, we estimate that we're going to be taking a million plastic bags out of the environment, in two-thirds of a year."

Of course, Whole Foods customers tend to be prosperous and eco-minded. They're used to loading their take-out salads into a pannier made of, uh, bulrushes and being handed biodegradable spoons and forks made out of potatoes (guaranteed to biodegrade in 90 days). The store boasts pretty much zero waste going to the landfill, and the checkout clerks seemed to like the extra space on the checkout counter (no more plastic bags floating around all over the place) and prefer the "stand-up" qualities of the paper and cloth

bags. Question is, how well would the economics work in a Ralphs or Vons, where the profit margins are probably much tighter?

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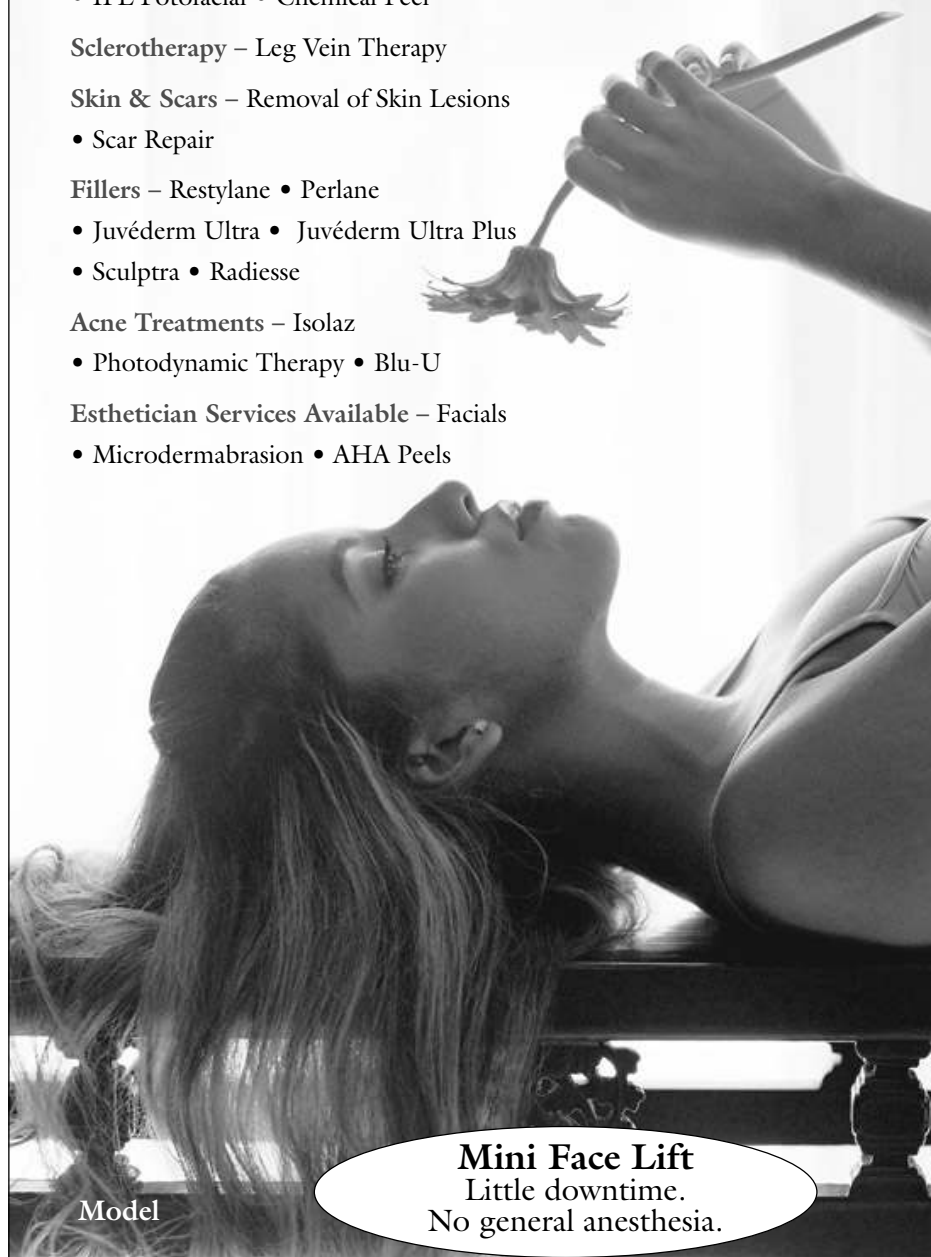
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FRIDAY, June 13, 1856: "Oh the words then thrilled me. You said you loved me a long time...asked if I would be your wife."

Her "cool but cheering" answer: "Yes, my love, yours forever, till death separates us."

SATURDAY, June 14, 1856: Maurice went to the Jacobses' home in Old Town. Since Victoria's father Mark, a San Diego merchant, was out of town, Maurice asked

her mother Hannah for her daughter's hand. Hannah said the decision was Victoria's.

"I gave my answer willingly. It was sealed with a token of pure love — a kiss."

They walked to Maurice's nearby home and sat on the sofa "to commune with our own hearts there. Oh, I felt the arm encircling my waist, which will protect me through life. I will guard my dear Maurice like a little angel, ministering to all his wants. We spoke a little while afterwards, then took dinner and walked home."

Born in Manchester, England, Victoria Jacobs came to San Diego in 1851. Like Franklin's, her Polish-Jewish family was deeply religious. Franklin, from Liverpool, bought his brother Lewis's general merchandise store, Tienda California, on the west side of Old Town Plaza. He sold dry goods, foodstuffs, liquor, crockery, glassware, and iron works.

Seen from Point Loma, San Diego in 1856 was a cluster of tile-roofed, sun-bleached adobe structures at the foot of a treeless, straw-covered hill. The town was the site of fiestas and public hangings. Less than five years earlier, bands of natives led by Antonio Garra attempted a blanket assault on the region. In 1852, as foreman of the county grand jury, Lewis Franklin wrote a report on local conditions:

no public sanitation, "rampant vice and crime," a "slipshod" city jail — and mayor.

But Jacobs, whose nine-month-long diary describes daily life 150 years ago, rarely writes about dangers, or even anti-Semitism. Miss Victoria's in love.

SATURDAY, June 28, 1856: Her birthday. "Received the congratulations of my brothers and sisters. But the congratulations of my betrothed was sweeter than any. The heart that uttered these words beat in unison with my own."

TUESDAY, July 8, 1856: Maurice "was talking about going to Los Angeles and asking me if I would forget him and asking me also if I would think of him at night. Gives me a kiss and bids us all good-bye till morning. Oh, the words thrilled me. Did he doubt me for a moment — that as soon as he goes away I will forget him?"

SUNDAY, July 13, 1856: A month after Maurice proposed, they rode again to Fisher's ranch. Along the way, "[D]ear Maurice talked to me of things which I will have to know sooner or later."

THURSDAY, September 11, 1856: Maurice, who went to New Town (present-day San Diego) on business the day before, "has not been here at all today. I do not consider it right when a gentleman is courting a lady — he is duty bound either to state the reason beforehand or to send an excuse for not coming. I do not know the reason. He ought to have come up first to say good morning, but did not even send a messenger to ask how I am."

Two days later, Maurice bought two muskmelons for Victoria. "After, we walked to my future home, cut the melons, and



Sam Wesley Cameron

tasted thereof, and walked home to tea."

On September 15, Maurice drove a herd of cattle to Los Angeles in the rain.

SUNDAY, September 28, 1856: "This week has been one...of anxiety to me because I am expecting Maurice here every day and he has not come because of business."

SUNDAY, October 5, 1856: "Arrival of my dear Maurice after an absence of three weeks today, from me. I was glad to see him again, to look at him and ask him two or three questions."

They dined that night at her "future home."

SUNDAY, November 30, 1856: "Maurice has gone to Santa Ysabel to try and sell his cattle. He came up here for to bid me goodbye, but did not bid any of the members of the family. When he comes back I am going to ask why."

MONDAY, December 1, 1856: "I am busy sewing and thinking of you, dear Maurice."

QUOTATIONS

1. Fanny Jacobs (after Victoria's death): "Victoria! sweet sister, thy soul is at rest, / Thy troubles and trials are o'er. / Thy lifeless, thy pulseless, immovable breast, / Is heaved by affliction no more."

2. Sam's diary, misquoting George MacDonald's *Phantasies*, November 3, 1890: "Alas how easy things go wrong, / A word too much or a kiss too long; / And there cometh a wind and a blinding rain / And

life is never the same again."

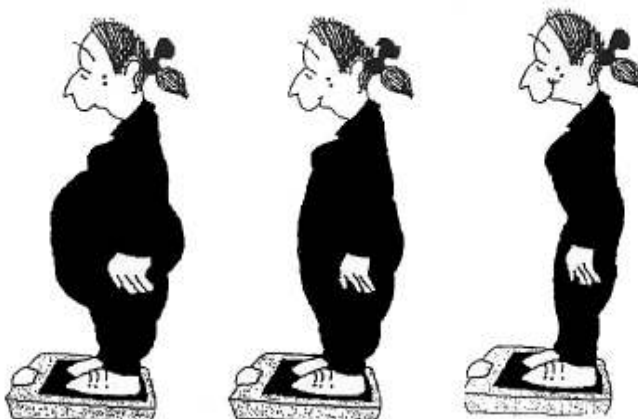
3. Editors of Sam Cameron's diary: "In the process of readying this rare piece of San Diego County history for publication, we all fell in love with Sam."

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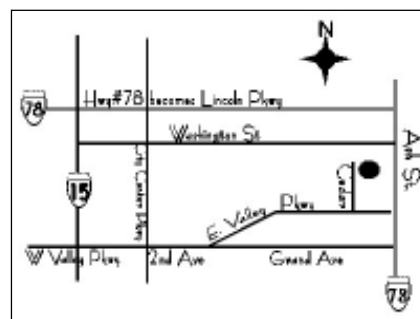
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FRIDAY, February 20, 1857: in her final entry, Jacobs wrote, "Yesterday afternoon, I and Maurice went out riding to get a little fresh air and change of scene."

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JANUARY 24, 1878:

"TRC [his father, Thomas R. Cameron] has gone to town today and left me alone in my glory."

MARCH 6, 1878 (still at Otay Mesa): "I have nothing to read. Am awful lonesome, hardly now what to do with myself."

MAY 7, 1878: "I am about sick of sheep camp. I long for some thing new. I have not saw a man or heard a bit of news in a week. If I stay here much longer I will be [a candidate] for the loonitick silam. Eny one with half an eye can see that I was not born to be a hermit."

"Sheep herding is pretty much the same as penitence. He must be with them day and night. If they ever get out of his site they will not stop this side of kingdom come. Ba ba fifty thousand bas may be music for some but no charm for me."

Sometime between February 26 and March 19, 1879, he met a woman, most likely in San Diego. He put this entry on a facing page of the diary:

"She is as pretty

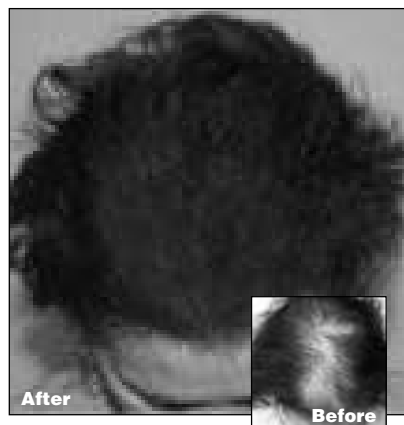
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Ere long then I will
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No more
XXX
S.W.C. that is me.”

APRIL 4, 1879: “Got to the camp to day. Every thing OK. Of all the things that I love best is a little _____ An a starry night.”

DECEMBER 18, 1879 (on the mesa): “Take a young man and put him in a sheep camp and leave him thar alone, month after month, in time he will think that thar is only one damn fool on this earth and that fool is him self.”

FEBRUARY 4, 1880: “I have got the blues to day, but I will stand it and think of the good times coming by and by.

“Evening. The son is setting. Another day num-bered with the past. I would not live all ways.”

AUGUST 16, 1880: “I am not very handsom I know,

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FEBRUARY 25, 1881: “Last Christmas I was at one of the best dances that you never saw in Motiquwhat [now Cameron Valley]. Fun, lots of it. Wickey, a little. Some not much.”

MARCH 6, 1881: “To

day I feel like giving up the ghost and going on a trip to explore the mistereys of the great here after.”

APRIL 1, 1881: “Fool April. I fooled myself to day because I had no one els to fool.”

APRIL 21, 1881: “2 day I am in need of a good _____. You know how it is your self when you feel that way.

“I have been alone in the camp for the last 10 days. I do not know when the governor [his father] will come. And I dont give a damn. That is me. Inde-pendent as a hog on ice. If I cant stand up I can lay down.”

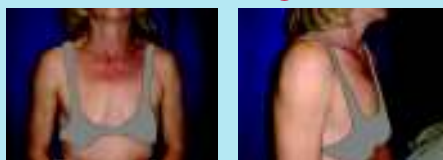
JULY 1882: [copied a letter he wrote to his sister Jane] “My dear sister. I guuess you think that I am high toned because I did not write but I am not. I would a wrote B 4 now but I did not have eny thing to write only that I was well and you know that.”

Between March 1883 and October 1885, Sam didn’t keep a diary. During that time, his family switched

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JULY 5, 1888: "I went to the dance at Potrero last night. And it was a pretty good dance. There was lots of girls and we kept it going all night till brode day light. . . . No one started a fight so we got along fine. *All is well that ends well.*"

DECEMBER 25, 1888: "There was a big dance last night at Pete McCain's house. But I did not get there. Once again I missed a good dance. A man can not take in all the good things. He would be a hog if he tried to. I put on a cleen pare of socks and shaved. I feel about as well as if I had went to the dance. *What must be will be and what wont be will never come to pass.*"

JANUARY 1, 1889: "New Years day. On this day lots of young fellow promise to turn over a new leaf, and be good boys in the future. But at the end of the year thay find them selves deeper in the mud than they was before. I never make promises. I tend to my own affairs, let other peoples business alone and go on and say nothing. . . . I hate to grow old as bad as any one. But I would like to know how I will stand at the end of the year. I would give a year of my life to know. But no doubt I will find out all in good time. But there is several little things I would like very well to know."

One might have been his financial status. In October of 1889, his father took Sam's cattle to town and sold them for \$140, "a very small pile for a year's work," especially since he made more when he worked for wages, from fifty cents to a dollar a day.

OCTOBER 17, 1889: [Then] I had a dollar to spend once in a while. But now never."

He preferred self-employment because other people "made me get up before day and out to work. Now I don't get up till the sun sets the example."

MARCH 24, 1890: Sam's brother Charles married Rachel Dukes. "He has done what all men should do. Take unto themselves a wife, and live right. It is contrary to nature to live a

batchlor. It is unnatural to live alone. Even the Bible says take onto your self a wife. There is nothing like having some one to sleep with."

MAY 8, 1890: "Braded some on a reata [long-noosed lariat]. I like to brade

on rainy days."

JULY 3, 1890: "I was at the dance at Potrero on the 27th and it was good, very good. Every [husband] took thar wives, that is those that had one. I did not take mine because I have not got any.

I saw a certain female at the dance that I would like to make a wife out of. I would take her for better or worse in a minute if she would have me. I am going to ask her about it one of these fine days. I have a inward feeling

that she will say no. I verily believe my name is mud."

SEPTEMBER 19, 1890: Took his cattle to the slaughterhouse. "I sold only 7 head of beef steers and one calf. My money this year was only \$140.69. And that is pretty

good. Just .69 cents more than last year. . . . That's all right, who is a kicking. No I. But how does that look like getting married? I believe it look a little slim. But it is all the same for damn my American self. I hope to get ther

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Sometimes Sam wrote old adages or homilies (italics his):

APRIL 16, 1891. “If you want to feel right, do right.” “In marriage, prefer the person before wealth, virtue before beauty, and the mind before the body; and then you have a wife, a friend and a companion.”

MARCH 4, 1892: “The first day of March 1892. The day of the week was Tuesday. Will be a date long remembered by me. I wish I could forget it. But can I. If I could, if only I could. I must forget it. It will be all the same bye and bye. Every thing is for the best. What must be will be.”

Between 1892 and 1903, Sam only wrote 20 entries in his diary. His final one — August 7, 1903 — recorded the death of his mother.

EPILOGUE In 1859, Victoria Jacobs and Maurice Franklin moved to San Bernardino, where he opened a pharmacy and a photography studio. She bore him two sons, Abra-

ham and Selim. On November 12, 1861, Victoria died giving birth to a third child, who also died. She was 23.

Sam Cameron died in his sleep October 13, 1926. He never married.

Interviewed for the Mountain Empire Historical Society, Beth Narens recalled: Sam’s “father passed away many, many years ago and then he lived with his mother on over in the old house, where that pear tree is over there. After many long years, old Sam became pretty much of a hermit.” ■

— Jeff Smith

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"Ghetto" is not an adjective because it's a place that does not fit one description. There is a popular assumption that a ghetto is only a crime-ridden, gang-infested, dirty, scary place — no doubt a result of the news and TV bombarding us with such edited imagery. Or maybe you've had a negative experience that exemplified the rule, while the positive one proved to be the exception. That's exactly how stereotypes work. Perhaps partially true, but never the truth.

The truth is that I can sit outside at Chicana Perk Café and have a latte and an intellectual conversation with another local — an exchange that might just surprise a La Jollan. Though within the same hour I can walk down 25th and see a teenager with a shiny silver gun in his hand in broad daylight — ready to shoot if he has to. Yelling and screaming, sirens and gunshots are not uncommon here.

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parts of the city. Emissions from heavy freeway traffic and industrial pollution create heightened environmental hazards. Statistically, more of us have asthma than those who live just two miles north.

Our schools suffer as well. It seems that disconnected first-year teachers get their credentials here, then move on to "better" and brighter areas — tragic in a place where lack of a good education likely means consecutive life sentences of menial labor.

Speaking of life sentences, we have a precarious relationship with the police here, too. They are more our enemies than our friends — though they are both. They often appear enemies because we are aggressively treated as guilty before proven innocent; friends on those rare occasions when they actually protect us from dangerous criminal elements.

But that's enough of the negative stereotype that's already been beaten and washed into our brains by TV, movies, and video games. That's enough of the ingrained image that prevents us from sifting through popular propaganda. This media madness has turned the word "ghetto" into an adject-



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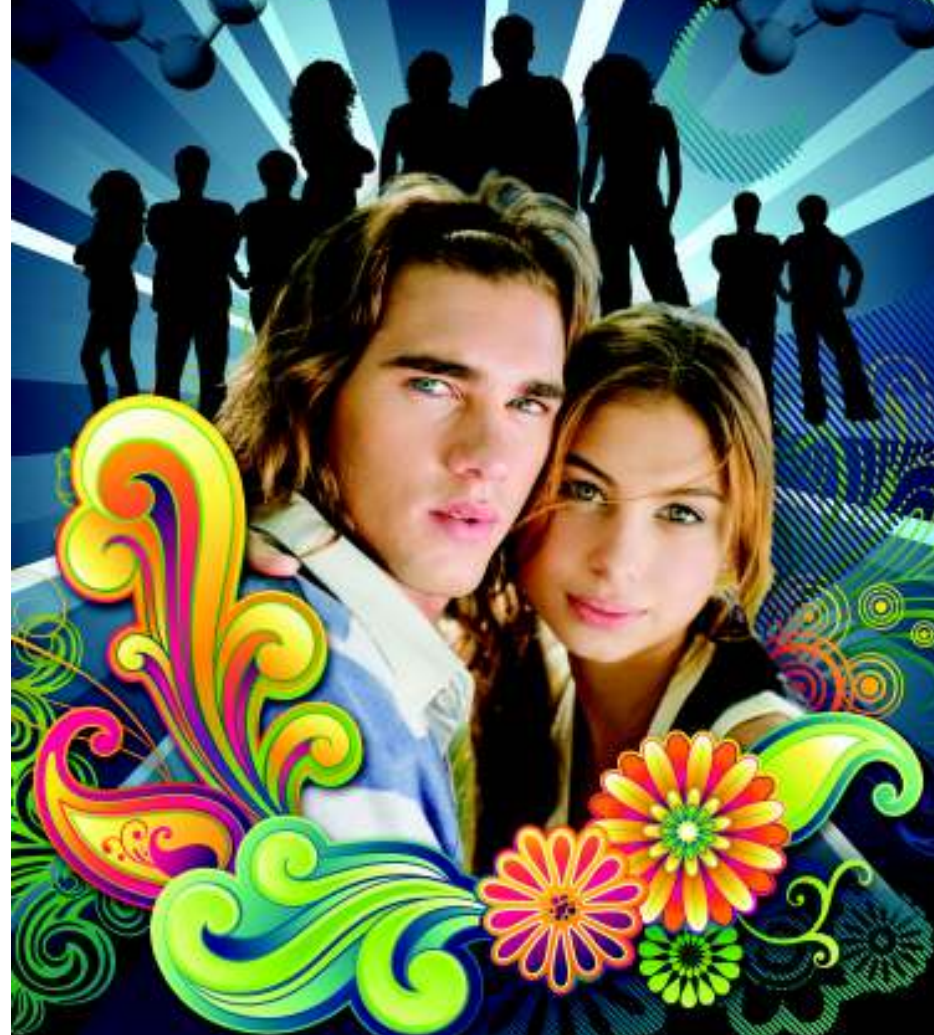
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tive. When I hear a blonde teenie-bopper from *The O.C.* utter the word “ghetto” in disdain to describe her damaged or dirty Mercedes, I know that she has never been to one. When I hear my students calling everything from their backpacks to their scuffed shoes “ghetto,” I know that they have also been brainwashed. TV’s trickle-down effect, I suppose. But this kind of linguistic ghetto-nomics affects those in Logan much more adversely than it does *The O.C.* In *The O.C.* it’s a flippant adjective that happens to be trendy. In the ’hood, it’s an everyday reality. Unfortunately, its popular use creates borders between you and me. Its negativity permeates almost everything we see and hear in this ghetto neighborhood.

However, this is what I see that doesn’t fit the stereotypical description. I see fam-



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ilies walking happily together down the street. I see kids playing soccer, expressing dreams with their favorite international teams in mind. I see the foot traffic of young and old, eating ice cream on a hot afternoon. I see strangers greeting each other, smiling and laughing by the trolley stop. I see houses painted vibrant colors that subur-

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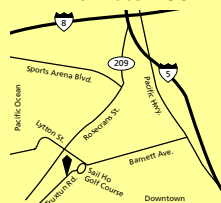
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praised — long before a bor-
der wall was even conceived.

Yes, the roots of this
ghetto community were here
long before the word "ghetto"
came into existence in 16th-
century Europe. "Ghetto"
was originally used to describe
the segregated Jewish neigh-
borhood in Venice. As the
reader may well know, those
of the Jewish faith became
pariahs in the midst of a

Europe controlled by Chris-
tendom. Though victims of
persecution and discrimi-
nation for centuries, the Jew-
ish ghettos created condi-
tions for increased solidar-
ity, economic and cultural
strength. Did we forget the
positives, or have we been
completely blinded to them?

If not the mainstream
media, I hope the kids in this
and all so-called ghetto com-
munities learn the roots of
their words (i.e., history),
and discover that their per-
ceptions are often stereo-
types that have little or no
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sitting and writing in a ghetto
in San Diego. It is one of
many ghettos — often sep-
arated, misrepresented, or
ignored. I am in a *favela*. I
am in a slum. They are almost
everywhere and they are
many things — but not adjectives.
I am not sitting in a
"ghetto" chair as I write this.
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tantly, it is far more com-
fortable, full of character,
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Hills is stale and pale. It would
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simply to say that this
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LETTERS

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Feature Story by John Brizzolara

Published September 3

Posted by kathyp on September 4, 2:18 p.m.

What a beautiful tribute, John...brought me to tears all over again, where I've been frequently ever since hearing about Chuck's death. Those of us in the San Diego bookselling community, and all bibliophiles who knew him, and all who became readers because of what they encountered upon entering the magical emporium that is Wahrenbrocks, mourn the passing of one of the last, truly great "bookmen," but even more, the loss of the wonderful man whom you describe so movingly. Chuck started me on my Edward Gorey collection over 25 years ago, and shared many wonderful stories about him with me as we added to my library over the years. Thanks for sharing your memories and writing such a beautiful

homage. Kathlyn H. Stewart (Gargoyle Books)

Posted by dgwillbooks on September 5, 11:12 p.m.

Dear John,

Thank you so much for this very beautiful tribute to our beloved Chuck Valverde, the godfather and dean of San Diego booksellers. We put a copy of your article in our front window.

Dennis

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La Jolla

City Lights by Don Bauder

Published September 3

Posted by Fred_Williams on September 3, 4:05 p.m.

"Hoax" is exactly the word to describe this misleading initiative.

If this one passes, San Diego should declare immediate bankruptcy. With crooks like these running our downtown, it's doomed.

Posted by a2zresource on September 3, 6:56 p.m.

If this initiative is doomed to fail, then it is the right time for it to fail.

It is likely that this initiative will be a referendum on

this city's ability to rein in CCDC, SEDC, Blackwater, Sunroad, developers in general, and the assorted consultant-moneychangers who attach themselves onto anything decent and corrupt it beyond recognition before the taxpayers and voters of San Diego.

Posted by dbauder on September 3, 9:15 p.m.

I can just imagine how much money will be thrown into passing this initiative. The international sports council will line up the corporate welfare bucks, even though the Chamber of Commerce says it is against it.

Posted by paul on September 4, 12:36 p.m.

BTW, why is no one talking about the most obvious location for a new stadium; the Miramar dump? It has so many advantages, with none of the drawbacks of the Tenth Avenue terminal. It has good freeway access, plenty of room, and would continue to have lots of productive activity on the 356 days a year that the Chargers wouldn't be there.

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Stadiums are notoriously ugly, but that wouldn't be a problem at Miramar. Over the years the trash would build up and block the view of the ugly stadium with the more aesthetically pleasing sight of a pile of garbage. It would also be a useful analogy for future Charger teams, because we all know what is going to happen to the quality on the field as soon as Spanos gets his new stadium (Can you say "Padres"?). The engineering would be a breeze. As the stadium settles, you could ask the 10k to 20k fans that show up for the games to all sit in whichever section is highest, and the whole thing should level

out. After 20 years or so (apparently the lifespan of a billion dollar stadium) the garbage will be up to the rim, and we can commence filling it in. Alternatively, Spanos can build condos.

It's a win-win for everybody!

Posted by Anon92107 on September 4, 12:45 p.m.

Re "Speaking as a long-time alien archeologist":

Fred, imagine digging up the city dump and wondering why we buried so damned many plastic bags.

We really must perform at least one humane act to be remembered by, by filling plastic bags full of Don's columns and blogs to explain what really happened

so they'll run for their lives and quarantine Earth in fear of the stupidity plague that might still be loose in the environment.

Posted by paul on September 5, 10:25 a.m.

Maybe we can put a prop on the ballot to claim the airspace over city hall and put a deck over it (or perhaps just hermetically seal it?) and then build the new stadium on top of it. I don't see any reason why we couldn't then put a deck on top of the stadium to build condos, and then a deck over the condos to build a sports arena. If we really need a new city hall, it can go above the sports arena. It's what we call in

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computer science “a turtle problem”.

To wit (the Stephen Hawkin version of a much older story):

A well-known scientist (some say it was Bertrand Russell) once gave a public lecture on astronomy. He described how the earth orbits around the sun and how the sun, in turn, orbits around the centre of a vast collection of stars called our galaxy.

At the end of the lecture,

a little old lady at the back of the room got up and said: “What you have told us is rubbish. The world is really a flat plate supported on the back of a giant tortoise.”

The scientist gave a superior smile before replying, “What is the tortoise standing on?”

“You’re very clever, young man, very clever,” said the old lady. “But it’s turtles all the way down.”

Posted by zafiroblue05 on September 5, 12:35 p.m.

Interesting that Shepherd liked Batman Begins but criticizes the drive “heighten, deepen, broaden, lengthen, strengthen the experience” of a movie. That is what the first movie without argument did. (He also criticizes the fake death, which I happen to agree about; but he cannot possibly think Gylenhaal survived the explosion. A better example for his point might be Harvey Dent, though Eckhart has said that he’s really dead. He shouldn’t have had to, though.)

The massive anticipation for the Dark Knight occurred for the following reasons: 1)

It’s Batman, 2) People loved Batman Begins, 3) The Joker is in it, 4) Heath Ledger died. IN THAT ORDER. Ledger made another movie before his death, and despite a huge cast (Johnny Depp, Colin Farrell, Jude Law, etc.), no one is going to see it.

Shepherd’s main point is that movies today fill a quasi-religious or -mythological need, that we need “event movies” that enrapture us all rather than pure story-telling. Come on! Does he really think this is anything new? Let’s make a list, going backward: Titanic, ET, Star Wars, Godfather, Sound of Music, just about anything with Charlton Heston - but let’s say Ten Commandments, Casablanca, Gone with the Wind... etc., etc. Now, to his credit, as I look back through the archives, Duncan isn’t particularly enraptured with any of these movies, but the idea that this phenomenon is new is silly. The only difference, nowadays, is the focus on gross revenues, but that has little to do with quasi-religious devotion to movies but instead with a final acknowledgment of the massive control money has over the movie industry.

(Oh, and as a total aside, it is dumb to say that the gross of a movie of Titanic or the Dark Knight is smaller than that of Gone with the Wind because of inflation. There were no DVDs or home video in the 30s. The best estimate would be to compare tickets sold with tickets sold + DVDs sold, but they might not even have those numbers.)



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Anybody who is first learning how to ride should get a longboard," says skateboarder Brad Harvey. "It's definitely more stable, like a longer snowboard or surfboard would be. Bicyclists think we're nuts when they realize that we're riding our skateboards down the Pacific Coast Highway. We haven't had too many problems with motorists; we mostly try to stay away from them."

While skateboarding on one of his ten-mile rides, Harvey says, "I can get up to 25 or 30 miles per hour without even trying."

LOCAL EVENTS

On Sunday, September 14, Harvey and his friends will host the "PCH Ride." Longboarders will meet at Torrey Pines Beach, take the bus to Carlsbad Village, and skateboard their way back to the beach. Harvey says he skateboards not only for enjoyment and exercise but also to save on gas.

"Skateboards are not permitted vehicles on the street," says Erik Basil, who runs a forum for skateboarders at silverfishlongboarding.com. "We're not even supposed to ride across the street in a crosswalk. These rules are old; they date from the '70s."

Basil says it is the "trick" boards — which are shorter and have small, hard wheels "the diameter of a Rolex watch face" — that cause the most damage to property. "Longboards aren't used for ollies [jumping with the board], grinds [sliding the board sideways down a curb or rail], or kick-flips [spinning the board

while jumping]."

"We've been told that the cops downtown will confiscate the boards," says Harvey. "We parked at Seaport Village and started cruising around and went up Fourth Avenue and one of the bouncers at a bar said you can't be on Fourth or Fifth — the closest you can be is, like, Eighth or Ninth, away from tourists and pedestrian traffic."

The softer wheels on longboards make them quieter on the street. "The point isn't to be 'rebels without a cause' and terrify pedestrians — the point is to go on a long, fun, fast cruise with your buddies," says Basil. "Longboards aren't used to grind things; they aren't used to vandalize. Longboard skaters don't wear black T-shirts with emo haircuts."

Basil always wears a helmet while riding. "The lack of a helmet becomes the mark of the geek," he says. "If you're not skating hard enough to need a helmet, you aren't skating hard enough."

Harvey compares longboarding to surfing. "Like hanging ten — you can hang your ten toes off the nose of the board," he says. "Standing at the very end of the nose will lift the tail of the board up and the back wheels off the ground. It's a balancing maneuver." Longboarders can also "carve" by making "big sweeping turns, like on a snowboard or surfboard."

According to Basil, longboarding tends to be friendlier and more inclusive than surfing. "Many times someone cruising by on a skateboard will start skating with us...until they realize how far we're going," Basil says. "Surfers get territorial about their



Longboarder Eric Moss

waves, but the concrete waves are permanent. That asphalt's not going away, and longboarders are eager to share that wave with everybody else."

According to many skaters, police officers have cracked down on boarding in Pacific Beach since the booze ban took effect. Basil says the general consensus among skateboarders is that cops "didn't have these drunk people to deal with and had to find something else."

Chris Yandall, a skateboard champion since 1974 (when he took first place in the San Diego City Championships at Kate Sessions Park in Pacific Beach) and innovator of "one-foot skating" and skogging (alternating feet to push the board), was arrested on June 17 while on his way to Mission Beach.

"It is harassment," says Basil. "It's like the cops ran out of something to do, even though longboarders are typically more respectful, not doing anything more than transporting across town."

The law tends to ease up around the Action Sports Retailer Trade Show, held three times a year at the convention center.

"Thousands of skateboarders from around the country" converge for the show, says Basil. "The police department is totally cool, as long as you're not doing anything stupid. In my experience, the SDPD treat enforcement issues during ASR on a conduct basis."

In Basil's hometown of La Mesa, he says he is rarely bothered while boarding — in fact, he says officers in his neighborhood are almost supportive. "The night that George W. Bush was reelected, I was skating around on a 60-inch longboard with a giant spotlight clipped onto the front," he recalls. "The SDPD pulled up, and we chatted for a while. By the time we were done they had put their batons away and were skating on my board."

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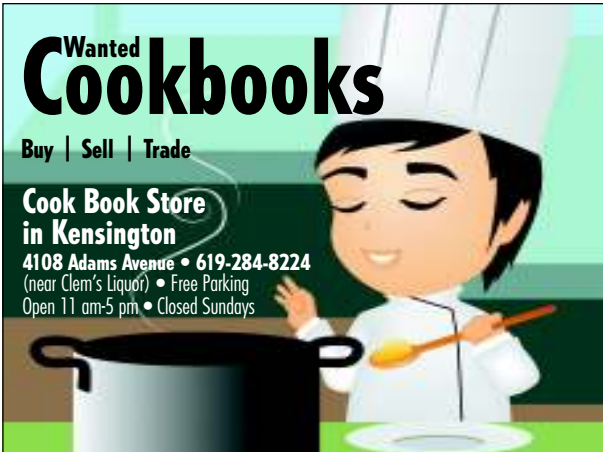
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World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Buddha's Lost Children San Diego premiere of filmmaker Mark Verkerk's documentary "ushers viewers across the threshold into the inner sanctum of a rural Buddhist sanctuary where orphans unlock a wellspring of their hidden potential with the wise and benevolent guidance of former-boxer-turned-monk Phra Khru Bah." 858-454-3541. Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Chicago 10 Brett Morgen's contemporary history explores build-up to and unraveling of the Chicago Conspiracy Trial, which followed 1968 Democratic convention, mixing original animation with archival footage. 619-236-5821. Monday, September 15, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Flow Irena Salinas's documentary focuses on pollution, human rights, politics, and corruption, constructing "an exceptionally articulate profile of the precarious relationship uniting human beings and water." Screening and panel discussion with Iris Engstrand, Maude Barlow, and Mike Dettinger. 619-255-0203. Monday, September 15, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

In Their Own Words: The Untold Stories of the 9/11 Families Now their stories have been told! A small group of activist families emerged to demand answers after 9/11, successfully compelling the creation of the 9/11 Commission. "Most of their questions were never answered." Donation. 619-222-2120. Sunday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Who Is Someguy? Director Andrea Kreuzhage's documentary investigates "the experimental 1000 Journal project by Someguy, a San Francisco artist." In 2000,

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

Diminutive Corral Canyon Park is one of the newer parcels of open space to be added to the archipelago of public lands known as the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. A lazily looping hiking trail traverses the park's grass- and chaparral-covered slopes, inviting your exploration on foot (no mountain bikes allowed, though).

The trailhead is obscure. To get there, you'll need to be going westbound (up the coast from Santa Monica) through Malibu on Pacific Coast Highway. (There is no eastbound access to the trailhead.) At a point 0.6 mile east of Puerco Canyon Road, there's a parking lot on the right for the Malibu Seafood and Deli restaurant, 25623 Pacific Coast Highway, which doubles as the Corral Canyon trailhead. If you reach Corral Canyon Road, you have gone 0.3 mile too far.



Corral Canyon ocean vista

Check out the interpretive plaques at the trailhead and then take off on the trail, which begins by crossing a small area of willow scrub in the often-marshy bottom of Corral Canyon. On the far side, swing left. After 0.1 mile choose the trail on the right that will take you immediately uphill and counterclockwise on a two-mile loop. The beautifully graded pathway curls up a grassy hillside swept by fresh Pacific breezes. Hang-gliding humans on parasailing craft can often be seen drifting lazily to and fro along the shoreline, utilizing those same sea breezes.

At 0.8 mile, you reach a narrow ridge. A false trail goes right up along the top of that ridge, but you stay left, following a more gently graded trail that continues gaining elevation, going north, parallel to the canyon bottom below. By about 1.1 miles, at an elevation of 550 feet above sea level, there's a sharp switchback. You swing left and initiate a zigzagging descent down into the canyon and then alongside the canyon bottom. Keep an eye on the sky for ravens, hawks, or vultures swooping, soaring, and gliding.

Nearing the end of the hike you pass a homesite — a cabin burned like so many others in this wildfire-prone region — with its forlorn chimney still standing. Shortly ahead, you come to the aforementioned split in the trail, a short distance shy of the trailhead.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or

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"3 for \$300 Poetry Slam" Poetry & Art Series 2008 continues with poetry/visual art combination slam for writers, artists, and performers. Winner-takes-all poetry competition with a slight twist: performers who bring and show visual art connected in some way to their poetry earn extra points. Performers are encouraged to use artwork hanging in museum's current exhibit. Winner takes home \$300. Signups start at 6:30 p.m. 619-957-3264. Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Art Institute: Museum of

the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Olio the Show" Jazz "super club-style" variety production, telling story of evolution of jazz through music and dance, African dance and drums, body percussion, tributes to Josephine Baker and Duke Ellington, spoken word, tap dance, spoons, more. 619-869-1663 or 619-232-1480. Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m.; \$30. Black Historical Society Museum of San Diego African American History, 740 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sacred Music, Sacred Dance" Tibetan Monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery hit stage to present

chanting, music, dance. Ensemble is endorsed by the Dalai Lama "as a means of promoting world peace and healing through sacred performing art." 619-570-1100. Sunday, September 14, 3 p.m.; \$25-\$50. Balboa Theatre, 854 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sea of Red" UFC Fighter Jon "War Machine" Koppenhaver and WEC fighter Ed "9mm" Ratcliff plan "meet and greet." Donation. 760-815-3691. Sunday, September 14, noon; \$20. Undisputed Gym Downtown, 16th Street at K Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Speakeasy 1960s" Chronos Theatre Group celebrates "the 1967 Summer of Love with live music and re-enactments of television comedy and drama." 619-615-8928. Saturday, September 13, 7 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. The Hole Bar, 2820 Lytton Street. (POINT LOMA)

"The Naked Comedy Show" There will be no nudity, but "plenty of laughs" promised when improv sketch comedy group Comedy Under Construction performs. 858-550-8088. Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Ages 16 and up. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Kiss My Math Actress and "math genius" Danica McKellar discusses, signs her new pre-algebra book. 858-454-0347. Monday, September 15, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Serve the People: A Stir-Fried Journey through China Journalist, food writer Jen Lin-Liu discusses and signs her new book. 858-454-0347. Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Celtic Spring Variety of music from lands of Celtic Ireland, paired with award-winning Irish and Cape Breton step dancing. Ensemble was *America's Got Talent* finalist. 800-988-4253. Sunday, September 14, 3 p.m.; \$14-\$32. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Combat Journalist Bing West discusses, signs *The Strongest Tribe*, based on five years of reporting on how the war in Iraq "was turned around," and choices now facing

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America. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Conservative Talk-Show Host Glenn Beck "puts a comedic twist on current events and issues facing Americans today." He will be joined by talk show host Rick Roberts, with musical performances by Red Hot Lincoln. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 877-WIN-PALA. Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.; \$12. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

Hillcrest Comedy Headliner is Tim Wilkins, seen on HBO and CBS. Stand-up comedians perform their own material second Sunday of each month. 619-291-8221. Sunday, September 14, 8 p.m.; \$4. Ages 18 and up. Bamboo Lounge, 1475 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Hinges Improv Comedy Show Enjoy long-form skits when group gets "pretty darn silly, crazy, and naughty." Completely different every time. Not "for kids or prudes." 619-414-7723. Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Holiday Inn Express in Old Town, 3900 Old Town Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Open-Mike Wednesdays All types of music comedy, poetry, "whatever." Drum friendly. All ages until 9:30 p.m. Signups start at 6:30 p.m. No cover. 619-447-5665. Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill, 1221 Broadway. (EL CAJON)

Spring Valley Library Fiesta Independence Day celebration includes visit by authors Gracias Molina de Pick and Daniel Revelles, music by Quetzal, unveiling of mural by Sal Barajas. View Tony Gleaton's "Africa's Legacy in Mexico" photographic exhibit. 619-463-3006. Saturday, September 13, noon; Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

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)

LECTURES

"Attorneys as Authors" "Special Speaker Series" gets under way when Deputy D.A. Wendy Patrick Mazzarella focuses on "Reading People: How to Better Understand People and Predict Their Behavior — Anytime, Anyplace," on Monday. California Western School of Law professor William J. Aceves presents "The Anatomy of Torture: A Documentary History of *Filartiga v. Pena-Irala*" on Tuesday.

Retired Judge Norbert Ehrenfreund says, "You Be the Judge: 20 True Crimes and Cases to Solve" on Wednesday. Ehrenfreund's latest book about real-life court cases lets readers decide final verdicts. Series concludes when Thomas Jefferson School of Law professor Aaron Schwabach examines his "Harry Potter and the Unforgivable Curses" chapter in forthcoming book *The Law and Harry Potter*. Authors available to sign books following talks. Required advance registration: 619-531-3900. Monday, September 15, noon; Tuesday, September 16, noon; Wednesday, September 17, noon; ages 18 and up. San Diego

County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Book Learning: Reflections on a Life in Book Arts" San Diego Book Arts lecture by book artist Julie Chen, who will speak about her work both as a maker of limited-edition artists' books and as teacher of book art. She will discuss her observations on connections between artists' books and real life through development of creative process. 858-454-5872.

Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Born a Slave, Died a Pioneer" SDSU anthropology professor Seth Mallios discusses historical significance of Nate Harrison, the first African-American resident of San Diego County in the early 1900s. Mallios and his students have been working to excavate Palomar Mountain site which was home of this legendary pioneer. Reception

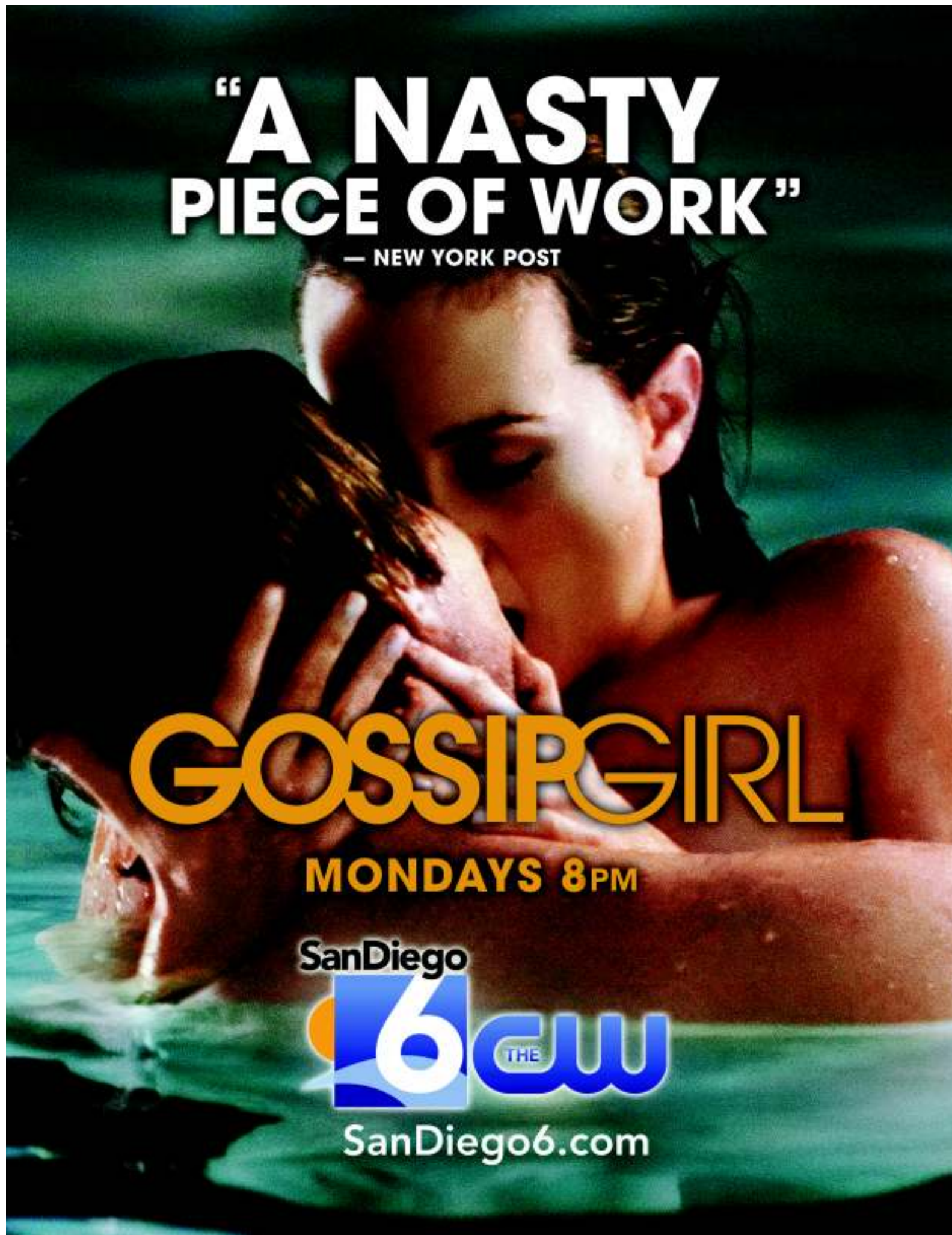
follows. 619-239-2346. Saturday, September 13, 1 p.m.; Christ United Presbyterian Church, 3025 Fir Street. (SOUTH PARK)

"CEQA and Climate Change Workshop" Local Government Commission and California Attorney General's Office host series of workshops. Speakers include top staff from Attorney General Jerry Brown's office, leaders from governor's Climate Action Team, and modeling experts. "How do

we analyze the CO₂ impacts of future development? What mitigation strategies should we employ? How do we undertake the required analysis efficiently and on a limited budget?" Registration: 916-448-1198 x305. Thursday, September 11, 9 a.m.; \$75. Encinitas Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"California Native Plants for the Garden" Bart O'Brien focuses on some well-known and

lesser-known species and cultivars of southern-most California and northwestern Baja California, Mexico (the Mediterranean-climate area) that are ideal for local gardens when California Native Plant Society meets in Casa del Prado room 101 or 104. O'Brien is director of Horticulture at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, with a Master of Landscape Architecture from Harvard. Mystery plants identified. 619-282-3645. Tuesday, September 16, 6:30



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"English Genealogical Resources in the San Diego Family History Center" June Hanson speaks for English Interest Class sponsored by British Isles Genealogical Research Association. Nonmembers welcome. 619-583-8352. Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.; LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Entangoed Memories" Reception for painter Alfredo Antognini's "visual journey from the streets of Buenos Aires to the beaches of La Jolla." Evening promises music by Mesa Classical Guitar Ensemble (5:30-6:30 p.m.), art lecture following reception (at 7 p.m.) in gallery. Through September. 619-388-2829. Thursday, September 11, 4:30 p.m.; Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (MESA COLLEGE)

"Human Rights in Post-Olympics China: Has Anything Changed?" Carroll Bogert, associate director of Human Rights Watch, examines how the Olympic Games impacted human rights in China. Did the Olympics force the Chinese government to expand rights or provide cover for ongoing abuses? Arrive early to view "China's Olympian Human Rights Challenges," a Human Rights Watch photography exhibit. Reception follows lecture in Peace & Justice Theatre. RSVP: 619-260-7509. Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"I Shall Survive" Symposium on commemoration of liberation of the Philippines in 1945. Panelists will share stories and experiences of naval amphibious landings, release of prisoners of war, American youth under occupation, and Filipino guerrillas and Filipino Scouts. Question-and-answer periods follow. 619-239-2300. Wednesday, September 17, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, 2115 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"Online Networking: Promoting and Managing Your Web Presence" Web-savvy SD/PEN members offer simple ways to create a professional Internet presence when group meets. 858-451-3266. Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.; Clairemont Community Room, 4731 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

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"Reptiles and Amphibians of the Lower Tijuana River Valley" Chris Brown, U.S. Geological Survey biologist, presents look at the 17 species of reptiles and 3 species of amphibians found at the Tijuana Estuary. 619-575-3613. Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Sustainable Planet: Water" "Blue Covenant: The Coming Fight for the Right to Water" is topic when Maude Barlow, national chairperson of Council of Canadians, speaks for series. Hear "stories of conflict and triumph as

water warriors around the world demand the right to affordable, accessible, clean water for life." Book signing follows. Required advance registration: 619-232-3821. Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Wine, Celebration, and Power" Wine expert Barbara Baxter returns with another series of talks on interweaving of wine and art through history, complete with wine samples. Series fee: \$90 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. 858-454-5872. Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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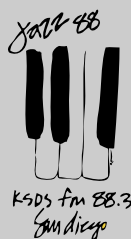
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Carlsbad City Library. Topics include: Getting Started, Record Keeping, Census Records, Wills and Probates, Land Records; tour of genealogy division of Cole Library arranged for later date. Materials provided. Nonmembers welcome. 760-757-0528. Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.; Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Clicker Training for Cats Teach your cat "some fun new behaviors" — like "sit" or "wave good-bye" — during class. Maybe "learn a new and exciting way to keep your cat off the kitchen counter." Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Class is for people only. Friday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Peaceful Parenting Classes Parent education program funded by the First 5 Commission of San Diego and provided by Jewish Family Service of San Diego. Classes are nondenominational, available in both English and Spanish. Classes meet once a week for two hours for six weeks. 858-637-3302. Wednesday, September 17, 6 p.m.; Jewish Family Service — Turk Family Center, 8804 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Winter Tomatoes? "Famous tomato man" Steve Goto presents "easy plans" for harvesting cool-season tomatoes throughout fall and winter months. 858-792-8640. Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.; Cedros Gardens, 330 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

OUTDOORS

The Time of Sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through the background stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about 9 minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about one-half degree per day.

San Diego's Coastal Sage-Scrub Vegetation is now at the very nadir of its growth cycle. Shades of gray and yellow have replaced the bright greens that carpeted many of the still-wild coastal hillsides up until April or May of this year. Sometime within the next two or three months, the first substantial autumn rain will shatter the usual summer drought, and our "summer-deciduous" vegetation could bounce back in a matter of days.

The Full Moon on Monday, September 15, rises a little before sunset, while Tuesday's moon rises perhaps even more majestically from the eastern horizon during the deep gloom of twilight. This a perfect time to take a twilight walk on Harbor Island or Shelter Island, or along the west shore of Mission Bay. September's full moon is often called the "harvest moon" because its rising time changes only a little for several consecutive days centered around the day of full moon. During harvest-moon pe-

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riods of the past, farmers were able to work several late evenings in a row by the unfailing light of the full or nearly full moon. Because weather conditions in September often promote stagnant air and hazy skies, the rising harvest moon often appears pumpkin-like. Its light may be dimmed and filtered while skimming through the atmosphere.

"Red Diamond Rattlesnakes" Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous four-mile hike and discusses rocks, common plants, and rattlers. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 13, 8 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 12, 5:50 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.; Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Night Hike in Peñasquitos Canyon East Naturalist Mike Kelly leads night hike in east end of Peñasquitos Preserve, with chance to see deer, owls, bats, native plants. Bring flashlight, hiking footwear, water, and meet at ranger station in equestrian center. 858-342-8856. Friday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

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Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Relax in Shade of Willows As well as sycamores and cottonwoods along lake trails during guided walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 13, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Sea Kayak Adventures Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts sea kayak adventures. Participants learn basics of ocean kayaking while discovering wonders of La Jolla State Marine Conservation Area and learn about current Scripps research within reserve. Beginners welcome. RSVP: 858-454-6195. Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.; \$60. Ages 10 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Sycamores Model Autumn Colors As do cottonwoods during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, September 14, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, September 17, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone, starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, September 13, 8 a.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Water Walk #12 Walk hosted by Walkabout, with views of water, boats, artwork, over flat, even walkways at a moderate pace. Optional lunch follows. 619-231-7463. Wednesday, September 17, 9:45 a.m.; J Street Marina Park, J Street off I-5. (CHULA VISTA)

Weeding and Planting Party Help out with weeding in Old Town State Park's native plant garden. Bring: hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool, something to kneel on. Garden is found across Congress Street from trolley/train/bus depot, right next to parking lot. Saturday, September 13, 1 p.m.; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

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9:45 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Mexican Folkloric Dances Ballet Ticuán takes stage for two performances. 011-52-664-687-9636. Saturday, September 13, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$22. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Monster Showdown! The "best monster trucks" in the world compete, along with a demolition derby, quads and rhinos, races, more. 800-788-5922. Saturday, September 13, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Estadio Calimax. (BAJA)

Neapolitan Songs Concert Ensenada tenor Alfonso Magaña, pianist Iván Mares, accordionist Mario LaMadrid present musical

tribute to Luciano Pavarotti. 011-52-646-173-4307 and 011-52-646-173-4308. Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

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"Bushido: Why the Code of the Samurai Matters Today" Learn the "way of the warrior and how this ancient Japanese code of conduct is important in modern times." How can this art have a powerful effect on you and your

kids? Registration: 858-486-0059. Saturday, September 13, 3 p.m.; Poway Martial Arts, 13378 Poway Road. (POWAY)

"Herb-ology — A Look at Basil and Pesto" Chef Bernard Guillas demonstrates recipes including Catalan almond red pepper pesto, serrano ham, more. Fees benefit local HIV/AIDS programs. 888-424-3663. Saturday, September 13, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"How We Solve the Problems of Global Warming and Sustainability" Join North County Agnostics to explore answers. 760-445-8112. Monday, September 15, 7 p.m.; Oceanside Mission Library, 3861-B Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

"IndependENCIA" Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with live demonstrations by local Hispanic engineers, traditional toy-making workshops, festival activities, prizes, performances by Ballet Folklórico. 619-238-1233. Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m.; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Intense Individual Party #5" Who is an "intense individual"? Think Martha Stewart, George Washington, Hulk Hogan, Richard Simmons, Michael Phelps. Get creative and dress as an intense individual. Music by the Exfriends, deejay. Proceeds benefit a Reason to Survive (ARTS). 310-927-6171. Friday, September 12, 8 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. The Abbey, 2825 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Sacred Sky, Sacred Earth" Coronado School of the Arts presents third installation by artist Peter Terezakis and choreographer

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NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

"War, Famine, and AIDS — Can Africa Be Saved?" Mull topic with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m.; The Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

ArtWalk on the Bay Enjoy work by more than 100 artists, interactive art activities, musical performers. 619-615-1090. Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 14, 10 a.m.; Embarcadero Marina Park North, 849 W Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

California Glass Artist Show Contemporary glass artists Tom Marosz and Jack Storms on hand to display their work. RSVP: 858-551-8108. Saturday, September 13, 6 p.m.; Hallmark Galleries, 1162 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Chess Tournament A process-of-elimination competition where

winner takes all; one 1-hour game will be played with winner advancing to next round until only two remain. \$3 per game. 619-299-6390. Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.; \$3. Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Dog Day Fun Fest Celebrate AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day with "doggy games," activities, contests with prizes; demonstrations and advice on health, training, behavior. Canine Good

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Endless Summer Yacht Party Sail around San Diego Bay; entertainment by Shimmy Sisters, Danyavaad, Vegetation, many deejays. 760-634-5431. Sunday, September 14, 11:30 a.m.; \$30-\$60. Spirit of San Diego Yacht, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Fall Home/Garden Show Hundreds of exhibits with variety of home-improvement products, furnishings, decorating and remodeling ideas, display gardens, seminars. 858-350-3738. Friday, September 12, 11 a.m.; Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 14, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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Fiestas Patrias Learn to play *cascarones* during Mexican Independence Day festivities. Activities include storytelling, branding, corn husk doll making, relay races, vaquero games, children's games, music performances. Join in the fandango, where everyone can dance to early California music. 619-220-5422. Sunday, September 14, 12:30 p.m.; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Fishnet Follies Burlesque Revue Goes Back to School Afternoon of jazz, live dance performances, vintage burlesque reels. Performers include Mynx d'Meanor, Lady Borgia, Candy Kisses, debut of Mistress Helena de la Severin. Demonstration class in "burlesque basics" led by d'Meanor and Lady Borgia. 650-922-3310. Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m.; \$12. Ages 21 and up. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Full-Moon Walk in Scripps Pier Explore the pier (normally closed to public) and learn of structure's history, collect plankton, dissect a squid, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Friday, September 12, 7 p.m.; \$17-\$20. Ages 9 and up. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Game On Board game benefit for Heifer International with variety of board games in noncompetitive setting. Donation. 619-204-8834. Friday, September 12, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Heroes on the Harbor Night honoring "over 100 of our wounded warriors" with food; musical tribute to Elton John, Billy Joel, John Lennon; wine and chocolate tasting, master artist Michael Israel. 858-794-0164. Saturday, September 13, 6:15 p.m.; \$60-\$85.

Ages 21 and up. San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, 910 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

House of Puerto Rico Group presents ethnic music and dance for lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m.; House of

Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

International Miniature Book Fair Miniature Book Society convenes for exhibition. Books are three inches and smaller; selection of books from dealers around world, in many subjects and languages, from antiquarian to artist's books, signed, limited editions, specialty editions. 877-627-1983. Sunday, September 14, 1 p.m.; Island Palms Hotel and Marina, 2051 Shelter Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Korean Food Week Korean restaurants showcased during this ethnic food celebration continuing through Saturday, September 20. "Each participating restaurant will have a specialty dish at a special price for people who might be unfamiliar with Korean food and wish to give it a try" at Korea House and other Korean restaurants. 504-390-3271. Friday, September 12, 9 a.m.; Korea House, 4620 Convoy Street. (KEARNY MESA)

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Mata Ortiz Show and Sale

Master potters Jorge Quintana, Manuel Rodríguez, Ricardo Delgado, Javo Silvera, and Oscar Rodríguez demonstrate and sell their work. The potters, all from the village of Mata Ortiz, utilize pottery methods including hand-forming, burnishing, incising, painting, and brush-making. 619-239-2001. Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 14, 10 a.m.; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Serbian Festival/Bazaar 2008

Live Serbian music, dancing by folklore groups (3 and 5 p.m.), kolo dance instruction, food, tours of church known for its mosaic frescoes, imported Serbian goods, more. Symposium at 12:30 p.m. 619-276-5827. Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m.; \$3. St. George's Serbian Orthodox Church, 3025 Denver Street. (CLAIREMONT)

Thunder on Main Nitro-burn-ing “cackle cars” showcased when East and West Main Streets are closed for Cajon Classic Cruise Night. Cruise nights offered on Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, September 17, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211-1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

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What Is The Social Contract?

Focus on Rousseau's classic with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, September 13, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Yachtfest 2008 Seasoned sailors and aspiring yachters may glimpse inside some of “world's most luxurious floating vessels,” ranging from 60 to over 120 feet. On hand: sales and charter brokers, yachting products, “luxury goods associated with the sea-cruising lifestyle.” Kids free. 858-836-0133. Thursday, September 11, 11 a.m.; Friday, September 12, 11 a.m.; Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m.; Sunday, September 14, 11 a.m.; \$34-\$78. Shelter Island Marina, 2051 Shelter Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

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p.m.; \$33-\$83. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

All-Terrain and Over the Top! Championship Off Road Racing (CORR) 2008 racing series combines motocross with the speed and horsepower of four-wheel truck racing. Key racers include Johnny Greaves, Jeremy McGrath, Carl Renezeder, Scott Douglass. 619-682-3407. Saturday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, September 14, 9:30 a.m.; Quarry at Chula Vista International Raceway, 2041 Heritage Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Brain Tumor Walk and Angel Adventure Seventh annual event starts with registration (8 a.m.), program and activities (9 a.m.-noon) at Hospitality Point. Select 5k walk, family activities. Participants encouraged to raise a minimum of \$250. 866-455-3214. Saturday, September 13, 8 a.m.; Mission Bay Park, on east side of Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Camp Pendleton Heartbreak Ridge Half-Marathon The 13.1-mile-out-and-back route is on packed fire-road course over rolling hills in Las Pulgas area/43 area. Civilians welcome. Day-of-race registration: 6:30 a.m. 760-725-6836. Saturday, September 13, 8 a.m.; \$35-\$45. Ages 15 and up. Camp Pendleton, Harbor Drive at I-5. (OCEANSIDE)

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ing and enjoy scenic nighttime tour of one of San Diego's most beautiful playgrounds. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Monday, September 15, 7 p.m.; \$20-\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

How About Lunch in Bonsall? San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 84-mile ride. Bring money for food. 619-473-8513. Sunday, September 14, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Mount, Market, and Pastry Ride Join Knickerbikers for ride including Mission Bay Park, climb up Mount Soledad, drop down to La Jolla farmers' market, then use bike paths and residential streets to make way to French Pastry shop in Bird Rock for lunch (bring money). 858-272-4170. Sunday, September 14, 9 a.m.; Old Town

Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

Paddle for Clean Water Surfrider Foundation hosts 17th annual event "in support of clean water," starting with breakfast for paddlers (9 a.m.). Paddle around OB Pier (10 a.m.) on any sort of paddlecraft — kayaks, surfboards, Boogie boards. Festival includes environmental action, awareness booths, surf lessons, surfboard demo, kids' area, more. 858-792-9940. Sunday, September 14, 9 a.m.; Ocean Beach Pier, 5091 Niagara Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Padres Baseball Padres host San Francisco Giants in Petco Park. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, September 11, 7:05 p.m.; Friday, September 12, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, September 13, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, September 14, 1:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks and smooth hound sharks

during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, September 14, 8 a.m.; \$30. Ages 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

Triple Crown of Polo Match I San Diego Polo Club action continues. "Ugly Dog Contest" winner's parade and medieval jousting for half-time show. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, September 14, 1:30 p.m.; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum From 1600s until early 20th Century, it was a common social custom in China for friends to exchange tiny spoonfuls of snuff tobacco from each other's bottles when meeting; snuff bottles were an essential accoutrement to upper-class lifestyle. Bottles were made from various materials including carved stone, jade, ivory, metal, porcelain, cloisonné, glass. "Snuff Bottles: A Hidden Chinese Art" showcases 42 19th- and early 20th-Century snuff bottles collected by Peg Evans between 1937 and 1939 in China. Some modern pieces will also be on display. Closes Tuesday, September 30.

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. 360 Third Avenue, 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Drive, 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

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

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum An eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." 4233 Park Boulevard, 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

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building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock Street, 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Marston House Museum Historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Museum of San Diego History "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade Opening exhibitions include Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service's "Becoming American: Teenagers and Immigration." Photographs by Barbara Beirne." Exhibit features black-and-white

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photo "interviews" by Beirne, who traveled through San Diego and U.S. capturing teenagers' responses to immigrant experience. Also on view: "A Contemporary Story: Perspectives by Immigrant and Refugee Artists," a collaboration between New Americans Museum and the AJA Project, a local organization empowering refugee youth to use photography and other media to share their stories. 2825 Dewey Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

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

"Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1915" showcases furnishings, clothing, and artifacts from Lemon Grove ranches and homes, along with photographs of early residents and historic buildings. "The Parson's Study" is a permanent Arts and Crafts installation

with rolltop desk, 155 English organ, an Edison Amberola, and library of cylindrical recordings. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "TryScience!" "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "Star Trek: The Exhibition" is said to contain "the

world's most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, re-creations, sets, costumes, and props" from five television series and ten films created for more than 40 years. Sit on a re-creation of the original USS *Enterprise* bridge, enjoy a motion simulator. Technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history

of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 Mustang" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground-attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of *Spirit of St.*

Louis; a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III); a World War I Spad VII; flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*; and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center "What Is Archaeology?" exhibit provides basics of archaeology in San Diego region from 9000 years ago to present day. Artifacts from center's collections provide look at past for young and old alike. Treasure hunt activity "archaeology quest" for kids, arti-

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Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

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

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

The photography exhibition "Portrait of Tall Ships" features more than 30 photographs by Thad Koza and Michael Berman. Exhibit includes chronicles of sail-

ing adventures of the museum's ships. Through February, 2009.

"San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna-fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Pro-

ject 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art,

katsinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

In "Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe," museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tugboat Museum A 100-foot retired Korean War-era tugboat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum Movie star, "world-class body-builder," and longtime Valley Center rancher Steve Reeves is remembered in an exhibit continuing through Tuesday, December 30. He appeared in 18 movies and is best known as star of *Hercules*. Exhibit includes photos, movie memorabilia, personal mementos.

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

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

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Faculty Recital USD instructor and guitarist Eric Foster and San Diego Guitar Quartet in concert in French Parlor, Founders Hall. Program includes Celso Machado's "Brazilian Suite," Foster's "Sand and Surf," and an arrangement of J.S. Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3." 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Thursday, September 11. (LINDA VISTA)

Punchy and Invigorating! Presidio Brass presents "Stolen Moments" — with pieces by Leonard Bernstein and Claude Debussy — for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, September 11. (SAN MARCOS)

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton plans organ concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, September 14. (BALBOA PARK)

String Quartets by Prokofiev and Smetana Busoni Quartet performs for autumn concert series. Program boasts "two masterful" 20th-Century compositions: Sergei Prokofiev's "String Quartet No. 2 in F major," based on folk songs and dances of the Kabardino-Balkaria Republic in northern Caucasus mountains of Russia; and Bedrich Smetana's "String Quartet No. 1 in E Minor ('From My Life')." 619-236-5810. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, September 14. (DOWNTOWN)

Mini-Concert La Jolla Symphony Young Artists perform for Athenaeum mini-concert series. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), noon, Monday, September 15. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Art Faculty Exhibit" Opening reception for participating artists. Show continues through Thursday, September 25. 760-757-5368. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). 6:30 p.m., Friday, September 12. (OCEANSIDE)

"Chalk Cho" Opening reception for exhibition by Yoshimi Hayashi and Roberto Salas using the chalkboard for the format of their drawings. Closes Sunday, September 28. 619-521-0676. Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue). 7 p.m., Saturday, September 13. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"New on the Scene: Emerging Jewish Artists" Opening reception for artists Steve Gould, Debbie Kupinsky, Joanna Neborsky, Wendy Shapiro and Ali Silverstein, exhibiting work in a variety of media through Thursday, October 30. 858-362-1154. Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). 8 p.m., Thursday, September 11. (LA JOLLA)

"Perspectivas/Perspectives: Latin American Art 1930-2008" Opening reception for exhibition of original paintings, drawings, photography, fine prints by 15 Latin artists. On view through October. RSVP 619-876-4160. Noel-Baza Fine Art (2165 India Street). 6 p.m., Friday, September 12. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Re-Entry" Reception for 2008 SDSU graduate review exhibitions in Flor y Canto and Everett Gee Jackson Galleries. Continues through Wednesday, September 17. 619-594-6511. Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 6 p.m., Saturday, September 13. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Texture in Light" Opening reception for new PhotoArts Group exhibition. Show closes Thursday, October 2. 760-480-4101. InnerSpace Gallery (262 East Grand Avenue). 5:30 p.m., Saturday, September 13. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Timing Exhibit" Opening reception for exhibition of more than 20 pieces by Chris Elliman. Reception includes an 18-foot installation art piece, ultraviolet photography and painting, preview of new oil paint series based on Candy Characters "Sweet Dreams," body painting by Elliman's Body Art Company, Xompany; music, food. 619-549-0254. Sanctuary Gallery (1700 National Avenue). 7 p.m., Saturday, September 13. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Turn, Turn, Turn: A Season of Senior Art" Opening reception for exhibit of work by local artists and residents of Front Porch retirement communities. Closes Sunday, November 9. 760-795-6120. Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). noon, Saturday, September 13. (CARLSBAD)

Kettner Nights Opening reception for exhibit of paintings by Adriana Zagorsky and John Lewis,

multimedia works by Christian Michaels. Show runs until Thursday, November 6. 619-501-8444. Kettner Arts Gallery (1772 Kettner Boulevard). 6 p.m., Friday, September 12. (LITTLE ITALY)

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, Inigo Manglano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramírez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana

Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1, 2009.

"Memory Is Your Image of Perfection," 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 Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

"Writing with Light," opening Saturday, September 13, "illustrates the connections between photography and literacy using the photographic arts as inspiration." MoPA's annual youth exhibition offers opportunity to recognize talented students throughout San Diego, linking the medium of photography with writing. Through January, 2009. 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."

"DAMNGORGEOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy," opening Sunday, September 14, offers "a comprehensive look at his impressive career from the 1920s to the '80s." Over 40 works of art, including watercolors, oils, etchings, lithographs and drawings, provide viewers with introduction to Sheets's legacy. In the early 1930s, Sheets helped define a movement known as Southern California Regionalism, depicting rural scenes near his home in Claremont, California. Through Sunday, January 4, 2009. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art Touring exhibition "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle" boasts more than 80 pieces, including work by O'Keeffe, Gertrude Käsebier, Pamela Colman Smith, Anne Brigman, and Katharine

Rhoades. These artists were "interested in redefining the identity of the modern woman and explored the changing themes of femininity in modernism." On view through Sunday, September 28.

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

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

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



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Slightly Dead How bad is the concert-industry slump? “We are off 30 percent compared to last year,” says a local promoter. “I heard

shows at Denver’s Red Rocks (9500 capacity), Pacific Amphitheatre in Costa Mesa (8000), the Greek Theater in Berkeley (7000), the Bank of America Pavilion in Boston (5000), and Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia (5000).

Miles Doughty and Kyle McDonald (who share vocal/guitar/bass duties)

Records label. Stoopid was publicized as Sublime’s “baby band” early on, but manager Matt Phillips says the connection is no longer necessary.

“They don’t want to glorify the death of their mentor and good friend,” says Phillips, referring to Sublime front man Brad Nowell, who died in 1996.

Slightly Stoopid’s arrival as a concert draw parallels the Grateful Dead in that the Dead were known for their shows, not their records. The band has no major-label support and releases music on its Stoopid Records label (including *Slightly Not Stoned Enough to Eat Breakfast Yet Stoopid*, which was released in July).

Also like the Dead, Slightly Stoopid has been largely ignored by radio. Their latest song, the reggae-tinged “2 a.m.,” has gotten airplay on 91X but has been added by only a handful of smaller stations across the country. Material from the band’s six studio CDs and two live albums has not earned them significant radio

success.

“There are big radio bands all over [FM] 94/9 who come to town and can’t sell 200 tickets at the Casbah,”



TWO IMAGINARY BOYS: TWOMBLY AND TOLHURST

says Phillips. “Slightly Stoopid brings the party when they come to town. It’s like people are talking about it [in each city], and everyone wants to go to that party.”

Phillips says Stoopid Records has assumed the rights to its first two Skunk Records albums (self-titled and *The Longest Barrel Ride*) and plans to rerelease them before Christmas.

— Ken Leighton

Zippy’s Coup “We just had Lol Tolhurst, one of the founding members of the Cure, sit in with us,” says Zippy Twombly of the Cured, a local tribute group. The

British drummer joined Twombly’s band onstage for a recent gig at L.A.’s Gibson Amphitheatre.

“I arranged it a few months earlier by contacting him on MySpace,” says Twombly. “I first apologized that we were ripping off his work by pretending to be his band. He assured me that he didn’t see it that way and said he was happy that someone was keeping the old songs alive.”

Twombly originally planned to keep Tolhurst’s guest spot a secret from his bandmates, in order to surprise them onstage, but then they wouldn’t have been able to practice in advance of the show.

“I’m glad we did,” says Twombly, “because we played the songs a little faster than the original versions, or ‘more spirited,’ as he put it.”

At the amphitheatre, “He walked onstage toward the end of our set and said ‘Hello’ to the audience, who went wild. He played four songs with us: ‘Boys Don’t Cry,’ ‘Killing an Arab,’ ‘Three

Imaginary Boys,’ and ‘10:15 [Saturday Night].’ ”

Has Twombly ever met his Cure counterpart (Robert Smith)?

“No, but our former keyboard player knew a girl who washed his hands after he made his imprint in the concrete in front of the Guitar Center in Hollywood.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Cheese for Mall Rats

Punk rock has arrived at the Fashion Valley mall. A manager at the Boudin bakery says she talked her boss into allowing bands to play one night a week.



TUILETUFUGA BRINGS BANDS TO BAKERY

“We’ve had live music since July,” says Jess Tuiletufuga, who has presented different bands on

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Southern California [concert ticket sales are] off 20 percent.”

Yet, Slightly Stoopid’s Tailgate 2008 tour bucked the trend. The O.B.-based band’s 25-city summer tour wrapped up last Saturday at SDSU’s Open Air Theatre. All 5000 of the \$32.50 tickets had been sold out for over a month. The tour also included sold-out



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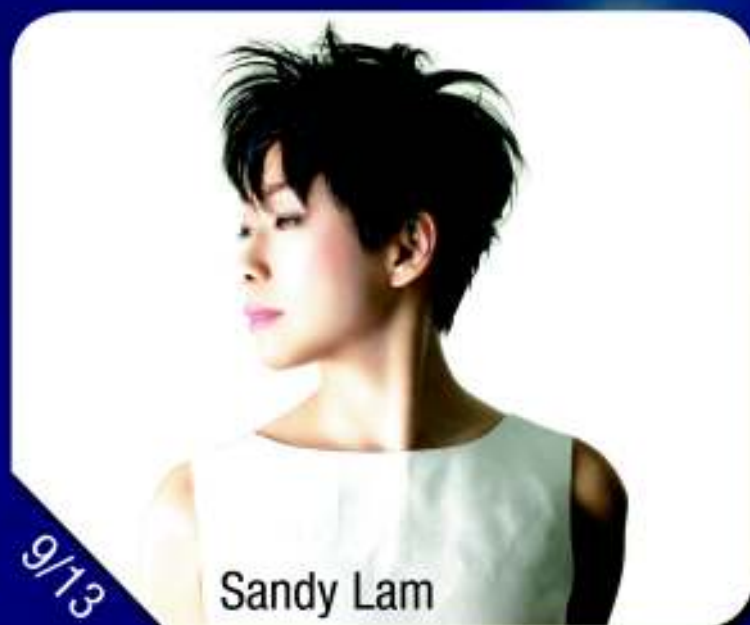
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Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. She says up to 40 people can fit on the patio. Cheap Lies, Parking Lot Proposal, and 8 Ft. Face are a few of the locals who've played there. Each band has to bring its own PA.

"I used to bring live bands to the Zodiac Café," says Tuiletufuga. "It is a hookah lounge in La Mesa. When I stopped working there [in 2004], they stopped doing live bands."

She says she has no problem mixing punk rock with sourdough bread.

"As long as they don't use swear words, I'm fine with it.... Our neighbors and the mall [management] are fine with it, as long as we have no complaints."

Tuiletufuga says Fashion Valley has its share of vacant storefronts.

"I think a lot of stores expanded too quickly. We have had a lot of businesses close.... My boss has given me [free] rein to do this. She just wants to see the [sales] numbers."

Though some music entrepreneurs have long

complained that the City of San Diego makes it hard for businesses to host live music in an all-age setting, one promoter says performances at Boudin may survive city scrutiny because they're free.

"Once you start charging a cover charge, the rules change considerably," says a promoter.

Tuiletufuga says she will pay the bands \$10 or \$15 in gas money out of her own pocket, but they don't get anything else except a free meal.

"This is free exposure for local bands. If we can keep the crowds, eventually we may expand to Friday as well. Right now I don't have enough bands [to expand to twice a week]."

But how does a punk band feel about playing in a mall?

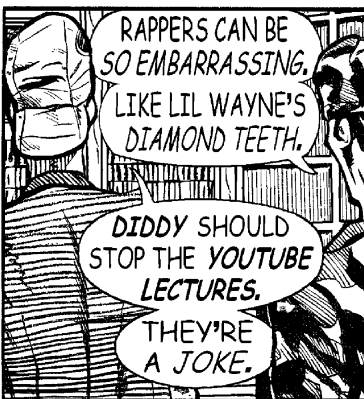
"We're not going to play death punk but fun punk," said 8 Ft. Face lead singer John Rocker before a recent show. "I don't care if it's pregnant women and their husbands, I'm gonna make them tap their feet."

— Ken Leighton

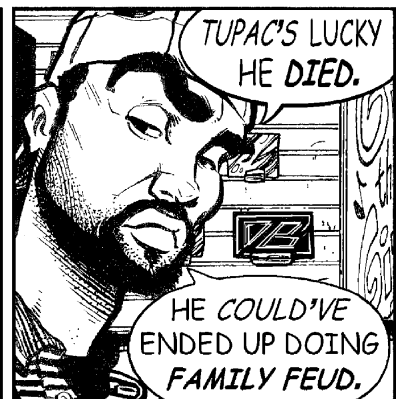
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— Jay Allen Sanford

Kid Rock Stuff When Kid Rock appears at Pala Casino on Wednesday, September 17, his dressing room requires a clothes rack with 12 hangers, a bottle of shampoo, a bottle of hair conditioner, a pack of

white crew socks, a pack of white T-shirts ("size medium with pocket"), a pack of white



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boxer shorts ("Fruit of the Loom or Hanes"), a pack of white tank tops ("size large A-Line"), a toothbrush, a pack of Tums, and a tube of ChapStick.

Expected munchies

include a large bag of pretzels, a large bag of Tostitos, a large bag of Munchos, a can of cheese dip, a tray of shrimp cocktail and sauce, a can of assorted mixed nuts, and a quart of potato salad ("chilled"). Drinks: a six-pack each of grape soda, orange soda, and Hawaiian Punch, and a half gallon of "vitamin D milk."

Each truck driver and bus driver gets a sandwich ("no turkey"), fruit ("a piece"), chips, and candy. "Three of these sandwiches must be peanut butter and jelly." (from thesmokinggun.com)

— Jay Allen Sanford

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BACKSTAGE

- EVENTS AT -



Thurs Sept 11th
9pm- Feed the Kitty, The Lost

Mon Sept 22nd
9pm- Killer Karaoke

Mon Sept 15th
9pm- Killer Karaoke



Thurs Sept 25th
8pm- Megan Combs
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Tues Sept 16th
10pm- Radiostar



Tues Sept 30th
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Wed Sept 17th
10pm- Maddox Revolution

Thurs Oct 9th
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10pm- Summer Mencher
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Thurs Oct 16th
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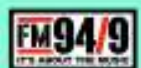
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This Week In Music

Thursday 11

Beauty Bar books the bill to be at tonight with Austinites **Strange Boys** and the **Crystal Antlers** of Long Beach. Strange Boys push punk'd-up R&B through blown amps swinging a little lower and slower than genre stalwarts Black Lips. The Antlers were signed to Chicagoland indie label Touch and Go on the strength of their homemade s/t psych-punk EP, which the label will rerelease next month in advance of the band's full-length due early '09. Get to their Space pages and get inspired. Should be good.... Tonight's Belly Up bill has **J.J. Grey** and his band **Mofro** laying down Southern roots rock with porch-swing cadence and stories to tell. Sit a spell with last year's crit hit *Country Ghetto* to sample their Southern gothic vibe. **Hill Country Revue**, featuring members of the North Mississippi Allstars, set the Solana Beach stage.... Hawaiian rastas **Ekolu** spread their island vibes at Canes.... Couple of L.A. tribute acts in town, as Dylan devotees **Highway 61 Revisited** and psilocybic Deadheads **Cubensis** hit House of Blues.... Casbah's got an art happening happening. "Share This Place" is a multi-media thing with live original music celebrating the lives of bugs and stuff like that.... Cross town, **Crescendo**, **Tapedeck Mountain**, and **Feelings Mutual** fill an indie-kids bill at Ken Club.... Road warriors, the "Camper Van Campout" kicks off tonight at Pappy & Harriets near Josh Tree. You get **CVB**, **Cracker**, **Built to Spill**, **Quasi**, and a whole bunch more under high-desert skies. Go to *pappyandharriets.com* for the low-down.



LADY DOTTIE AND THE DIAMONDS AT CASBAH

Friday 12

Ratatat's at the House of Blues for a Casbah-booked bill. The Brooklyn-based rocktronica duo has MP3s of *LP3* on their Space page if ya like. Guitars gleam over stuttering synth samples in these futuristic cuts. Ratatat's hometown hardcores **Panther** and Portland MC **E*Rock** share the stage.... Venice septet **Pine Mountain Logs** stack 'em up at Belly Up. The vocal group covers favorites from pop and rock to TV-show tunes. They'll be joined by Hawaii-via-Canada troubadour **Justin James**, who's out behind his latest acoustic collection *Sundered*.... Sac-town folk-and-soul duo **Two Sheds** and L.A.'s sunshine-pop quintet **Western States Motel** check in at Bar Pink. Both bands'll have fresh EPs in hand.... Else: Local nu-wavers **Buddy Akai** bop Beauty Bar...O'Connells stages ragers **D.P.I.**, **El Nada**, and **Nuclear Tomorrow**...SanDago cow-punks **Pushin Rope** and Tokyo's psychedelic **Surf Coasters** ride into Radio Room...Soma's got power-poppers **Rocket Summer** and **Phantom Planet**...British prog-rock and pop band the **Alan Parsons Project** sets sail for Humphrey's by the Bay...while acoustic collective **Snuffaluffagus** and Houston ingenue **Asher in the Rye** play Ché Café...and the modest mousie **Frantic Romantic** woos a Ken Club crowd.

Saturday 13

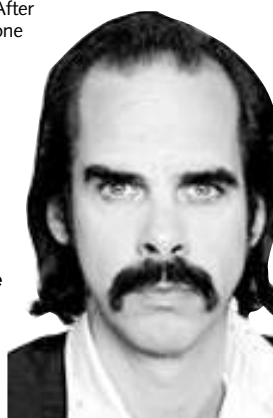
No discussion of a rock-and-blues revival round town would be complete without a nod to her grace, soul sister **Lady Dottie**, and her chock-full-of-chops band the **Diamonds**. They'll drop their Hi-Speed Soul debut *Livin' It Up* next Tuesday and play a CD-release Saturday night at Casbah. Apartment-pop acts **Silent Comedy** and **Pant Hoots** set the stage, while **Wild Weekend** tilts the Atari.... There's a Ray@Nite after-party at Bar Pink with Phoenix garage group the **Love Me Nots**. The boy-girl quartet has a new Atomic A Go Go disc called *Detroit*, and the Hammond-and-guitar concoction smokes from top to bottom.... Or you can dance off the sand at Canes with local Latin-jazz groove acts **B-Side Players** and **Agua Dulce**.... Little bills include doom-pop troupes **War Tapes** and **Repeater** at Beauty Bar...and Encinitas indies **sayvinyl** with the **Students** and **Incomplete Neighbors** at the Ken.... While the neon marquees have got dad-rock dudes **Maroon 5** and **Counting Crows** at the Cricket...and '80s FM pop acts **Air Supply** and **Christopher Cross** out at Humphrey's.



DR. DOG AT CASBAH

Sunday 14

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club revs at House of Blues Sunday night. After '05's heralded compone collection *Howl*, the Bay Area band came back to fuzz-rock form with last year's *Baby 81*. This is a get-to gig, as the talented trio turns it up and out live.... Otherwise, ya got Grammy-winning hip-hop hits **Digable Planets** from NYC, who'll orbit Belly Up for a two-night stint...or **Smart Brothers**, **Wrong Trousers**, **Jane and the Whalesharks**, and **Joanie Mendenhall** serving up a decent note-per-nickel bill-of-fare at Casbah.



NICK CAVE AT 4TH&B

Monday 15

Dance-punk progenitor and former front for Six Finger Satellite John MacLean, aka **The Juan MacLean**, curates Casbah's Anti-Monday League with his new sample-based song cycle *The Future Will Come* — for fans of LCD and DFA. **Shark Attack** krew and **Saul Q** kick it off.... Austin's goth-and-garage mix **Dirty Hearts** are billed at Beauty Bar. Fair warning, howev., though BB's Space page lists this gig, the Dirty Hearts' itinerary

has them in Vegas on the 14th and 16th and no mention of a San Diego stop. Taste the *Pig* and call to confirm.

Tuesday 16

Grinderman! Set of the summer Tuesday night when Aussie rocker **Nick Cave** plants his **Bad Seeds** at 4th&B. Cave's career is a juggernaut of successful sides (the Birthday Party, Bad Seeds, Grinderman, and solo) and legendary live shows. His latest with the Bad Seeds, *Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!!*, pits the 50-year-old artist/performer as one of his generation's most solid songsmiths and enduring rockers. We seldom see the Cave man in the Southland, so you shouldn't oughta miss it.

Wednesday 17

Philly throwbacks **Dr. Dog** headline a fetching Casbah bill Wednesday night. The young scruffians, who've got a decidedly Beatles bent, just dished their third Park the Van full-length of '60s pop-n-roll, *Fate*, but recommend debut *Easy Beat* for the high-water treats. They're currently touring with likeminded locals the **Delta Spirit** and San Antone's Southern-fried faves **Hacienda**.... Bar Pink sets up SanFran psych-pop band the **Oh Sees**, who've got a woolly and worthwhile new one called (deep breath) *The Master's Bedroom Is Worth Spending a Night In*.... Besides them there joints: Long Island's "hip-hop honky" **Aesop Rock's** at Belly Up...trad jazzman **Ernie Watts** blows his sax for Anthology's icon series...and the mark-of-excellence **San Diego Music Awards**'ll be doled out at Viejas Park. *We're happy just to be nominated. Really.*

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Monkee Business

“The rumor that the fellows were lip-synching their stuff had been put to rest.”

Forty-two years ago today — September 11, 1966 — Del Mar was renamed “Clarksville” as part of a promotion for the Monkees’ TV show to debut the following night. The Sunday event marked the first time the foursome performed in public.

Ron Jacobs was a DJ at L.A. radio station KHJ at the time. “One of Boss Radio’s most exciting promotions was staging an actual ‘Last Train to Clarksville,’ ” he says on his website. “A few hundred KHJ winners rode to ‘Clarksville,’ the city of Del Mar.”

“The tenth callers would get two free tickets to the Last Train to Clarksville,” recalls KHJ promotions associate Barbara Hamaker in the Michael Nesmith biography *Total Control*.

“To this day I don’t know how we did it,” continues Hamaker. “I was the one who had to type up all the releases and all of the stuff that was involved in getting kids onto the train...we used some Podunk town called Del Mar.”

According to Ron Jacobs, “Once the winners debarked there and ate their fried-chicken lunch — *whackatawack*, a quartet of helicopters slowly alit near the train.”

The Monkees emerged and were greeted enthusiastically by contest winners and curious locals who’d been told they’d be meeting “the next Beatles.”

The mayor of Del Mar was there to offi-

cially declare the town “Clarksville” and nail up a sign near the train depot. The Monkees single “Last Train to Clarksville” was at #61 on *Billboard*’s Hot 100 chart — it would soon hit number one. The song’s original title had been “Last Train to Home, Girl.”

“It’s good we decided on ‘Clarksville,’ ” Peter Tork told reporters. “Can

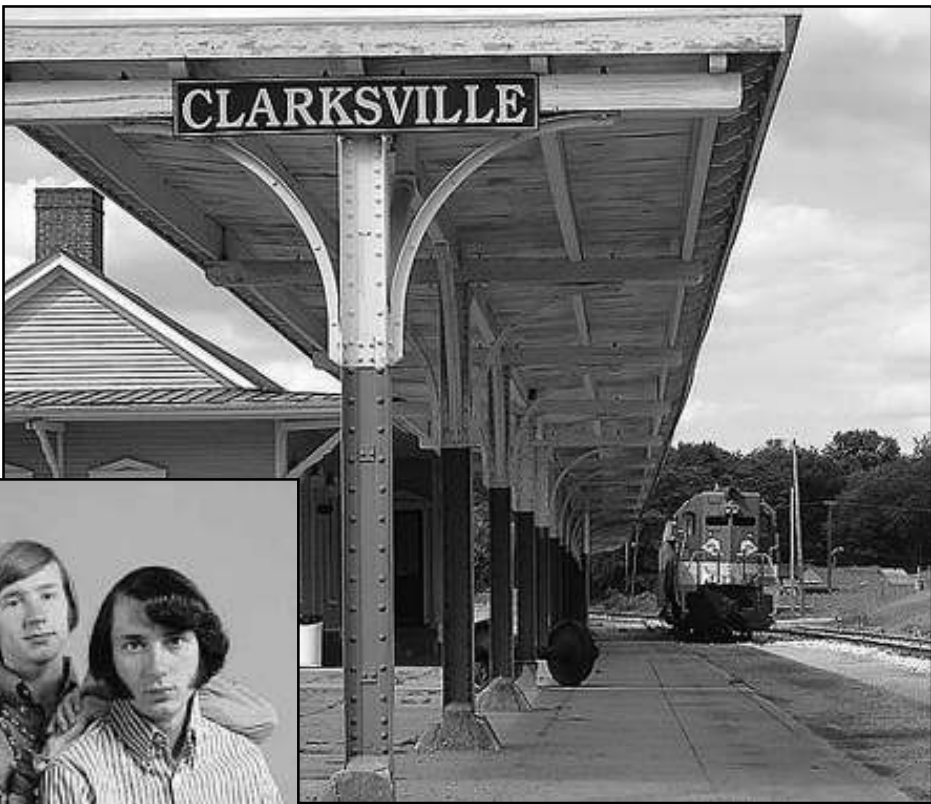
you just see the mayor saying, ‘I

now proclaim this the city of Home Girl?’ ”

Micky Dolenz talked to the press about the group’s rising profile. “We really don’t know where it’s at yet. I mean, like, we just got back from the [publicity] tour, and then we got up this morning, flew down to San Diego, took a helicopter to Del Mar, and now we’re on a train to L.A.”

“The four soon-to-be ‘American Idols’ boarded the caboose and picked up instruments that were set up and waiting,” says Jacobs.

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“Clarksville” depot for a day, 1966



The two songs performed were “Papa Gene’s Blues,” written by Mike

Nesmith, and a cover of “She’s So Far Out, She’s In” by Baker Knight (also released as a single by Dino, Desi, and Billy in May 1966).

“By the time the train pulled into Union Station,” says Jacobs, “the rumor that the fellows were lip-synching their stuff had been put to rest.”

The Monkees’ debut episode was screened for the 400 or so contest winners, who had left L.A. at noon and returned just before 8 p.m. The Monkees’ TV show debuted on NBC the following night and quickly became popular enough nearly to qualify the “next Beatles” hyperbole as prophetic.

The live “Clarksville” performance was filmed by KHJ for an L.A. TV show called *Boss City* and aired on September 17, 1966.

“That footage is lost and has never turned up on the collector’s circuit,” says local Monkee memorabilia dealer Duane Dimock, aka Ed Finn, coauthor of *The Monkees Scrapbook*.

“All that exists is some silent black-and-white 8-mm footage that shows a person donned in a gorilla suit, crawling and pounding his chest along the tops of buildings. The Monkees show up in their classic long-sleeved, double-breasted shirts, get off the train, and move through the crowd to the stage. A prior band had been warming up mostly teenage kids. Then you see the Monkees waving at the crowd from the train.”

The Del Mar junket wasn’t the Monkees’ first foray to San Diego. In November 1965, the foursome shot scenes for their pilot episode at the Hotel del Coronado. Exterior scenes were filmed on the beach near the hotel — this footage would also turn up in the series’ original title sequence and throughout the episode “Here Come the Monkees.” ■

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Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Ernie Watts and Anthony Jackson. With Rob & Amber Whitlock. Traditional jazz. \$18.

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Friday, 8 p.m. — Buddy Akai, Lualta, First Class Fiction. Electro/rock/pop. \$5.
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Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — J.J. Grey & Mofro. With Hill Country Revue. Blues/rock/funk. \$17-\$19.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Pine Mountain Logs. With Justin James. Covers/standards. \$16-\$18.
Sunday, 9 p.m., *Monday*, 9 p.m. — Digable Planets. With Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra. Hip-hop/alternative/funk. \$23-\$25.
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Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Aesop Rock and Rob Sonic. Hip-hop/rap. \$18-\$20.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-FISH.
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles. Boston country-pop-rock for Green Flash concert series. Tickets include concert, aquarium viewing. Food for sale from Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery. Reservations: 858-534-4109. \$20-\$25. Ages 21 and up.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Feed the Kitty and the Lost. Rock/alternative/soul.
Tuesday, 10 p.m. — Radiostar. Eighties new-wave rock.
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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Vains of Jenna, CircaNow, Warner Drive. With Lead Burns Red. Rock/metal/punk. \$10.

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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Eklou. Reggae. \$15.
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Croce's: 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355.
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Downtown Café: 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
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Friday, 9 p.m. — Pushin Rope, the Surf Coasters, the Rotten Livers. Punk/surf/rock.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Dan Padilla, City Mouse, Cabrón. With Under the Drone. Punk/rock/hardcore.
Sunday — The Leather Nun, Ride the Sun, the Fairfield Fats Band. Metal/rock.

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Friday, 8 p.m. — Given Life. Rock/metal.

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Fridays, 5:30 p.m., *Saturdays*, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Jazz/variety.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Vains of Jenna is part of the Swedish (yes, Swedish) sleaze-rock revival...sleaze rock being an American phenomenon from the '80s known for cheap lyrics and fast guitars. Call it glam metal, big-hair rock, whatever. It was all kind of the same deal. Lots of posturing and male primping, with hair extensions, high voices, makeup, leotards, chains, and black nail polish. And if a guitar player could play solos at warp speed, we said he could "shred."

Maybe it's the Guns N' Roses vibe in their music, but the Vains caught the ear of Gilby Clarke, who took them under his wing and helped them out in the studio. Bam Margera (late of *Jackass* and a fan of

Nordic rock) has since signed them to his Filthy Note label. With Myspace plays teetering on the one million mark (828,762 as of this writing), Vains of Jenna landed on the CrueFest 2006 stage and got to ignite some of that old glam magic at one of the '80s epicenters of rock, Hollywood's Whisky A Go Go. They've also fronted shows for Ratt and Poison, original sleaze-rock stars from back in the day. The Swedish rockers are slightly more melodic than the current pack but feature the same grinder vocals and impeccable rapid guitar ascensions.

"Vains of Jenna" is a band name without a meaning. "I woke up...and saw this piece of paper with ten different band names on it," bassist J.P. White told *Sleaze Roxx*. "Vains of Jenna was the first band on the paper that I thought looked cool."



VAINS OF JENNA

Why the urge to revive sleaze? Great rock — what's not to like? But as for men wearing spandex and eye shadow and singing high-pitched vaguely misogynistic lyrics, I think that's a master's thesis in rock anthropology just waiting to be written.

VAINS OF JENNA, Brick By Brick, Friday, September 12, 8 p.m. 619-275-5483. \$10.

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October 5 — David LaFlamme and
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October 10 — Catie Curtis.
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November 9 — Ellis Paul.
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September 23 — Solas.
September 24, September 25 — The
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September 26 — The Eve Selis
Band.
September 27 — Livingston Taylor.
September 30, October 1 — Take 6.
October 2 — Stephen Kellogg & the
Sixers.
October 3, October 4 — Stanley
Jordan.
October 7, October 8 — Acoustic
Alchemy.
October 10 — The Steely Damned.
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October 18 — The Subdudes.

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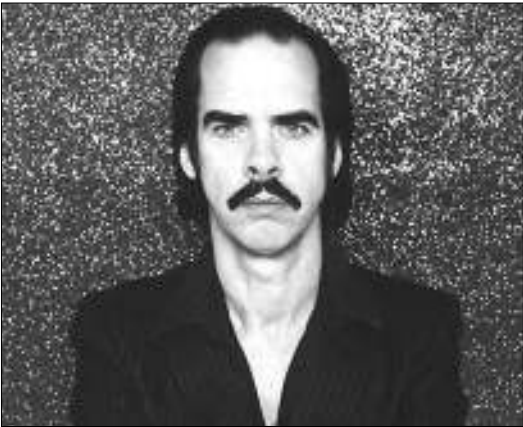
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

There have been a lot of Nick Caves over the years. He's been the skinny Australian guy clowning around onstage with the chaotic-sounding Birthday Party; the junkie leader of the Bad Seeds, telling tales of the seedy underworld set to a tweaked version of American roots music; the singer of blood-and-guts murder ballads; the statesmanlike crafter of heartfelt love songs. There was some overlap here and there, but each persona represented a distinct phase of Cave's career. If you've been following Cave for a long time, you might have dropped out for a few years if you didn't like his new direction, only to return to that familiar baritone when

it was singing a new style you really like.

In fact, it was a little too easy to drop out for a few years. Much as I love Cave's heartfelt love songs, all those craftsmanlike albums started to sound the same after a while. But something interesting happened a couple of years ago when Cave put together a new band called Grinderman. The lineup was basically a shrunk version of the Bad Seeds, but the sound was raw and raucous — Cave's lyrics reveled in their vulgarity. Everyone sounded as if he was having the time of his life. And the fun spilled over into this year's Bad Seeds album, Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!!

But this isn't just one of those stories of an aging rocker rediscovering his old fire. What's remarkable is that Cave seems to be synthesizing all the phases in his career into



NICK CAVE

one new persona. He's never been less than interesting, and now he's more fascinating than ever.

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September 23 — Railroad Earth.
September 24 — Okkervil River.
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September 26 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.
September 27 — Common Sense
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September 20 — Grand Canyon
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September 25 — The Backyard
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September 26 — P.R.I.
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October 12 — Moontucky Risin.

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September 19 — The Paul Ingram
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September 20 — Man/Miracle.

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October 6 — Nick Lowe and Paul
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October 9 — Joan Osborne and
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October 13 — Anya Marina, Meiko,
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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
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October 24 — Stereolab and
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October 25 — Atomic Punks.
October 26 — The Young
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October 27 — Sonya Kitchell & the
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October 28 — The Mountain Goats
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October 29 — Everlast and the
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October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.
October 31 — Halloween Heat.
November 6 — Keller Williams with
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November 7 — Roger Clyne & the
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November 12 — Grace Potter & the
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November 13 — Galactic.
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September 20 — Tainted Love.
September 25 — Echo Revolution
and One Lonely Robot.
September 26 — Sprung Monkey
and Mower.
September 28 — Talib Kweli and



Table with 3 columns: Date/Event, The Casbah details, and Artist/Event details. Includes events like Mirah & Spectratone International, Demasiado • Irradio Firethorn • Fkenal, and Silver Jews.

David Banner.
 October 3 — The Aggrolites and Dirty Heads.
 October 9 — NaCalifa.
 October 11 — Andre Nickatina.
 October 17 — Iration and B Foundation.
 October 18 — Stranger.
 October 24 — Lights.
 October 25 — Devin the Dude.
 November 1 — Dead Man's Party.
 November 13 — Method Man & Redman.
 November 22 — Tainted Love.
 November 26 — Lights.
 November 29 — Cash'd Out.

Casa del Prado: El Prado, Balboa Park.
 October 25 — "Let's Play."

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
 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.



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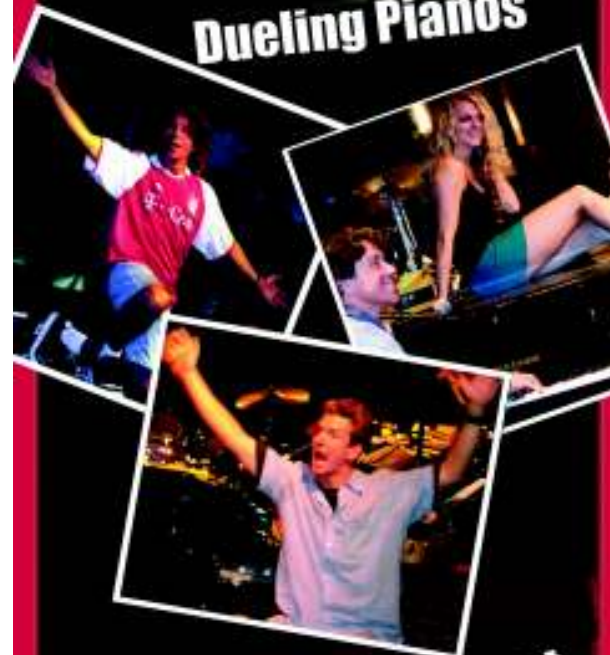
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September 25 — My Morning Jacket.

October 2 — The Mars Volta.

October 3 — The Swell Season.

October 15 — The Roots and the Gym Class Heroes.

October 31 — Jason Mraz.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.

September 21 — Ana Gabriel.

September 27 — Anita Baker.

October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

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November 4 — Madonna.

Pine Avenue Park: 3205 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 760-602-7513.
September 21 — Cowboy Jack.

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October 24 — Great White.

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THAT '70S PARTY

by Josh Board

having covered '50s and '60s theme parties the past two weeks, it seemed appropriate to jump to a '70s bash at the VFW hall in Pacific Beach.

Coincidentally, I went to a going-away party at a VFW hall in Vista earlier in the day.

Grace, who invited me to the Vista affair, said, "You wrote about my party once...when I renewed my wedding vows." I remembered that party; it was at a ranch for their ten-year anniversary. "So, where's your husband?" I asked, but as soon as the words left my mouth, I realized there was probably a reason he wasn't there. She smiled and said, "We're divorced now. He left me in the middle of the night. I got up and didn't know what had happened to him. I called the police, and there was a big search party, with helicopters flying over Vista. None of his stuff was gone. It was all so weird. When I found out he wasn't dead, I called off the search party. I had to tell them, 'He's not dead. He just left me. Our marriage is dead, I guess.'"



I asked Grace if that's why she was moving away. She told me that it wasn't; she was going to Washington to be closer to her kids.

The DJ, Donovan, was encouraging people to dance. There was one senior citizen who wouldn't get off the dance floor,



Top left: Joey and Bonnie; Top right: Stephanie, second from right; Bottom left: couple with trophies for best dressed; Bottom right: The guy who bought shoes for the party

that read, "When it absolutely has to be destroyed overnight."

One Marine had a huge plate of food and looked at me

**"He's not dead. He just left me.
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and he was cutting a rug (well, hardwood floor). The crowd enjoyed watching him.

I went to grab a piece of cake and saw a table full of retired Marines. One had a shirt

sheepishly and said, "It's not for me. It's for that woman on the dance floor."

There was spaghetti being served inside and barbecued chicken being cooked on the

outdoor patio. When I stepped out for a cigar, I heard an old man singing as he took out his wallet to pay for his food. "What did you do with the money your mom gave you?" I joked. He replied, "My mom is long gone. What money are you referring to?" I said, "The money she gave you for singing lessons?" He smiled and said, "I spent it at Chuck E. Cheese!"

I overheard someone say that this was a fundraising lunch for military dependents and eye

care. I didn't ask for an explanation because to Grace it was like a going-away party for her.

As I smoked, an older Marine with a hat that read "Al" walked by. He stopped and talked to another guy about women. At one point I overheard him say, "Don't even get into it about women. That's why I'm not married."

When the DJ played the Paul Simon song "You Can Call Me Al," I said, "Hey, they're playing your song." He just scowled at me as he walked by. My girlfriend said, "I don't think he likes you much," and she started laughing. He then looked at her and said, "Are you laughing at something?"

She said, "Is he talking to us?" I was confused at this point. He then said, "Yeah, that's what I thought. You better shut up!" Now I started laughing. My girlfriend didn't know what was going on. And I'm not sure Al did either. I guess he felt as if we were making fun of him. I said to my girlfriend, "Ya know, he's a Marine. And most Marines could probably take me

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in a fight. But he's older. Should I go shut him up?" She smiled and said, "Why don't you go get me a piece of cake instead."

Leaving Vista behind, we called up some friends and invited them to the '70s party at the VFW in P.B.

Our friend Joey dressed in a stylish suit and had a cane with a lion's head. The lion had a diamond in its mouth. Joey also wore a wrestling mask over his head, and though he explained the significance of it, it made little sense to me. Though our friend Bonnie looked great in her outfit, it didn't look very '70s.

I wore the same shirt I wore to the '60s party a week earlier. It was covered with small orange and blue flowers, and I wore it with the first four buttons undone and several necklaces draped across my chest, which occasionally pulled out a hair or two.

As we walked in, the Bee Gees blasted from the sound system. I noticed trophies on the bar for the best-dressed man and woman. One of the party organizers showed them to me. They were handmade and freshly painted silver.

He started to explain how the party was going to be at his house, but he thought it would be a hassle to clean up. And it was a lot cheaper not to have to supply all the booze.

An older guy at the bar, who looked as if he had been drinking for a while, called me over. He said, "You aren't dressed '70s; that shirt is from the '60s." I laughed and said, "Yeah, I know. But, hey, I'm not going to go out and buy a white suit like Travolta had." He then started pointing at various people at the party. He said, "That guy over there...he's wearing a shirt from the '60s, too. And that woman...she has on a '50s-style skirt."

For a while, the dance floor, with its spinning disco ball, had no one on it. Stephanie made the rounds trying to get people to dance.

When "Boogie Oogie Oogie" started, two couples went out to dance. One of

the couples couldn't finish the song and went back to their table.

Joey got hot wearing his wrestling mask and pulled it off and put it in his back pocket. We saw a guy dressed as Elvis, and we asked him about his wardrobe. Joey said, "Those glasses look good on you. I mean, they probably only cost \$10, and you rock 'em."

One guy who had on a crazy outfit told me about decorating for the party. He said most places don't sell strobe lights because people can have seizures from them. I noticed that they had laser-style lights shining on the walls.

"Did you buy that outfit just for this party?" I asked

the guy. "No, I already owned this. The shoes were all I had to buy." I glanced down and saw that they were shiny and white. "They were \$30 at Buffalo Exchange in Hillcrest," he informed me.

I said, "Hey, my girlfriend and I were there today looking for accessories for our outfits."

I then remembered the woman in the store talking about her 21st birthday party that night. I asked her if I could crash it, and she said, "Why?"

When I told her that I write about parties, the guy behind her in line said, "Are you Josh? You crashed a party I had for my dog a few years ago." This got the woman excited. She took my

number and said she'd call. I glanced down at my cell phone. It was nearing midnight, and I still hadn't heard from her. ■

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Mukashi's name means "One day, long ago" — possibly inspired by a classic anime, *Nihon Mukashi* (*One Day Long Ago in Ghostly Japan*). Now that it's open, it's an attractive restaurant with shiny-enameled wooden rectangular tables, soft brown cloth napkins, and one wall occupied by a sushi bar, staffed the night we were there by multi-ethnic chefs (one young Asian-American, one long-haired American, and one midlife Hispanic-American — probably the head chef, John Paul Zamora). There are huge TVs behind the sushi bar, but happily, with the Olympics over, they were all turned off that night; instead, '80s soft rock played on the sound system.

It was a Thursday, and only one other table was occupied, along with one spot at the sushi bar — an East Coast guy (by his accent) who seemed to be in the restaurant biz and was gossiping about other sushi chefs. (You heard it here first: Takan, the sweetie who founded Taka in the Gaslamp and the later eponymous restaurant in La Mesa, has gone back to Japan for his retirement. Sayonara, Taka-honey.) But when I called to fact-check the next night, on the Friday kickoff of



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the Labor Day weekend, the joint was jumping, voices roaringly audible even though the call was taken at the hostess stand on the street, just outside the open front door.

Our waiter was sweet, and we got there just in time to snag a few happy-hour specials before the witching hour. A tempura eel roll had light, greaseless batter around thin, wide rounds of sticky rice, featuring centers with minced eel and only a tiny waft of cream cheese. Very pleasant. But our other happy-hour choice was less reward-

ing. In the salmon skin roll, the rice was clumpy, sticking to the fingers, as though it had sat a bit too long after cooking. (All the rice here is neutral in flavor — no problem, that's Ota-style.) In the center were chopped carrots, celery (or was that cuke?), and the salmon skin, more veggie than fish. After the first cautious

bite, I made up a soy-wasabi dipping sauce. I don't always. With great chefs, sushi is often perfect "as is." I'd be needing the dip here.

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shrimp (raw freshwater shrimp). The meats were good, satiny, fresh (and would be even better on the weekend, when the restaurant gets in live shrimp). But there were no seasonings on the rice.



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This is one of the factors that differentiate great sushi (e.g., Ota, Samurai, Kabuto, Taka, Nobu) from the corner sushi bar — the subtle, distinctive seasonings that serious *ita-mae* (sushi masters) apply to their creations. Those aren't just wasabi and soy (and the sweetened sushi vinegar gently flavoring the rice) but also various citrus juices or rinds, herbs, Japanese spice blends, etc. (Order *ama ebi* sometime at Samurai Sushi in Solana Beach. Feel the shivers up your back.) Given the lack of any chef-devised seasoning, I dotted the rice under my shrimp with wasabi and it was better for it. The flash-baked heads were fine. Not sure, but there might've been a touch of hot pepper on 'em.

Had to try a hand roll, too — spicy scallops, in honor of my late boyfriend (and sushi *sensei*) who, when they were good, was crazy about them. These were decent, with fresh, chopped scallops swathed in hot sauce and Japanese mayo running all the way through to the tail and overflowing the top — but there seemed to be nothing more than scallops (no cuke or scallions or *shiso* or whatever) to lend interest with contrasting, cooler flavors and crisper textures.

I looked over the long list of *futo maki* ("party rolls") and spotted the usual suspects — California, rainbow, caterpillar, Philadelphia, et al., not seeing anything very original. I should have focused in on the "Banker's Hill Roll," the most popular roll here, and possibly an original

(shrimp, crab, avocado, eel sauce, tempura crumbs, etc.) but, oops, I didn't. We went with Cheryl's choice of a soft-shell roll. It wasn't the fat, exuberant extravaganza that I expected but was nearly as slim and tight as the *nigiri* — basically just a regular sushi roll run longer. I wouldn't have been able to guess what species was in there if I didn't already know. That is, there were carrots and other veggies and a modicum of soft-shell meat. It could have been any crab. Even Krab. If I had to do it over again, I'd order the Banker's Hill and either a rainbow or a caterpillar. Sometimes convention is on your side.

Moving into sashimi, Cheryl and I liked the "rainbow tartare" plate, a trio of mounds of chopped salmon, yellowtail, and *maguro* tuna, each subtly dressed in a different sauce (lemon juice, balsamic, soy) and a different garnish (*kaiware* microgreens, fried leek shreds, chives). Sam found the sauces too subtle — nearly imperceptible. He had a point. None of us could tell what they were until Cheryl asked the sushi chef. Once we knew, we could taste them.

It's so rare to find *uni* (sea urchin) as a sashimi that we had to try it. Sam challenged me before the first bite: Would I be able to tell what grade the *uni* was? (The grade is determined when the soft meats come out of the shell, before anything else happens to it — it's a natural-born thing.) I said that, without being an expert, as far as I un-

derstood it had to do with both firmness and flavor: firm but melting like a marshmallow on the fire is top class, while mushier is lower. Briny-sweet and vibrant is tops, over more neutral flavor. (Mushy, neutral *uni* is fine for making sauces and some soups. *Uni* that tastes distinctly of iodine — either naturally or, most often, because it's been held in the refrigerator until it's too old to eat — is bottom class, really no use for anything.) When restaurants order *uni* (most here buy it from Catalina Seafood in the Morena district, which also sells retail at certain hours), they can specify grade according to the price they want to pay. Then we tasted the *uni* sashimi: it was fresh (no off-tastes, no iodine) but quite mushy, starting to fall apart when lifted by chopsticks. The flavor was pleasant, not blow-your-head-off. Hence, maybe B-plus grade. At \$16, it seemed overpriced, as there was not very much of it.

Now we were ready to transit into a few fusion dishes. Our favorite was a special that evening of "ahi Napoleon" — a quartet of fried wonton skins topped with marinated ahi, avocado, onion, and a little Kewpie Japanese mayo. These were fine, reminiscent of the fusion flashes that chef James Holder (now at Nozomi in Carlsbad) used to do for happy-hour noshes at Del Mar's Zen. And black cod bypassed the now-standard Nobu miso formula: instead, it came with teriyaki sauce and chive oil. The

teri, we all agreed, was way too salty.

Kobe beef roulades were roll-ups of rare steak wrapped around mashed potatoes and Gorgonzola cheese. The cheese came in tiny cold chunks, unmelted, falling out of the wrap-ups. The beef was shockingly tough. "Well, the menu says Kobe," Angela noted, "but it doesn't say what cut. Could be chuck steak." We chewed and we chewed. This is not the same Kobe you get at Quarter Kitchen, translucent with fat-marbling, falling apart on the tongue. This is just beef. Of course, it doesn't cost nearly as much, but still, it's pointless.

The menu goes on to fusiony entrées, but we didn't. There's a section of affordable Japanese noodle dishes, then a sharp escalation (into the \$30s) for steaks and fish. Not only were we already full, but nothing we'd tried led us to believe that the kitchen was sufficiently inspired to justify those prices. What we'd eaten so far was more expensive and less exciting than the fare at the average neighborhood sushi bar.

Great sushi leaves an afterglow, a persistent craving for more. It's not just raw fish that makes sushi (in fact, sushi isn't the fish, it's the rice — sashimi is the fish). But with great sushi it's the other subtle flavors, the inspired artistry that makes it memorable and haunting. Great sushi reminds me of snorkeling — fully sharing the life of the sea, but through the palate rather than the eyes and skin. At best, it resembles the mo-


ment when the improbable (but real) banana fish brushes your leg as you hover over the reef — as the *I Ching* says, "shock, then laughter." That's why I never buy packaged sushi in delis or supermarkets or even Trader Joe's. (If I want a fast fishy fill-up, I open a can of sardines or tuna, or a bottle of gefilte fish, with plebeian expectations.) I don't insist on Ota/Samurai/Taka/Kabuto/Nobu quality and purity every time and everywhere — I can still enjoy the zesty creations at Lizard Lounge in Coronado, Surfside in PB, Zensei in North Park, the great *uni* sashimi at Zenbu in La Jolla, and the brilliant party rolls at Sushi on the Rock. San Diego is probably the best sushi destination in America, so there's no reason but a convenient address to settle for less.

After I got back from dinner, I checked Google in hopes of finding a printed menu (no luck, the PDF file was *hors de combat* at the time) and to see what other people were thinking. The only blog reporting was Yelp, which usually I don't much trust, as I've heard rumors that money is involved. (I'm more into Chowhound, Blurt, Mmm-Yoso, for their pure, dedicated eaters.) This time I found a surprising chorus of Yelping agreement, repeatedly likening Mukashi to a higher-price, lower-quality version of Sushi Deli and Ra, with one astute blogger noting it as, at best, a good place with nice decor to take a sushi-naïve date (espe-

cially if she's paying).

The owner is named Mike Verzosa, and the kitchen is headed by master chef John Paul Zamora. (The only Google reference to him aside from Mukashi's own website is Zamora's son's wedding invitation, which Dad catered — at Mukashi.) The way a sushi chef becomes a master chef is normally through a rigorous apprenticeship (in Japan, typically eight to ten years) and then a long journeyman stage, until a master-chef teacher finally dubs the student a master. I don't know who trained Mr. Zamora and named him a master chef. Time constraints involving the Labor Day weekend (the restaurant was riotously busy Friday and Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday) and my deadline made it impossible to do a chef's interview, which I really didn't want to do anyway since I didn't like the food very much. I very much liked the decor and service, and the seafood was certainly fresh enough, so it breaks my heart that the food seemed like competent, uninspired journeyman work rather than what I'd hope for from a master chef. (And, of course, I was deeply disappointed by the nonexistence of that fresh fish market.) But having eaten at so many great local sushi bars, I can't pretend that Mukashi soars into the skies or dives deep into the coral reefs. It's good, simply good — it's not snorkeling among the banana fish, but simply earth-bound. ■

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Where am I from?" says Dzung. "Hanoi." Wow. We're sitting 'round the fire pit, chowing down. He's eating grilled chicken and fries. I'm into pork tacos with chicken nuggets, a cheese enchilada, and a little bowl of Baja chicken soup.

"ID Tech kids: lunch trays to the garbage! Time to go!"

All around, the place buzzes with kids here for summer specialty camps. Sharp-faced techie-looking teacher guy ushers a crowd of 10- to 12-year-olds through the chow hall. "ID?" he repeats, when I ask him what it means. "Internal drive, man." Oh yeah, right. Whatever. But an internal drive *camp*?

Dzung knows all about drives, and plenty more. He's studying computer science, doing his M.A. thesis on different Web-hosting techniques. He's just popped down from his lab for a spot of lunch in this Warren College dining hall, here at UCSD.

Me, I'm on this awesome campus because a brilliant friend of mine, Terry, was talking to students this morning about how the Chinese may have colonized California — get this — nearly a century before Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492. Their descendants may still live around Sacramento, San Francisco Bay, think he said.

My ears were still buzzing from that when I stumbled into this place. It's down steps by a little Greek-style open theater.

Actually, I wasn't sure where da heck I was, but when I saw doors to a huge eating place and a sign saying "All U Can Eat, \$6," I knew destiny had led me here. Inside, it's big, modern, with cool design things going on, like a circular ceiling where stars twinkle in changing colors, from red to white to green to blue to purple to gold. And then, through more doors on the other side, a terrace juts out over canyons, probably toward Miramar, 'cause

Top Gun F-18s keep thundering past from right to left. Green umbrellas and tables stand silhouetted on what looks like the edge of the world.

Yes, says this guy Michael at the cash register, it's a residential dining hall, but it's open to the public, like all the eateries at UCSD. He apologizes. It's not going full tilt right now because of summer recess. During the regular semester, they're à la carte and with a more sophisticated selection.

But I ain't complaining. I line up behind a second shift of ID kids, some wild-haired mathematicians (European, sounds like), and a raft of Asian students. We shuffle to the counter. Hmm... Mexican section. Tortillas, roasted pork, slow-cooked beef, frijoles, and a chafing plate loaded with cheese enchiladas. Then a spaghetti section, and a burger section with beef burgers or grilled chicken breast, plus chicken nuggets, hot dogs, and French fries. And soup: veggie potato or Baja chicken. Oh, and a salad bar too.

I start off ordering two pork tacos, an enchilada, a scoop of chicken nuggets, and a bowl of Baja chicken soup from this fun gal with a fun name, Sio. And get a (refillable) pink lemonade, then pay up my \$6 at the checkout. "Sure I can come back for more?" I ask. "No questions asked," Michael says.

I head for the fire pit in the middle of the main room. Not working, of course. Weather's too hot for that. I clack my white china plates down onto the brown tile and start chomping. The pork is excellent. Rich, tender, moist. So's the soup. Robust spices, as they say, and tons of chunks of chicken meat and corn and flavor. Honestly, a couple of bowls of just the soup would keep you going for hours.

This is when I notice Dzung, around the fire-pit corner.

"So, Hanoi?" I say, after he tells me. "Wow.

Were you a kid in the war?"

"No," he says. "I was born after it, 1978. It's past history for my generation. We're pretty much nonideological."

It's a weird frisson. Past history? Makes me think of Obama. There is a generational thing going on.

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Hmm. This time, think I'll have a health intermezzo. I hit the salad bar and get lettuce, spinach, mushrooms, red beans, red onions, a kiwi fruit, baby corncobs, and a big fat splot of bleu-cheese dressing. Michael nods me through. This time I take it out onto the terrace. It's refreshing out there. You're in the middle of wild mesas. Gulls and crows hover above you in the wind, waiting for scraps. Fat chance. The baby corn-bleu cheese-kiwi combo's too good. Plus, I get to talking with a couple of women speaking Farsi. Mona and Hadjar. From Iran. Their husbands are studying engineering. They're into the salads too. We get to chatting about — at least, I try to pretend I understand it all — neurosciences, engineering, and, hey, Mithraism. I'd heard of that one. Mithras, ancient Persian god of light, they say. One of the earliest one-god religions. And food? Mona scores her salad a six, Hadjar, a seven. Guess I'd give my salad an eight, but what do I know?

Two minutes later, plate's clean, and I'm thinking burgers. Michael doesn't even lift an eyebrow when I skittle back past him, kitchen-bound, and Sio's there behind the counter like she was expecting me. I get a burger, fries.

Looks kinda bare bones, I must say.

"No," says Sio. "Now go to the salad bar, and put in your own lettuce, tomato, cheese, dressing, whatever." Plus, she ladles me a little veggie potato soup for good measure.



Canyon Vista dining room and terrace

So, yeah, I jam in lettuce, tomato, and a couple of squares of cheese at the salad bar, plus more bleu-cheese dressing, then head for the place with the blue heavens above. Now I astonish even myself. It all goes down lickety-split, messy and marinated, and I don't feel any big bloat. But hey, for six buckeroos? I definitely feel a big gloat. No wonder everyone wants to come study here.

All in all, this has been quite an Ed-ucation, heh-heh. One last trip. I get a Blue Bunny ("Since 1913"!) Sundae Crunch Bar ice cream thingy for dessert. I almost get some fresh fruit, too, but no. Don't want to go over the top. Wouldn't look smart. ■

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BEACHES

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The flagship of the local Brigantine chain serves ambitious, Japanese-influenced, California-global fusion cuisine on a daily changing menu in a room with a panoramic ocean view. But you need not stuff your shirt to dine here — garb runs to resort-casual and the atmosphere is family friendly. There's even a low-priced kiddie menu. The wine list is friendly, too, with merciful markups and plenty by the glass and half-bottle. Full bar. Short staircase down to restaurant; elevator to the right of entry (ask for directions for wheelchair access when calling to reserve). Valet parking. Very noisy. One vegetarian entrée, but all food restrictions accommodated to order. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W.

Bully's La Jolla 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very '60s. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut eight ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It does a hang-ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size.

The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Karinya Thai 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a saute pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

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The Pannikin La Jolla 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool,



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with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbng crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. La Jolla and Del Mar three meals daily, Encinitas breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish

market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fish-boats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BAJA

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Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Baja, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian upon request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Baja, 664-685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is

standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

Apertivo 3926 30th Street, North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers *tapsi* of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter wait them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley half-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café; on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrivederci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and-white awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine

mediterraneo, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531-8869. The whole bricky, postindustrial thing that rules the Gaslamp really works here. This ex-horse carriage repair shop is one cool hangout, left as is except for a "relaxing room" that divides the two eating/drinking areas by a metal coil curtain and "rugs" made of old inner tube strips. But what really defines Basic is Connecticut, the state that — who knew? — gave us the pizza. Direct from New Haven comes the "thinnest pizza in the country," according to the owners. Try the mashed potato pizza with cheese melted on top, bacon, and red peppers, or the Little Neck clams. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Batter Up! 342 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp's late, great Luke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be pub grub, but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First-timers should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what's on TV); quiet patio outside. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sundays. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Bay Café 1050 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and

tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages, and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W.*

Buca di Beppo — Downtown 705 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-7272. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit warren

of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *peme arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Café Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a pre-cooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats



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Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. — N.W.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy Street, Downtown, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W.

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in

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Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Avenue, North Park, 619-793-4758. The developing district around the North Park Theatre desperately needed a bakery, and Heaven Sent arrived — and then happily upgraded to a more professional operation in 2008. Under pastry chef Tina Luu (a local who's worked at some of San Francisco's top eateries), they produce a full range of desserts including cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasias, most available in sizes to feed one dessertoholic to three light eaters. The style is rich and often quite fancy with choices ranging from hearty American favorites to ethereal (but not low-cal or low-carb) Euro-style elaborations on the theme of sweet. To drink: coffee, excellent espresso, teas, hot chocolate, Italian sodas, and fruit juice. Open daily breakfast until after-dinner, past 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. — N.W.

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake flautas). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M.

Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Gay and straight mingle nightly at the piano bar of this charming spot (although Fridays are *très gai*), brought together by lively performances of Broadway show tunes. Across the aisle is the dining room, where the fare could be described as Log Cabin Republican cuisine — despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's mainly the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. But mainly, this is one of the world's sweetest scenes, always fun for a drink and a bite. Lunchtime weekdays, the scene shifts to the rooftop Top of the Park, for scenery with the sandwiches. Reservations advised, as hotel guests have dibs on tables. — N.W.

Jsix 616 J Street, Downtown, 619-531-8744. Chef Christian Graves is proud to be a card-carrying Slow Foodie, a movement dedicated to preserving traditional ways of farming, cooking, and caring for our food and planet. At Jsix, the kitchen bakes the breads and chef Graves cures charcuterie and makes sausages. The menu offers gently reared free-range meats and local produce. The chef's assortment of charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. "Small plates" are not so small and will have you wiping the platters with the fresh bread, especially the devastating white-corn ravioli in season. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are even better — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Wine list is wide and creative. The rooftop J-Bar Lounge is crowded but fun for cocktails, sandwiches, and snacks. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, plus weekend brunch. Dinner reservations advised, especially on weekends. Grazing meals moderate

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Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "peace blossom," or boarding his Italian "treno della pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped Neatloaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street, Downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their sleazy bar scene in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chipotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Moderate. — N.W.

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This long-standing, comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for flavorful, seasonal California cuisine with adventurous touches of Asia and Mexico. It's way beyond what most neighborhoods would expect. Well-known local chef Hanis Cavin (a big, low-key guy) proves an alpha griller, ensuring that every bite is cooked precisely until it's done, not a second longer. Almost everything is more than tasty. Most desserts come from upscale sister-restaurant Laurel, although the house-made choices are fine, too — no baby-food sweets here. Wine list is adventurous with lots of affordable choices; full bar. Small parking lot attached. Always a few dishes for vegetarians and a vegan entrée. Reservations recommended. Dinner nightly. "Early-bird" three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive. — N.W.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-

sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like taquitos, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the *birria*.) Inexpensive. — E.B.

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called Certified *agnus*. Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Molly's 333 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-230-8909. Chef Timothy Au's seasonal cuisine offers creative twists, superb local produce, and delicious flavors. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more the astute combinations of ingredients. A vegetarian tasting platter is tempting even to hard-core carnies. Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass. Sommelier Lisa Redwine, one of the best in the business locally, can be trusted to help you choose to match your food. Full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open for dinner. Very expensive. — N.W.

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N.

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly (service until 11

p.m. Friday and Saturday). Moderate. — N.W.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Enjoy culinary time travel with this vintage restaurant's classic chop-house fare — wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with luxurious "Continental" sauces, plus some seafood, poultry, and other odd meats (including milk-fed calf's liver), served in what looks like a cozy English gentlemen's club writ large. If you've ever wanted to try Beef Wellington, the chef here is one of the few who can pull it off correctly. At weekday lunches, the place buzzes with downtown movers and shakers, but dinner hours are usually serene and gracious (reserve anyway). An awesome international wine list, strong on great French bottles (and scant on affordable ones); no corkage Friday & Sunday. Full bar. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive, but offers three-course prix fixe menu for \$40/person. — N.W.

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. One of the city's favorite romantic restaurants. Sally's is an outbuilding behind the Grand Hyatt at the edge of Seaport Village and boasts lovely scenery, with cityscapes or bay views seen through picture windows or enjoyed from the outdoor patio in fair weather. The fare is Asian-fusion, emphasizing seafood and also offering sushi and sashimi. An appetizer sampler for two makes delicious

shared grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon layered on fried wonton strip, while black cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Another option is reserving the "chef's table" in the kitchen for a custom-made meal. The mostly Californian wine list is rather steep, with plenty by the glass (at high markups), plus a serious sake list on the sushi menu. Full bar. Long walk from the hotel garage (with validated self-parking) but no barriers to mobility devices; dining room noisy at times. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W.

El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Avenue, North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera cooked at Danny's Palm Bar in Coronado for 18 years. In 1994, President Clinton came to town and the Secret Service came to Danny's with a big order for burgers. Instant fame! Now Nacho has his own place and serves the same burgers with the spice recipe even the Secret Service couldn't get out of him. He also does breakfasts and the whole range of Mexican food, including seafood (*tostada de ceviche* is great). But if you want the burger, ask for his Clinton-burger with cheese, bacon, and French fries. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Soleil at K 660 K Street, Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crab sticks. Desserts are witty as well as tasty; entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds;" full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Al-

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addin-shaped pitchers, and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghoumeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Stingaree 454 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes — little, medium, and large. It's a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40. — *N.W.*

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians

came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypal Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip-mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot and spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open till midnight Monday through Thursday, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Sunday until 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D.*

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identi-

cal items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost formal by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Zensei 3396 30th Street, North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honey-mooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned Pho Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (nonfried) Vietnamese

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By **La_Critica** 1:50 p.m., Sept. 5

Islands, Mira Mesa

Sunday evening we went to Islands, adjacent to the Mira Mesa Regal Theatres. It's always been great. Before. This time, I was told it would be five minutes for a table, then seated immediately. I noticed there were numerous empty tables. This should have been a "heads up." There were six servers walking through the restaurant, attending to customers. We were ignored. For 25 minutes. This ignoring included a server stopping adjacent to my table to watch the football game on the TV above the table. We were not offered even a welcome or a glass of water. Nada. My date, after 25 minutes of fruitless waiting, finally said, "Ok. Let's go." We did. On the way out, I mentioned to the hostess, "You can have your table back. We've waited too long to be noticed." She was confused. Perhaps no one has ever been so rude to her before.

By **3KITMOM** 9:40 a.m., Sept. 8

Los Reyes, Downtown

End up eating here about once a week, rotating through the chile relleno burrito (one of the biggest chiles in town — it's not just a burrito full of beans, batter, and cheese), the fish tacos, the rolled tacos (chicken), and the bean tostada. The guacamole rocks. You can get a large tub of it for, like, \$4. With each avocado being \$1.50 at the store, this is a true deal! Everything's always fresh and tasty. The thing I love best about Los Reyes is that every time I'm there I see someone in the kitchen washing their hands — cashier included. If cleanliness is next to godliness, there must be a Los Reyes in Heaven!

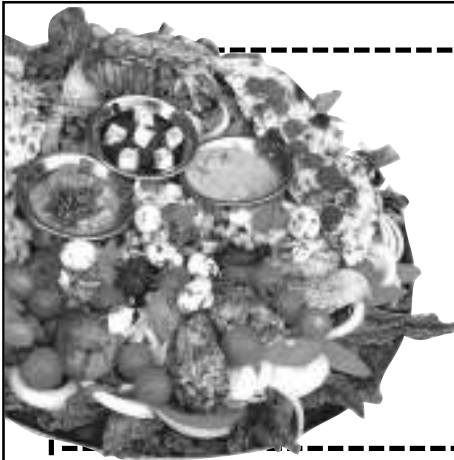
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spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. —E.B.

Cabana Cove 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from surfing spots around the world, includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. —N.W.

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, "with over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. —E.B.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knick-knacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until din-

ner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. —N.W.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. —N.W.

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woelsle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on "Bistro Wednesdays" when simpler food is served. —N.W.

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the

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Basil Pesto Ingredients

10 1/2 oz blanched fresh basil

2 oz mortared peeled garlic

5 oz grated Parmesan cheese

3 oz toasted pine nuts

20 oz extra virgin olive oil

Lasagna Ingredients

24 oz roma tomatoes

6 oz lasagna noodles

2 oz chopped garlic

2 oz arugula

8 ounces ricotta cheese

2 oz basil pesto

HOW TO DO IT

Basil Pesto

Prepare a bowl of ice water. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Put the

basil in a sieve and plunge it into the boiling water, pushing the leaves down into the water and stirring them so they blanch evenly. Blanch for 15 seconds, then plunge the herbs into the ice water to stop the cooking. Drain immediately, squeeze the herbs dry,



and roughly chop. Peel and chop garlic and then grind to a paste with a mortar and pestle or the back of a spoon. Next, in

corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. —S.M.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South

Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. —E.B.

NORTH COASTAL

Addison 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Carmel Valley, 858-314-1900. At this gala, gorgeous restaurant a mile or so uphill from the hotel at Doug Manchester's new luxury resort, the brief menu offers dishes made with superior ingredients, executed flawlessly. However, it may be hard to warm up to the chef's palate, which seems to favor sour, tart, and acidic notes, with no concessions to culinary comfort. The creative cooking involves strange flavor combinations, such as well-seasoned lamb shank with a goat-cheese tart served over a slick of acidic lemon-sorrel sauce plus uncured housemade sausage with a purée of Japanese *umiboshi*, fiercely sour plums that seem to come from a different universe than the meat. Or an amuse of tart yogurt punctuated by sour quince and puckery gooseberries. It seems to be more about the chef's self-expression than about your pleasure, but many people love it — it apparently depends on what night you eat there. Service is formal, deluxe, and quite rigid: The bussers are your bosses. Dinner Tuesday

through Sunday only. Reservations essential; request detailed route directions. Extremely expensive. —N.W.

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of prewar Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching Westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of ground shrimp on sugar cane so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and Star of the Sea curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. —N.W.

El Callejon Restaurant 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty main-

land dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeados* with a rich sauce of chiles and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There's even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. —N.W.

The Calypso Café 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. —N.W.

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Lasagna
Boil lasagna noodles according to package directions. After cooking, submerge noodles in cool water until needed. Slice tomatoes and season with salt, pepper, and chopped

garlic. In a 9x9 casserole dish, layer pasta, tomatoes, arugula, ricotta, and pesto, starting with the pasta first. Repeat until desired size at least three layers. Bake at 425° F until golden brown and

hot, which will take about 20–30 minutes.

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in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with half-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — N.W.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Offering surf and turf by the sea, Jake's not only hugs the oceanfront, with a patio overlooking the waves, but has a smaller patio next to Powerhouse Park, with its fragrant mimosa plants, where you can walk off the calories. A branch of the well-known Hawaiian chain, Duke's, Jake's fare is competently cooked, if not inspired. The seafood may flaunt fusion-y, sugary touches, while steaks are Prime or high-grade Choice. Portions are huge — the tasty Dungeness crab cake appetizer is sizeable enough for a substantial lunch, offering loads of crab and little filler. Location is very popular with locals and tourists both, so reservations urged for any meal, essential for the à la carte Sunday brunch. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Lunch and brunch moderate, dinner expensive. — N.W.

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey burger. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ruth's Chris Steak House Carmel Valley 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed

chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 and reasonable markups. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D.

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W.

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian haute cuisine which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the *mamma mia* joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. Resort-casual — no hats, shorts or jeans, or sandals — but

room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W.

SOUTH BAY

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 East Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls,

some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *sate*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave-but-tender *farang* tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Thai Café — Coronado 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217. Tourists may not take this little open-sided kiosk restaurant at Coronado's Ferry Landing seriously, but this has to be some of the best-prepared Thai food in the county. It's all laid out buffet style in chafing dishes. You can sample before you commit. They're all good. None of the watered-down versions of, say, green curry, you sometimes get elsewhere. Grilled satay is excellent, as are spicy basil chicken, *panang* curry, Thai pork salad, and tilapia topped with sweet veggies and Thai chili sauce. Pick two (the

best deal), find a table under the shade of a fig tree. Go "Ommm." You're approaching nirvana. Daily, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; summer until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 4 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

EAST COUNTY

Fix Me a Plate Café 9168 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Café, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break inbetween). Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeno dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Oggi's 9828 Mission Gorge Road, San-tee, 619-449-6441. At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepest appetite. Expertly sauteed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery corneal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M.

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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; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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)



Bottle Shock

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.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 9/12)
Burn after Reading — Cloak-and-dagger comedy from Joel and Ethan Coen, with Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Tilda Swinton, and John

Malkovich. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18, TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/12)

Chicago 10 — Radical nostalgia for a time when anti-war sentiment was working itself up to “the Second American Revolution.” (A long way from the current sentiment against the war in Iraq.) The Democratic National Convention of 1968 and the subsequent trial of Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Tom Hayden, Bobby Seale, et al., are recalled in archive footage and comic-bookish animated sequences, mostly in illustration of the court transcripts. (No present-day interviews or reportorial narration.) The story is well told and well worth retelling. With the voices of Mark Ruffalo, Liev Schreiber, Hank Azaria, Jeffrey Wright, Nick Nolte, and Roy Scheider; directed by Brett Morgen. 2008.
★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/15, 6:30 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 re-

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Elegy

quires the stock figure of the Joker — banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan’s lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can’t trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 9/12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 9/12; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Family That Preys — Domestic comedy written and directed by Tyler Perry, with Alfre Woodard, Kathy Bates, Robin Givens, and Cole Hauser. (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION


VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 12; POWAY 10; FROM 9/12)

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)

Frozen River — Stoical prole sob story has some fresh ground to go over — the smuggling of illegal aliens through the

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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. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)


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 ingenue, winsomely embodied by Skylar Astin and Phoebe Strole. Elisabeth Shue — remember her? — is well cast as Elisabeth Shue, more precisely as an alternative Elisabeth Shue who might have quit Hollywood in disgust and taken up a new career as a nurse at a fertility clinic in Arizona. With Catherine Keener, David Arquette, Joseph Julian Soria, and Melonie Diaz. 2008. ★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

Hancock — Two ideas prevail. The first may be summed up in the term “anti-superhero,” or if you prefer it, “super-anti-hero.” The hero, that is to say, possesses the full complement of comic-book superpowers, yet he boozes round the clock, goes days without shaving, dresses like a slob if not a bum (rejecting the conventional superhero’s uniform as fit for a “homo”), is surly, rude, profane. Why he bestirs himself to pursue criminals is not apparent, but he

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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



Hamlet 2

(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 MARKET-PLACE 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 9/12; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE) **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)

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 wed-

User Reviews — MOVIES

Best user comments from Reader website

The Dark Knight 2008

Interesting article. I think that Heath Ledger's death bumped this movie's ticket sales from huge to ridiculous.

If Ledger had not died before the release, I bet this movie would have made between \$350 and \$400 million. It is a popular franchise; it had a successful predecessor in *Batman Begins*; it was a summer event movie and...it was a really good movie.

I don't think you have to be caught up in the Oscar hype to appreciate Ledger's performance in this movie. The Joker could not have been pulled off any better. And the rest of the actors were at least decent.

Another factor that helped was relatively weak competition for the summer. Thanks.

By **fuser** 1:53 a.m., Sept. 4, 2008

The Dark Knight 2008

I think most people with common sense realize that Heath's death, unfortunate and untimely, without a doubt, served as serious advertisment for *The Dark Knight* movie. Of course, it banked more than expected because of this tragedy.

Most likely it would have done very well in theaters even if Heath was alive today. But, the Joker was played exceptionally well and like never before. Ledger gave this character, loved by millions, a new image. I have been waiting for this movie since before Heath died. He made me want to see it.

His death made the movie legendary.

One thing that this movie has done (and would have done even if Heath was living) is embrace a wider range of people...fans that he hadn't before. His role as the Joker attracted an audience that *Broke Back Mountain* nor *10 Things I Hate About You* didn't attract. As an actor, he is being recognized by people who probably hadn't seen him act before, and the acting in this movie is sensational! Not many actors I have seen could have pulled it off like that. Heath, not Heath's death, did that.

Though your article is very well written and most of what you said is true...it seems a bit petty, almost cruel. By **aescaffi** 8:01 p.m., Sept. 4, 2008

From Dusk to Dawn 1996

Chariots of Fire 1981

The vampire movie by Tarantino was *Dusk to Dawn*, which is the name of the bar where the movie is set. While not a great movie, it did have Salma Hayek as the queen vampire doing a smoking hot dance. Worth watching for that alone.

My pick for most overrated is *Chariots of Fire* (1981). Seven Academy Award nominations, winning four, including Best Picture. What a piece of crap, boring, three-hour long movie that was! I was a teenager on a date on a Friday night with nothing else to do when it came out. My date and I walked out after a miserable two hours. I still remember that one. The critics and award shows all praised it. That was the day I started ignoring critics. By **cardig** 1:34 p.m., Sept. 6, 2008

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SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14;
FROM 9/12)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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,



Star Wars: The Clone Wars

that’s of any concern. Best let the zealots fight it out. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Step Brothers — Mainstream comedy, at the broadest point in the stream, about a pair of developmentally arrested forty-year-olds (Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly), still living at home with their respective single mom and single dad, then living together after the parents meet and marry, living first at loggerheads and later in boisterous accord. Everything is pushed to extremes with the intent of making it extra, extra funny, and with the result of making it not at all funny. It is to co-producer Judd Apatow rather than director Adam McKay that we are

prone to ascribe the prosthetic testicles; and it’s between the scriptwriting team of Ferrell and McKay that we are obliged to split credit for lines like “I want to roll you into a little ball and shove you up my vagina” and “I feel like a lightning bolt hit the tip of my penis.” With Mary Steenburgen, Richard Jenkins, Adam Scott, Kathryn Hahn. 2008. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Surfer, Dude — A surfer (Matthew McConaughey) returns to his hometown to find that technology has encroached. (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 9/12)

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 hemophiliac infant. Or where a handy heroin addict will turn up dead at just the moment when you need a body in order to stage a *faux* murder, and you can count on no one noticing the discrepancies between the autopsy cadaver and the supposed victim. All along the way the storytelling employs withholding and delaying tactics whose effect is more annoyance than suspense; and at the finish it features a long-winded verbal summation that, besides its bookishness, compresses the absurdities into an intolerably small space. All that aside, the film is perforce populated with Frenchmen (and bilingual Canadian and British women), who, true to form, work hard and selflessly to engage our interest: François Cluzet, the Gallic Dustin Hoffman, in looks at least, if not also in rodney intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as the absent wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) as an uptown lesbian; the formidable Nathalie Baye as a high-priced and all-business attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessive-compulsive cop on the

case (exasperated, for example, at his underling’s carelessness in differentiating between the trash bin and the recycling bin); and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, with supreme poise and not a hint of a knee-buckle, shoulders the brunt of the absurdity. 2007. ★ (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; 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; 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 Hitchcockian suspense sequences. With Emily Mortimer, Woody Harrelson, Eduardo

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13); **Bangkok Dangerous** (R); **Burn after Reading** (R); **The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **The Longshots** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **Proud American** (PG); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Traitor** (PG-13); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13); **WALL-E** (G); **The Women** (PG-13)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Brideshead Revisited** (PG-13); **Death Race** (R); **The Family That Preys** (PG-13); **Hamlet 2** (R); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Henry Poole Is Here** (PG); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **Mirrors** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Sex and the City** (R); **Surfer, Dude** (R); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **WALL-E** (G)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:20, 9:45; **Bangkok Dangerous** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:40; **Burn After Reading** (R) Fri. (1:00, 1:30, 2:10, 4:05, 5:30) 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:35, 2:15, 2:50) 4:30, 5:25, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:05; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:25) 7:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 3:40) 7:00, 10:15; **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) Fri. 9:55p.m. Sat.-Sun. 9:50p.m.; **Fly Me to the Moon 3-D** (G) Fri. (3:20, 5:25) 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:20) 4:40, 9:20; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (1:05) 7:30 Sat.-Sun. (2:25) 7:05; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:05) 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:30) 7:15; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:05, 7:25, 10:05; **Proud American** (PG) Fri. (1:35, 4:10) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:20) 6:50, 9:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:15) 6:55, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 12:45, 2:40, 3:10) 5:05, 5:35, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) **Bangkok Dangerous** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **Bottle Shock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **Brideshead Revisited** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 6:45; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:45, 6:10, 9:35; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45 Sun. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 2:05, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. 2:05, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:00, 9:50; **Proud American** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Burn After Reading** (R) Fri. 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15; **Frozen River** (R) Fri. 4:40, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 4:40, 9:50; **Tell No One** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 1:50, 7:10; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

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MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) **Psycho** (R)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 6:20, 8:30, 10:40 Sun. 6:20, 8:30; **Bangkok Dangerous** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:10) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (10:10) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **Burn After Reading** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 2:00, 5:25, 8:50; **Death Race** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50 Sun. (10:15) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:20; **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:45, 10:55 Sun. 8:45p.m.; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (10:40) 1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05)

12:35, 3:10, 6:05, 8:55; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:05, 3:45; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20; **Proud American** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:25) 12:55, 3:25, 5:55, 8:25, 10:55 Fri.-Sat. (10:25, 11:40) 12:55, 2:10, 3:25, 4:40, 5:55, 7:10, 8:25, 9:40, 10:55 Sun. (10:25) 12:55, 3:25, 5:55, 8:25 Sun. (10:25, 11:40) 12:55, 2:10, 3:25, 4:40, 5:55, 7:10, 8:25, 9:40; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:50, 3:35, 6:10; **Surfer, Dude** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 1:25, 3:30, 5:40, 8:00, 10:10; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 9:05; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **The Family That Preys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Proud American (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Burn after Reading** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Righteous Kill** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:45; **The Women** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00 12:00) 4:15 6:15 *No 6:15 Wed 9/17 & Thurs 9/18; **Bangkok Dangerous** (R) (2:00) 8:30 10:45 *No 8:30 Wed 9/17 & Thurs 9/18; **Traitor** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 9:45 *No 11am & 1:45 Sat 9/13; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:15; **Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thur.

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13); **Bangkok Dangerous** (R); **Burn after Reading** (R); **The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Death Race** (R); **Disaster Movie** (PG-13); **The Family That Preys** (PG-13); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Mirrors** (R); **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **Proud American** (PG); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG); **Traitor** (PG-13); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13); **The Women** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **In Search of a Midnight Kiss** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:15p.m. Sat.-Sun. 2:35, 7:15; **Man on Wire** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:55, 9:35

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15; **Bottle Shock** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; **Elegy** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; **I Served the King of England** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Transsiberian** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Call theater for program information

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)

Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 4:00; **Planet Earth: Fresh Water** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 2:55, 5:25) 7:45, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00; **Bangkok Dangerous** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:25) 7:55, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:15; **Burn After Reading** (R) Fri. (12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30) 7:20, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:00) 5:00, 5:30, 7:20, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:35) 6:50, 10:05; **Death Race** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:10; **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:05, 10:30; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 5:05) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:05, 7:30, 10:05; **The Longshots** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 10:15; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 3:00, 5:40) 8:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 5:40, 8:20; **Pineapple Express**

(R) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:35, 2:35, 3:05, 5:10, 5:40) 7:40, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 12:35, 2:35, 3:05) 5:10, 5:40, 7:40, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:15) Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:15; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 3:05, 5:45) 8:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 5:45, 8:25; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **Tyler Perry’s The Family That Preys** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; **WALL-E** (G); **The Women** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 8:20, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 8:20, 10:55

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13); **Bangkok Dangerous** (R); **Burn after Reading** (R); **The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Death Race** (R); **Disaster Movie** (PG-13); **The Family That Preys** (PG-13); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Pineapple Express** (R); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Traitor** (PG-13); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **The Women** (PG-13)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 9:50; **Bangkok Dangerous** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 4:45) 7:50, 10:20; **Burn After Reading** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:30, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:25) 6:55, 10:20; **Death Race** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 9:40; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 4:35) 7:25, 9:55; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:15) 7:20, 10:05; **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 6:45; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 7:10; **Proud American** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 6:50, 9:25; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 4:50) 7:40, 10:35; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30; **The Family That Preys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 4:30) 7:35, 10:25; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 7:05, 9:35

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sun.; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Gulong (G) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; Proud American (PG) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Burn after Reading (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:30 10:00; Righteous Kill (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The Women (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:15 7:00 10:00; Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys (R) (11:30 2:00) 4:45 7:15 9:45; Fly Me to the Moon (G) (12:00 2:15) 4:30; Bangkok Dangerous (R) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 7:00 9:15; The House Bunny (PG-13) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Disaster Movie (PG-13) (11:00 4:00) 6:15; Death Race (R) (1:30) 8:15 10:45; Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) Babylon A.D. (PG-13); Bangkok Dangerous (R); Burn after Reading (R); The Dark Knight (PG-13); Death Race (R); Disaster Movie (PG-13); The Family That Preys (PG-13); The House Bunny (PG-13); Righteous Kill (R); Traitor (PG-13); Tropic Thunder (R); The Women (PG-13)

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (858-558-2262) Babylon A.D.; Bangkok Dangerous; Burn after Reading; The Dark Knight; Death Race; Disaster Movie; The Family That Preys; Fly Me to the Moon; Hancock; The House Bunny; Journey to the Center of the Earth; Mirrors; Pineapple Express; Proud American; Righteous Kill; The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2; Star Wars: The Clone Wars; Surfer, Dude; Traitor; Tropic Thunder; WALL-E; The Women

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Babylon A.D. (PG-13); Bangkok Dangerous (R); Burn after Reading (R); The Dark Knight (PG-13); Death Race (R); Disaster Movie (PG-13); The Family That Preys (PG-13); The House Bunny (PG-13); The Longshots (PG); Mirrors (R); Righteous Kill (R); Traitor (PG-13); Tropic Thunder (R); The Women (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Babylon A.D. (PG-13); Bangkok Dangerous (R); Burn after Reading (R); Disaster Movie (PG-13); The House Bunny (PG-13); Mamma Mia! (PG-13); The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13); Righteous Kill (R); Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG); Traitor (PG-13); Tropic Thunder (R); Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13); WALL-E (G); The Women (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Babylon A.D. (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:00) 7:45, 10:40; Bangkok Dangerous (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:55) 7:50, 10:25; Burn After Reading (R) Fri. (12:15, 1:20, 2:40, 3:45, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:20, 2:40, 3:45) 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 9:45; Death Race (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:50) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:50, 7:55, 10:30; Disaster Movie (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:00) 6:50, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:00, 6:50, 9:50; The House Bunny (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:30) 6:40, 9:35; Mamma Mia! (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 6:45, 9:25; Proud American (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 7:05, 10:20; Righteous Kill (R) Fri. (12:05, 1:40, 2:50, 4:20, 5:25) 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 1:40, 2:50) 4:20, 5:25, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35; Traitor (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:35) 6:55, 9:40; Tropic Thunder (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:35, 10:15; The Family That Preys (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:10) 7:10, 10:00; The Women (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:20) 7:30, 10:05

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Proud American (PG) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Burn after Reading (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Righteous Kill (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The Women (PG-13) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:15 10:00; Bangkok Dangerous (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 9:45; Tropic Thunder (R) (12:00 2:45) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:00 9:30; Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu. No 11 am-3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Proud American (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Burn after Reading (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:30; Righteous Kill (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The Women (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 10:00; Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys (R) (11:30 2:00) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:15; Fly Me to the Moon (G) (10:15 12:30 2:30) 4:30 6:30; Bangkok Dangerous (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:30; Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 8:30 10:45; Traitor (PG-13) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:00 9:45; The House Bunny (PG-13) (12:00 2:15) 4:45 7:30 10:00; Tropic Thunder (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) Babylon A.D. (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 9:20; Bangkok Dangerous (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35, 3:15, 5:10, 5:50) 7:30, 8:15, 10:00; Burn After Reading (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 2:20, 3:05, 4:45, 5:25) 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:15; The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:50) 7:15, 10:30; Death Race (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; Disaster Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 10:35; The House Bunny (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00; Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25, 4:40); Righteous Kill (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 12:20, 2:20, 3:00, 4:50, 5:30) 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:35; Traitor (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; Tropic Thunder (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; The Family That Preys (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40; The Women (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 1:35, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:25

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Proud American (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Righteous Kill (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Fly Me to the Moon (G) (10:00 12:00 2:00 4:00) 6:15; Bangkok Dangerous (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; Disaster Movie (PG-13) (10:15 12:15) 5:00; Babylon A.D. (PG-13) (2:45) 7:15 9:30; Traitor (PG-13) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:00 9:45; The House Bunny (PG-13) (12:00 2:15) 4:45 7:30 10:00; Pineapple Express (R) 8:15 10:45; Tropic Thunder (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Women (PG-13) (10:30 1:15) 4:00 7:00 9:45; Burn after Reading (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:30 10:00; Elegy (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:20p.m.

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



Burn after Reading (R) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:30 9:45; Righteous Kill (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The Women (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 10:00; Fly Me to the Moon (G) (11:00 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; Traitor (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Tropic Thunder (R) (12:00 2:45) 5:15

7:45 10:15; Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



Proud American (PG) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Burn after Reading (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Righteous Kill (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; The Women (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:15 8:00 10:45; Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; Fly Me to the Moon (G) (11:45 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:30; Bangkok Dangerous (R) (11:30 2:00) 4:45 7:15 10:00; Disaster Movie (PG-13) (12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:30; Babylon A.D. (PG-13) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:15 10:30; Traitor (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; The House Bunny (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:30 10:45; Death Race (R) (11:30 2:00) 4:30 7:00 9:45; Tropic Thunder (R) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:00 9:45; Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Babylon A.D. (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:35, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Bangkok Dangerous (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; Burn After Reading (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:30) 8:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:30, 8:30; Death Race (R) Fri. (2:05, 4:50) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:10; Disaster Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00p.m.); The House Bunny (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:40; Mirrors (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 7:25, 10:00; Pineapple Express (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:30, 10:10; Proud American (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:55) 7:00, 9:25; Righteous Kill (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:35) 8:10, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:35; Step Brothers (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:40) 7:35, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:40, 7:35, 9:55; Surfer, Dude (R) Fri. (1:30, 3:50, 5:55) 8:00, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:05; Traitor (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:45) 7:05, 9:45; Tropic Thunder (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; The Family That Preys (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; The Women (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:00) 6:50, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:00, 6:50, 9:35



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MOVIES

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 (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 preten-


sions and pieties of *Apocalypse Now*, *Platoon*, *Rambo*, *Saving Private Ryan*, what-you-will. With Steve Coogan, Danny McBride, Matthew McConaughey. 2008.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; 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 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Vicky Cristina Barcelona — You can't claim that Woody Allen's rapid rate of production doesn't show. Even the title of this one sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision: three names off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen's British sojourn seems to be over, though he's not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist's ex-wife re-enters the scene after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer's laziest declarative vein — *I'm this, you're that, he or she's the other* — has not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the 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-

SEEN ON

DVD



Tom Dowd and The Language of Music

MARY LYNN PRICE
Underwater videographer

One of the aspects of underwater imaging that most appeals to me is the rhythm and motion of the underwater world — it's like music. Two DVDs that have really stuck with me are about music. *Atlantic Records: The House That Ahmet Built* features incredible footage, and interviews with greats like Ray Charles, Eric Clapton, Aretha Franklin, and Ahmet Ertegun, the co-founder of the landmark-recording label. Also featured is Jerry Wexler who passed away last month. These are the people who created music that's part of our collective memory.

Tom Dowd and The Language of Music is about the innovative music producer and recording engineer responsible for helping create the recording sounds of many of Atlantic's music greats. Dowd shows us how he mixed memorable tracks like the dual guitar leads of Eric Clapton and Duane Allman on Layla.

ATLANTIC RECORDS: THE HOUSE THAT AHMET BUILT (USA) 2007, Rhino
List price: \$19.98

TOM DOWD AND THE LANGUAGE OF MUSIC (USA) 2003, Palm Pictures
List price: \$24.98

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Having just served as emcee at the San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition reminds me to dust off my favorite water-themed DVDs. *The Big Blue* was the first English-language film by French director Luc Besson. Based on a true story, it immerses viewers in the rivalry between real-life free dive champions Jacques Mayol (Jean-Marc Barr) and Enzo Maiorca (the always excellent Jean Reno). Breath-taking underwater photography and a fluid score add to the drama, which culminates at the world championships. You'll be holding your breath right along with the divers!

Being a diver, I have a natural kinship with other water people. So it was a natural that I would rush out to see *Riding Giants* and buy the Special Edition DVD. Even if you're not a surfer, this documentary brings the evolution of surfing alive, from its beginnings in early Hawaii to today's tow-in surfer superstars.

THE BIG BLUE: DIRECTOR'S CUT (France) 1988, Sony Pictures
List price: \$29.98

RIDING GIANTS (USA) 2004, Sony Pictures
List price: \$15.95



Finding Nemo

ERIC HANAUER
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As an exhibitor at the San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition, I have some water-themed DVDs to recommend. *Das Boot* is simply the best submarine movie ever made. Filmed before the CGI era, it exhibits a gritty realism.

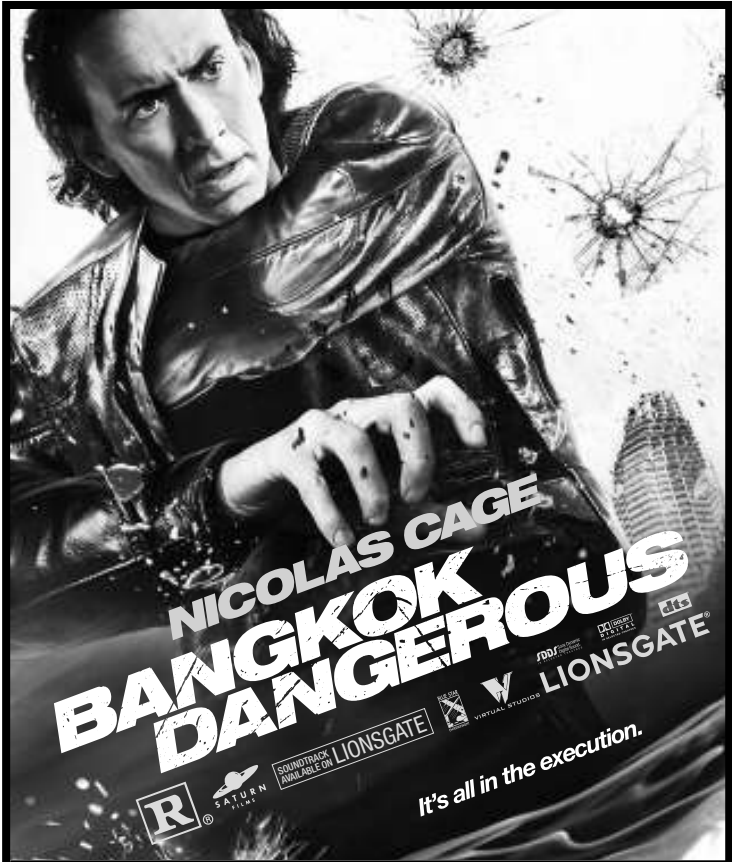
Men of Honor is based on the life of Carl Brashears, the first African American salvage diver in the U.S. Navy. In the Hollywood film, he takes ten steps on his prosthetic leg dressed in full hardhat gear. In reality, Brashears made several surreptitious dives unbeknownst to the brass, so recertification as the Navy's first amputee diver was pro forma.

When Pixar filmed *Finding Nemo*, key animators had to take scuba classes. It shows. They captured the look of light underwater including backscatter, the tiny particles that are the bane of underwater photographers. Advisors included marine biologists, so the underwater world, although fanciful, was authentic.

DAS BOOT (Germany) 1982, Sony Pictures
List price: \$9.99

MEN OF HONOR (USA) 2000, 20th Century Fox
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"When it's midnight in Memphis, it's a long, long time before the day."

When rock 'n' roll first hit the scene, hipsters swore that "things's gonna get REAL GONE for a change." Although it felt born full grown to those it blew away, rock 'n' roll didn't spring from Zeus's — or, more apt, Dionysus's — thigh. It required a small band of intrepid disc jockeys to cross borders and spread the feisty news.

Among the originals was Memphis's Dewey Phillips. These days, he's famous for being the first deejay to play a record by Elvis (July 1954: "That's All Right, Mama"). But "Daddy-O Dewey" fought an offbeat crusade for the music he called "red, hot, and blue." A manic cat, he moved at 78 rpm in a world stuck on 33 $\frac{1}{3}$. Phillips loved playing the new music to his "good people" so much he didn't just sing along during a broadcast, he shrieked the lyrics. He died of heart failure at age 42: the Elvis of deejays.

Joe DiPietro's and David Bryan's *Memphis* pays a double tribute: to the Phillips-like vanguard of deejays whose hearts ran miles ahead of the times and to the city of Elvis, B.B. King, and Johnny Cash, which has been a magnet not just for rock 'n' roll, but also blues, gospel, "sharecropper" country (as opposed to Nashville's "rhinestone"), and crunk. Beale Street's famous for the blues and late-night levitation. As Bette Midler sings in "The Rose," "When it's midnight in Memphis, it's a long, long time before the day."

Back in the 1950s, one of the few reasons blacks could cross Crump Street with impunity, and go from the South Memphis ghetto to the city, was to make music. *Memphis* begins in Delray's all-black basement club on Beale. In swerves a white kid. Wearing pseudo-hipster clothes (tiger stripes being probably the closest he could approximate to the real deal in these parts), he must be high on something. He weaves down the stairs in awe, like a space-

cased Moses in his Promised Land. He's Huey Calhoun (i.e. Phillips), and he finally has the guts to cross the other color barrier and go underground.

At the La Jolla Playhouse, the instant that Chad Kimball slinks down the stairs as Huey, the excellent production creates a kind of reverse history: most people know something about early rock 'n' roll, but who's the odd bird? You don't see his like these days. At first he seems suspicious. Is he a flim-flammer working angles or one of those conniving record agents who ransacked black music of the '50s and '60s, made white "cover" records, and never paid a cent for the copyright?

In that first scene, Kimball establishes not only Huey's idiosyncrasies but also his bone-honest sincerity. Throughout the show, Kimball runs amok. He rocks every tune (just when you think he's hit his highest note, he shoots up an octave) and moves as if he's SDG&E's power grid. Kimball's performance is — a word misused these days to praise trivial things — awesome.

Memphis tells of several crossovers. Huey falls for Felicia, a talented African-American singer. Their taboo love mirrors the times as much as the music. The script could stress Felicia's struggle more: to break a barrier, you sometimes have to break your heart. As they say on the World Poker Tour, Montego Glover's Felicia goes "all in" on every song. She does such standout renditions of "Someday" and "Love Will Stand When All Else Fails" that the production truncates applause — for fear of adding ten minutes to the running time?

Memphis has many potential showstoppers: J. Bernard Calloway's Delray and James Monroe Inglehart's Bobby score with "Underground" and "Big Love." Melanie Vaughan, as Huey's mother, sings "Shut Up and Change." The intro's so lame you expect the stage to sag.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Allen Fitzpatrick, Michael Benjamin Washington, J. Bernard Calloway, Chad Kimball, Montego Glover in Memphis

Memphis, book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro, music and lyrics by David Bryan

La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD

Directed by Christopher Ashley; cast: Montego Glover, J. Bernard Calloway, Chad Kimball, James Monroe Inglehart, Cass Morgan, Michael Benjamin Washington, Allen Fitzpatrick, Kevin Covert, Steve Gunderson, Brad Bass, John Eric Parker; scenic design, David Gallo; costumes, Paul Tazewell; lighting, Howell Binkley; sound, Ken Travis; choreography, Sergio Trujillo; musical director, Kenny Seymour

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Then Vaughan, Calloway, Allen Fitzpatrick, and Michael Benjamin Washington build it into an anthem.

Joe DiPietro's book fights a battle between the actual and Broadway expectations. The long first act could use a trim (there's a song for almost every occasion; problem is, which of David Bryan's rafter-shaking rockers do you cut?). In some ways the energized first act doesn't prepare for the tonal changes in the second, which shifts from striving for a dream to costs paid in full. And the conclusion's an unsteady compromise between what the audience expects — the form calls for wave-the-banner-

high uplift — and Phillips's exit to oblivion.

Aided by a terrific live band and Sergio Trujillo's choreography, Christopher Ashley's direction makes the stage pulse like music. David Gallo's kaleidoscopic sets contribute here as well. They stretch apart and roll together in waves. At one point they literally go underground: the street for the previous scene rises and the basement elevators up.

The book stumbles here and there, but overall the production's hugely entertaining. The first 20 minutes are so hot, in fact, if the performers kicked it up just a smidge more, they'd create a fire hazard. ■

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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



The Good Body

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* per-

sists. At the Old Globe, director Darko Tresnjak relocates the play in Victorian times, which allows Linda Cho to dress the cast in cold, formal charcoals, the soldiers in bright red and black. Tresnjak counters the stiff-upper-lip surface with bawdy touches, including a frontal view of Michelangelo's Goliath-sized statue *David* upstage

(and upstaging all below). As Bertram and Helena, Graham Hamilton and Kimberly Parker Greene are adequate. The fun's in the secondary roles: Jim Winker's crotchety King ("wrapped in dismal thinkings"), Kandis Chappell, Charles Janasz, and music-voiced Celeste Ciulla. Bruce Turk is special as Parolles who, like Helena, becomes a threat to the male-dominated social order. Over the years, audiences and critics have had a "problem" with the play. But I never have. Its perplexities are much more lifelike than most of the happy-enders (how many weddings have you attended where people whisper, "Give it six months" and are being optimistic?). All may be well that ends well, but at the ending of *All's Well*, Helena and Bertram have only just begun.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

Altar Boyz

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the musical comedy spoof about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last night of their national

"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. 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.

Dreamgirls

San Diego Musical Theatre presents the Tom Eyer/Henry Krieger musical "loosely based" on Diana Ross and the Supremes. The girl group the Dreamettes becomes the Dreams. Then Deena assumes the spotlight. Ron Kellum directed and choreographed. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21.

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. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 4.

The Good Body

San Diego Repertory Theatre presents Eve Ensler's seriocomical look at "the beauty of the female form" and the quest for its attainment. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

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 THEATRE, 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 Heavenly Deposition

To celebrate Assisted Living Week, Vantage Theatre presents a staged reading of Werner Rolf Hashagen's comedy about "smarmy lawyers, frivolous lawsuits, a heavenly angel in training, and God as the final judge." ST. PAUL'S VILLA, 2340 FOURTH AVENUE, BANKER'S HILL. SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages this musical tribute (by Eric Blau and Mort Shuman) to French composer Jacques Brel, whose opus includes ballads, tangos, rock, and boleros. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

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-

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Troilus and Cressida

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.

Memphis

The La Jolla Playhouse presents Joe DiPietro and David Bryan's musical tribute to the disc jockeys who introduced rock 'n' roll to the masses. Christopher Ashley directed.

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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



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one point they adopt a 19th-Century melodramatic style and frolic with histrionics). White hair down to his shoulders, Jonathan McMurtry looks like Wild Bill Hickock, until he draws his six-shooters and terrorizes the town. Wynn Harmon's Caius, a French doctor in an aqua jacket, malaprops amusingly. Deborah Taylor, Charles Janasz, and Sloan Grenz enhance scenes. And Bruce Turk, as Frank Ford, turns a minor character into a Falstaff-sized, green-eyed dupe. ***Worth a try.***
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National Comedy Theatre
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 competi-

tively. 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.

Night Sky
Some of San Diego's better theater groups don't have permanent



Romeo and Juliet

homes. The La Jolla Playhouse's new Resident Theater Company program — thanks to artistic director Christopher Ashley — has given Mo'olelo Performing Arts a

place to stage its awareness-raising works. The inaugural drama, by Susan Yankowitz, goes inside the mind of a woman suffering from aphasia. Anna teaches astronomy:

infinite space, dark matter, black holes. An auto accident damages her left brain, the language center: she can't match a word to an object or a thought (at one point a speech therapist illustrates the anguish by asking audience members to pronounce their names backwards). The subject arrests, especially if you know Yankowitz based it on theater legend Joseph Chaikin's communication disorder (years ago, Chaikin came to Sushi and read his and Sam Shepard's *War in Heaven* as best he could, unforgettably). The text, however, has gaps and, frankly, bad writing (the husband-wife relationship feels forced both ways: the ardent loving couple and the "bitch/loser" tirades don't connect with each other; frequent lectures on the wonders of space hammer home the obvious). Like Arthur Kopit's *Wings*, about a similar phenomenon, the story's predictable. Mo'olelo wrestles with the script, which earns, then loses dramatic tension. The production has a big plus, however. Seema Sueko puts you inside "Anna Aphasia's" mind: the horrific shock, frustrating therapy, lacerated dreams, living hopes, and, most of all, how it feels to be so cut adrift in one's inner space that words feel as far away as stars in the night sky. ***Worth a try.***
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Diversionary Theatre stages Jean-Paul Sartre's existential drama about three people in the afterlife who discover that "hell is other people." Esther Emery directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

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 illuminates the works of Tintoretto and Caravaggio: amid darkness the lovers glow. Stage pictures resemble paintings. Some echo each other, as when Juliet's hand reaches down for Romeo, from the balcony and from the tomb. But Seer breaks the picture frame, so to speak, when Romeo and Juliet address speeches to the audience. If the choice was meant to endear them to us, they don't need it (I can't think of anyone audiences could care more about). And including us in their private thoughts breaks their tragic isolation. The night I caught the show, Graham Hamilton — and the production overall — settled in about a third of the way through. At first Hamilton dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later he hit his accents and began to mean what Romeo meant. Heather Wood not only expresses Juliet's youth and intelligence, she has a naturally melodic voice that only rings false when she tries to add melody to it. The production offers strong visuals, and the story, as so often in

Shakespeare, works on elemental levels. But the second half's a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy's opera-like impulses. *Romeo and Juliet* runs in repertory with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *All's Well That Ends Well*. Call the theater for days and times of each. ***Worth a try.***
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Troilus and Cressida
Shakespeare at his most philosophical, and irate. Goethe said, "If you would see Shakespeare's mind unfettered, read *Troilus and Cressida*." It's the Bard's take on Homer's *Iliad*, but the "heroes" on both sides are slimy, self-regarding thugs who bounce around the Dardan Plain like overinflated balloons. And Helen of Troy's a weapon of mass destruction, an excuse for conquest and nothing more. The love of the title characters doesn't just go wrong; it becomes the emblematic tale of infidelity. Goethe said "read" the play, not stage it. *Troilus* is a theatrical monster, demanding actors with muscular physicality and the chops to deliver some of the Bard's finest poetry. It last appeared in San Diego at the Old Globe in 1976. Aside from anything else, Compass Theatre deserves praise for attempting this epic task. Director Welton Jones and George Weinberg-Harter (who plays Pandarus and Agamemnon) have done a smart job of trimming a script that's literature when read but that waxes verbose when performed. The opening night, however, ranged from amateurish reciting to odd emphases to sprints 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 (nine actors playing over 25 parts) 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. 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. COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

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Mike Reck

Retired
Pacific Beach

I would say live your life right because you're responsible for your own actions. You can do things the way you want. That's fine. But you should always keep in mind the responsibility your actions will bring.



Joey Horne

Musician
Downtown

My advice would be for them not to count on Social Security because it's not going to be there for them. And, do yourself a favor and upgrade to Facebook because MySpace is for little kids.



Richard Whelchel

Chef
Coronado

Stay in school and get an education. You'll be able to go farther in life. For myself, I wish I would've stuck with culinary school instead of hanging out and partying and doing drugs. Everything is so much harder if you don't get educated. But, you know, hindsight's always 20/20.



Leonza Duncan

Longshoreman
National City

I would say keep the faith and stay strong. Life is a struggle. I'm constantly telling my son, who is 20, to stay focused. I don't want him getting distracted by nonsense. That would be my best advice for anyone. And to stay safe.



Larry Monday

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Reader Pop Quiz

This week’s questions

- 1. “Some crazy bum guy scream[ing] at the giant flyin’ eyeball of Jesus being shot at him from a laser beam—carrying dragon wizard” is how Tiltwheel’s Davey Tilt describes what to Ollie?
- 2. Roughly how many plastic grocery bags are thrown away each second, worldwide?
- 3. How much money did the “mob-tainted Teamsters Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund” loan to local developer Irvin Kahn to build Rancho Peñasquitos, the way Don Bauder tells it?
- 4. Australia’s Nick Cave, veteran of the Birthday Party, the Bad Seeds, and Grinderman, is currently how old, according to the Club-Crawling Barnaby Monk?
- 5. Give the name of the energy that flows through the body’s meridians as described in Chinese medicine and “Best Buys.”
- 6. This week’s “Blurt” tells how what renowned drummer recently sat in with local tribute band the Cured at L.A.’s Gibson Amphitheatre?
- 7. After an idyllic getaway to Montreal, Barbarella and her husband battle incompetent Greyhound workers, lying cabbies, and humorless customs officers and spend bundles of money to escape to the airport of what U.S. city?
- 8. At the ‘70s party that Josh Board crashes, his friend Joey shows up attired in a suit, sporting a cane, and wearing what accoutrement on his head?
- 9. Name one insect that acts drunk when researchers feed it alcohol, according to Matthew Alice.
- 10. Which crazed, way-gone mid-1950s deejay serves as the model for the main character of *Memphis*, currently at the La Jolla Playhouse?

Answers to last week’s Reader Pop Quiz

- 1. “All She Needs Is a Spankin’.” (p. 84)
- 2. Alec Baldwin’s head. (p. 168)
- 3. A huge joint. (p. 114)
- 4. The amputated leg of one Lt. Watkins. (p. 43)
- 5. Sixteen. (p. 117)
- 6. His daughter Cressida. (p. 133)
- 7. La Salteña. (p. 20)
- 8. Rank and File and the True Believers. (p. 104)
- 9. Beer goggles. (p. 14)
- 10. A former drummer. (p. 93)

Congratulations to last week’s winners:
Clinton Parker, Mark A. Castro, Dennis Conklin, Gian Ghio, and Teresa Roberts

Rules Pop Quiz answers must include page numbers from the *Reader* print edition on which the answers are found. First five entrants to deliver correct sets of answers win Reader T-shirts or \$25 (indicate preference). Answers must be submitted by Monday at 7 a.m. after the issue in question. Only one winner per household or email address per month. Multiple entries will be disregarded. Mail answers to: Reader Pop Quiz, SD Reader, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186; or fax to 619-231-0489; or email to Quiz@sdreader.com; or deliver to 1703 India Street in Little Italy (we have an after-hours mail slot).

Typo Patrol Results

Issue of September 4, 2008

City Lights

p.7 cease and desist letter *should be* cease-and-desist letter

Linda Cox (San Diego) \$10

Restaurant listings

p.16 iHunteri omelet *should be* Hunter omelet

Club Crawler

p.92 Naked Girl Falling down the Stairs” *should be* Naked Girl Falling Down the Stairs”

Brian Slipper (Del Mar) \$20

Event listings

p.67 Marine Life Protection Act-Initiative *should be* Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

Karen Guarnotta (San Diego) \$10

Sporting Box

p.16 if the game ended *should be* if the game had ended

p.16 two thirds *should be* two-thirds

We’ll See No More of Giants

p.59 loathe *should be* loath

Restaurant Review

p.116 Michele/Michelle; *spellings should match*

Charles H. Elster (San Diego) \$40

City Lights

p.7 “Escribionist” *should be* “Escribitionist”

Sheep and Goats

p.18 his *should be* His

p.18 me *should be* Me

They Think They’re in Love

p.25 who they like *should be* whom they like

Event listings

p.67 marine-protected areas (twice) *should be* marine protected areas

p.68 Que Viva *should be* ¡Qué Viva!

p.68 Folklorico *should be* Monólogos

p.75 Monologos *should be* Monólogos

p.76 kid’s corral *should be* kids’ corral

Movie listings

p.128 just completed *should be* just-completed

Armin Moths (San Diego) \$100

Best Buys

p.20 Cordoba *should be* Córdoba

Unforgettable

p.42 to beach-comb *should be* to beachcomb

p.45 Falconer shouted at Nelson: Do...you! *should be* Falconer shouted at Nelson: “Do...you!”

If He Goes, I Go Too

p.48 villi, which lines *should be* villi, which line

Event listings

p.68 Nina *should be* Niña

p.76 Paseo Del Verano *should be* Paseo del Verano

p.100 The Scribe amidst Lions *should be* A Scribe Amidst Lions

p.111 ON Ensemble *should be* On Ensemble

Restaurant review

p.116 la linea *should be* la línea

p.117 “what we all” *should be* “what we call”

Restaurant listings

p.119 shitake *should be* shiitake

p.121 Salon Azteca *should be* Salón Azteca

Karelyn Kimokeo (El Cajon) \$120

Blurt

p.84 touch ups *should be* touch-ups

Darien High (Mira Mesa) \$10

News of the Weird

p.165 Häagen Dazs *should be* Häagen-Dazs

Crasher

p.115 Tellulah *should be* Tallulah

BestBuys

p.20 readymade *should be* ready-made

Chelsea Navarro (Carlsbad) \$30

Restaurant listings

p.122 tikki masala *should be* tikka masala

p.123 Mozzarella *should be* mozzarella

p.124 Tapatitlan *should be* Tapatitlán (twice)

p.124 taqueria *should be* taquería

Dustin Homen (Lemon Grove) \$40

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Across

- 1. "Diary of ____ Black Woman" (2005 film)
- 5. Henry James title character
- 11. "____ a long story"
- 14. Exclusive
- 15. Hesitant
- 16. Fannie ____
- 17. What Edmund has on his mind for the better part of a play by Shakespeare?
- 19. "The Situation Room" airer
- 20. Gave it a shot
- 21. Sprees
- 22. Place pieces of scouring pads on a clothesline?

- 28. Spinning
- 29. Bumper car, at times
- 30. Take to the sky
- 31. Gobbles
- 35. Help a beloved children's book character prepare for a test?
- 40. Given experimentally
- 41. Symbol of sanctity
- 43. Quit the group, maybe
- 47. Cad
- 48. What happened after the singer of "Superstition" yelled "This stinks!" during a performance of "The Iceman Cometh"?
- 53. Tributes in verse
- 54. "That's ____ off my mind"
- 55. One of a pair of scuba equipment
- 56. Apt description of 17-, 22-, 35- and 48-Across
- 62. "Monk" airer
- 63. Trawler's catch
- 64. Gutter site
- 65. An agt.'s take
- 66. Samples
- 67 Pull an all-nighter

Down

- 1. Request
- 2. "Excusez-____!"
- 3. Every last bit
- 4. Actor Benicio ____ Toro
- 5. Short story author Alice
- 6. Prefix with -plasty or -gram
- 7. Keys
- 8. Glove material
- 9. Radio host Glass
- 10. Suffix with musket
- 11. "No need to relax me"
- 12. Hair problem

- 13. Detection device
- 18. " ____ never fly!"
- 21. Beam in a bar?
- 22. Suffers from
- 23. Yank who wears #13
- 24. Close
- 25. Spice Girl Halliwell
- 26. UCLA athlete
- 27. Totally absorbed
- 31. Major daily in Mexico City
- 32. Sports drink suffix
- 33. "Dracula" director Browning
- 34. ____-mo
- 36. Downtime
- 37 Fund-raising suffix
- 38. Praise
- 39. "What ____ can I say?"
- 42. " ____ the land of the free ..."
- 43. Err
- 44. Digitally recorded
- 45. Witnessed in the area of
- 46. Grafton's " ____ for Outlaw"
- 47. City near Sacramento
- 49. Ends
- 50. Start of a Tony Bennett classic
- 51. Chef's hat
- 52. Cries shrilly
- 56. Acct. increase
- 57. Meadow
- 58. Muscle mag topic
- 59. Something to shoot for
- 60. Mendes of "Ghost Rider"
- 61. Nancy Pelosi, e.g.: Abbr.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 13. "Register to vote Libertarian!"
Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 12. "The torture never stops!"
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 12. "I am big - it's the pictures that got small!"
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 12. "Almost everyone here in the left column rides a bike."
George Jackson, Oceanside, 12. "Hockey mom = pit bull dog + lipstick."
Ron Meyer, Santee, 12. "Thanks Mike and Gerry. We had fun at the river."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 12.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 12. "Chillin' like a villain."
Julie Osburn, North Park, 12. "Logan River smiles now, Ethan Ocean is back in school."
John Rosenbach, Escondido, 12.
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 12. "Great puzzle! Grants will be fifties. Watch for it."
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 12. "Ban-ish the beach booze ban!"

Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 12. "www.oktober-festelcajon.com. October 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12."
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 11. "Kevin, good luck on your new job. Pepe, have fun in first grade. Peace!"
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 11. "Eat at Joe's! Open late."
Amna Cornett, Mission Hills, 11. "I've run the gamut."
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 11. **Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 11.** "Happy birthday Michael! Happy anniversary Carlene and Michael!"
☛ **Thomas McVeagh, Lake-side, 11.** "Vote for Barack Obama."
C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 11. "At last! My uber T-shirt! Sehr wunderbar! Muchos gracias!"
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 11. "Hi Kendall and Devon!"
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 11. "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."
John L. Drechner, North Park, 10. "Retirement community in Sweden - Del Webb's Sunless City."

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 10. "Look Ski, I'm a winner!"
Janet Goff, Cardiff, 10. "Two T-shirts is all I ask."
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 10. "Happy first birthday Delilah Rose Walker."
Anna McCutcheon, Down-town, 10. "www.paintwithdan.com"
☛ **Don Reckles, Carmel Val-ley, 10.** "KMR, thanks for every-thing. Enjoy your well deserved free-ish time."
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 10. "Kelley is the queen!"
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 9.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 9. "I'm catching up with Pamela; woohoo!"
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Val-ley, 9. "Uh oh, Ken made a boo boo!"
Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 9. "I'll wear the shirt ten days in Hawaii."
Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 9. "Sarah Palin reminds me of my PE teacher."
☛ **Tom Seaman, Alpine, 9.**
Dave Small, San Carlos, 9.
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 9. "Go Chargers!"
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 8. "Happy Birthday Ambrw."

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 8. "Be about time for a T-shirt."
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 8. "Roof rats necessitate roof cats."
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 8. "Look out Washington, here comes Sarahcuda!"
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 8. "Go Madison Warhawks sports teams!"
Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 8.
Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 8. "Please send black T-shirt."
Martha Klages, Encanto, 8. "Sorry to see the Valley House go."
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 8. "Don't let the Chicago machine run the country!"
Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 8. "Hello Mrs. Hair."
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 8. "Happy birthday Erin, Mom, and Eli-jah."
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 8. "P-town 4 life!"
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 8. "Your spirit lives on. Goodbye, Dad."
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 8. "Rust never sleeps."
Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 7. "I will stay on the 1st page. Column 3 here I come!"
Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 7.

Martha Awdziewicz, Claire-mont, 7.
Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 7. "Thanks for the T-shirt!"
David Castillo, Bay Park, 7. "Dan and Sue, wine country rocks! Thanks."
Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 7. "GQ and Sue, thank you for the stay at the villas!"
Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 7. "The accused Italian said, 'Bologna!'"
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 7. "Our long national nightmare is nearly over!"
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 7. "Community organizer, rabble rouser, trouble maker. But I repeat myself."
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 7.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 7.
Barbara Neill, Santee, 7.
Jeff Smith, University City, 7. "Drink Alpine Ale or go to bed!"
Eddie Spaghetio, Coronado, 7. "143UNIT15! Recherche! Pourquoi me taquines autant sans pitie? CIUM21."
Rudy E. Stegmann, Santee, 7. "Hello to Steve and Paolo, my favorite La Jollans."
Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 7. "Watch out, Pamela...I'm 72 now."

☛ **Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 7.** "Bobby and Michael, good luck at Florence Elementary."
Marie Turock, North Park, 7.
Kelley Wilson, Santee, 7. "Hi Buddy and Nick! Lee is sleepy! Love ya!"
A. T. Certik, Bonita, 6.
☛ **Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 6.** "Hi Boot."
Andre Desilets, Downtown, 6.
☛ **Bette Eberhardt, Pine Val-ley, 6.** "Congrats Anne-Marie. No more working with 5150's."
Michael Lodahl, Mission Val-ley, 6. "Feliz cumpleaños a mi Ken-hewickian madre Virginia!"
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 6. "Thanks to my helpful family, I'm back! Manoflamoooshu? Argh!"
Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 6.
John Stead, Santee, 6.
Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 6.
Mike Adkins, Santee, 5.
Sheila Agahan-Price, Ocean-side, 5. "For my daughter, Melissa Menard."
Brian W. Beach, Santee, 5.
Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 5.
E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 5. "Bronzy" is a word."

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Ben Brainard, Santee, 5.
Max Calhoun, Vista, 5. "I like mine with bacon!"
☛ Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 5.
Doug Coffin, Santee, 5.
Dan Collins, Santee, 5.
Laura Conshafter, Santee, 5.
Matt Dene, Santee, 5.
J. DeWitt, Santee, 5.
Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 5.
Kathleene Evans, Santee, 5.
Mark Franc, Santee, 5.
Tim Glover, Santee, 5.
Andy Harrison, Santee, 5.
L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 5.
Mark Hill, Santee, 5.
Jim Hutchings, Santee, 5.
E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 5.
Patrick Koegel, North Park, 5. "Strive for 5! No jive."
Gary Kuske, Santee, 5.
Bill Love, Santee, 5.
Kevin McNearney, Santee, 5.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 5.
Linda Millsberg, Santee, 5.
Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 5. "Can you handle it this week, dear?"

Donnie Nelson, Santee, 5.
"Good show!"
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 5.
"Heartland Lions, 'We Serve,'" Nathan Petty, Santee, 5.
Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 5.
"Mama's got a squeezebox she wears on her chest."
Shirley Stafford, Carlsbad, 5.
"Happy Birthday, Kevin!"
Stacy Tool, Santee, 5.
☛ Marissa Torres, San Marcos, 5. "Noni uses frozen meatballs."
Woody Weaver, Santee, 5.
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 5.
"Thanks for the T-shirt! Now I can relax."
Warren Winters, Santee, 5.
Mary Woodbury, Santee, 5.
"Fun!"
Ivan Yanev, Santee, 5.
Stephen Young, Santee, 5.
Don Albee, Santee, 4.
Doretha Albee, Santee, 4.
Bud Anderson, Santee, 4.
Bruce Bell, South Park, 4. "Hi Scott."
Carl Bennett, Escondido, 4.
Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 4.

Neal Brown, Santee, 4.
Margaret Buckner, Santee, 4.
John Bullock, Santee, 4.
Tim Dene, Santee, 4.
Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 4.
☛ Tracy Doddy, Gaslamp, 4.
G. Doyle, Santee, 4.
Ed Edwards, Santee, 4.
Heather Ellsworth, Santee, 4.
Kathleen Fowler, Santee, 4.
Marie Grace, College Area, 4.
"Welcome to San Diego, Sasha!"
Hugh Hagues, Santee, 4.
Marilynn Harrington, Santee, 4.
M. Jordan, Santee, 4.
Troy Knapp, Santee, 4.
Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 4.
Monty Landy, Santee, 4.
Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 4. "Happy 13th Birthday Rayne-Marië!"
Angie Longoria, Santee, 4.
Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 4.
Rick Marin, Santee, 4.
Erin Marin, Santee, 4.
☛ Robert McQuay, Linda Vista, 4. "Try, try again!"
Heber Moore, Santee, 4.
Kevin Moreau, Santee, 4.
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 4.
Charles Overdorf, Santee, 4.
Eugene Padua, Santee, 4.

Randy Schimpf, Santee, 4.
J. Schwendinger, Santee, 4.
☛ Diane Sengir, Downtown, 4. "Here's to my neighbor Helen! Shes a puzzle aficionado."
M. Sherritt, Santee, 4.
Ron Shields, Santee, 4.
Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 4.
Gayle Squire, Santee, 4.
☛ Edward J. Swain, Downtown, 4. "Mortalia facta peribunt."
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 4.
"Eschew obfuscation."
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 4.
"Sarah - you go girl!"
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 4.
Lee Woodbury, Santee, 4.
Dan Abernathy, Santee, 3.
Rick Austin, Santee, 3.
Roy Bailey, Santee, 3.
Derek Besand, Santee, 3.
Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 3.
Loren Broadstone, Santee, 3.
Dave Capehart, Santee, 3.
Jill Dickens, Santee, 3.
Mike Downey, Santee, 3.
Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 3.
Eduardo Emett, Santee, 3.
Manny Espino, Santee, 3.
Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 3.
Emma Friemuth, Santee, 3.
Gina Glover, Santee, 3.
Mike Gross, Santee, 3.

☛ Sandra Groves, Bonita, 3.
"Back from Idaho!"
Ward Harrington, Santee, 3.
Ricky Hartpence, Santee, 3.
Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 3.
LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 3.
Billy Horton, Santee, 3. "Just the thing for a coffee break."
Steve Jenks, Santee, 3.
Eric Jespersen, Santee, 3.
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 3.
Gail Kotner, University Hts, 3.
Eben Maat, Santee, 3.
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 3.
Ken Milne, Santee, 3.
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 3. "Tiff, Chino, my mom: this one's for you!"
Deborah Moore, Santee, 3.
David Papworth, Santee, 3.
Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 3.
Dalia Reynolds, Solana Beach, 3. "Good job, Katie."
Don Romero, Ramona, 3. "Mei Ling is hot!"
Richard Rose, Santee, 3.
John Shultz, Santee, 3.
Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 3.
Nathan Squire, Santee, 3.
Matt Taylor, Santee, 3.
Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 3.
Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 3.

Sue Worthen, Santee, 3.
J. Breckenridge, Santee, 2.
Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 2.
"Michael Lodahl from Mission Valley, I got an XL. Wanna trade?"
☛ Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 2. "Hi Suityheart. Enjoy 5th grade. Make good choices. Love Mom."
☛ Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 2.
Carol Kuske, Santee, 2.
Juan Mercado, El Cajon, 2.
"Told you I was coming. Didn't I tell you?"
Glen Patricio, Mira Mesa, 2.
"By the way, decapitation causes death."
Larry Hartpence, Santee, 1.
Jaques F. Dulois, Del Mar, 1.
"Second attempt."
Jeff Smith, Santee, 1.
T. Grasso, University Heights, 1. "My middle name is Hussein...go Bo!"
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 1. "I blog at GOPnot4me.blogspot.com"
Philip Blase, San Diego, 1. "The 'W' is a war criminal."
Ted Rafe, Lemon Grove, 1. "I always lose to Eddie in poker."
Eddie Muraira, San Diego, 1. "I love Jenny! Go Trojans!"

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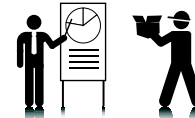
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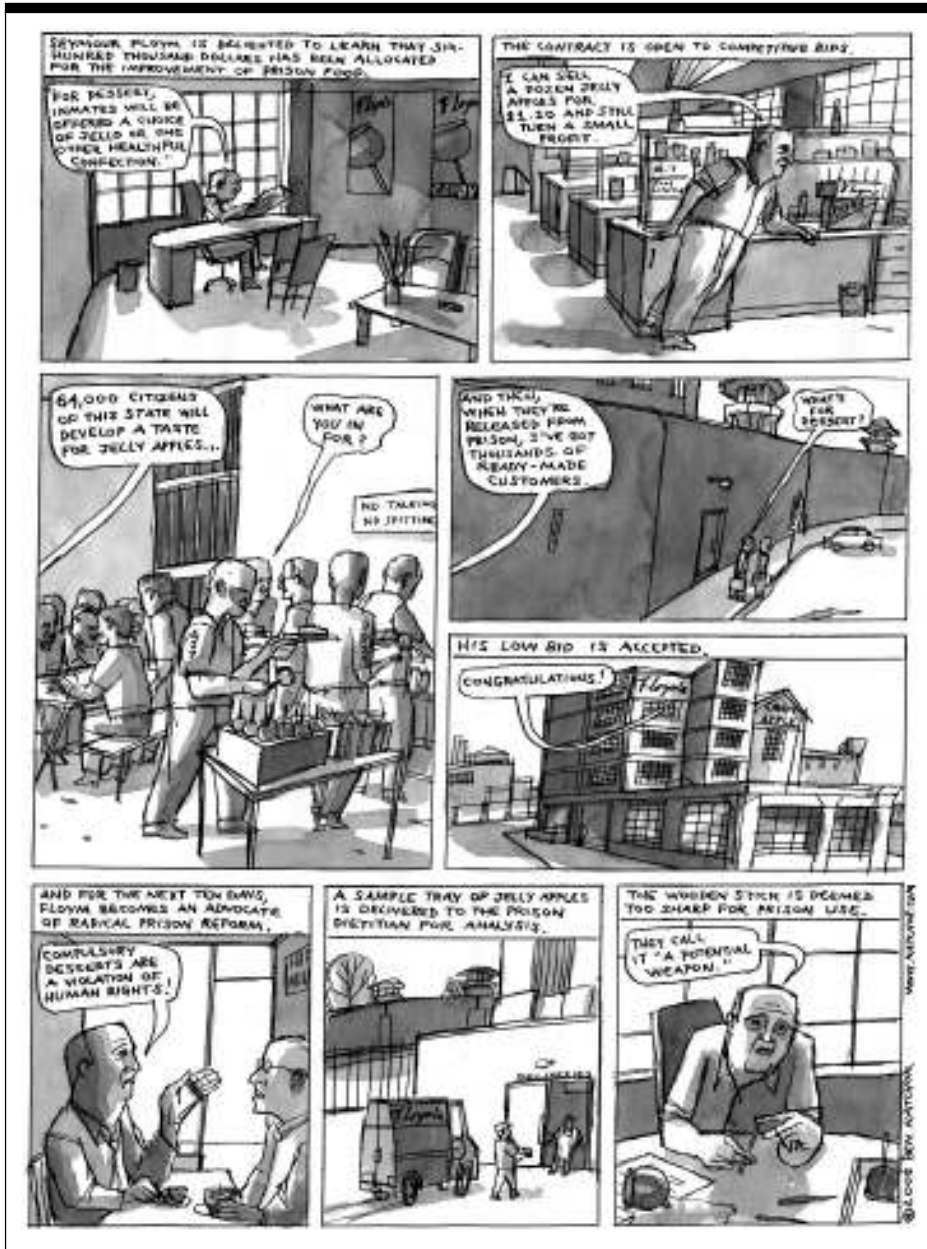
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— “What was once a gentleman’s hobby among a few dozen enthusiasts at the turn of the 20th century,” wrote the *New York Times* in July, “has evolved into a multimillion-dollar industry,” namely, collecting strands of hair of famous people. Mastro Auctions of Chicago sells \$100,000 worth of hair a year, and in October, a tuft of Che Guevara’s went for \$119,500 (and John Lennon’s recently for \$48,000). Westport, Conn., Americana dealer John Reznikoff (who owns strands of Lincoln, Washington, Napoleon, and Beethoven) appraised Britney Spears’s locks (after her 2007 head-shaving) at “only” \$3500.

The Continuing Crisis

— As Denton, Texas, Pizza Patron employee Stephanie Martinez complied with a disguised robber’s demand for money at closing in July, a co-worker jumped the man, knocked him down, and began beating on him. As the robber’s sunglasses and wig fell off, Martinez recognized him: “Don’t hit him again! That’s my dad!” Police later charged Stephanie’s father, mother, and husband with the attempted robbery, concluding

ing that Stephanie had been kept completely in the dark about the heist.
— Among the losers in the recent housing crash was The Shire in Bend, Ore., which was to be a village of 31 homes in the style of those in the *Lord of the Rings* series, with (according to a report in the *Bend Bulletin*) “unique stonework, artificial thatched roofs, terraces, gardens, and a network of streams and ponds with a pathway to... ‘The Ring Bearer’s Court.’” One of the only two houses completed has a “hobbit hole” for storing garden supplies. Developer Ron Meyers said he hopes the new owner will respect the concept.

Family Values

— Former British glamour model Jayne Bennington, 31, says she spends the equivalent of \$600 a month on treatments and frills to make her daughter Sasha, 11, into the beauty queen she almost was herself, according to a July profile in London’s *Daily Mail*. However, Mom has done such a good job that Sasha can’t get work because she no longer looks like a child. Asked her self-assessment by a BBC documentary crew, Sasha responded, “Blond, pretty, dumb

[but] I don’t need brains.” (At that, Mom roared with laughter.)
— In Bihar state, India, a man was charged with having his father killed a day before retirement so that the son might “inherit” his government job via the traditional family-hardship policy. (If Dad had retired, the regular hiring process would have been used to find a replacement.)

Unclear on the Concept

— (1) Landlord Richard Ott, 30, was arrested in Newark, Del., in August after he snapped in anger at his tenants, who were behind in their rent. According to police, Ott hopped into his Hummer in the middle of the night and crashed into the “tenants” front door. (2) In July, a guest at the Delta Beausejour hotel in Moncton, New Brunswick, had a morning court date that he had been stalling on for a while, and as the clock ticked down, he decided to beg off once again and asked the hotel’s concierge to go deal with the judge. (The judge told the concierge to inform his “client” that he had just been found guilty on all counts.)
— Philadelphia traffic court judge Willie Singletary

has been facing charges since April from the state Judicial Conduct Board based on a 2007 political appearance. At a meeting of motorcyclists, Singletary was captured on video begging for campaign donations by asking, “You’re all going to need me in traffic court, am I right about that?”
Crime Pays
— Kenneth Moore, 49, admitted that he shot his friend, Darrel Benner, to death in 1995 during a beer-drinking binge in front of two witnesses, in Piketon, Ohio, but an appeals court later ruled that he was entitled to a new trial because prosecutors had withheld evidence. At a new trial, with memories failing, Moore was found not guilty. State law thus calls Moore’s nine-plus years served “wrongful imprisonment,” entitling him to compensation, and in July the Ohio Court of Claims approved a payment of more than \$500,000 (plus legal fees) for Moore’s having pulled the trigger that night.

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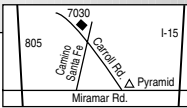
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Twenty-Five Years Ago

Just about everything this city knows about suburban living has gone into the making of the southern end of University City, ten miles north of downtown and a few miles inland of La Jolla. A neighborhood without billboards, without the white schoolroom trailers that betoken overcrowding, with the right number of grocery stores and service stations, a post office and an extra spacious library, in just the right locations so that one may walk or bike or drive to do one's errands. —"THE GROWL OF BULLDOZERS IS THE SOUND OF MONEY," *Joe Applegate, September 15, 1983*

Twenty Years Ago

Chipmunk-cheeked Mayor O'Connor and her moral shill, Tribuneer DaRosa, achieved a landmark of sorts with their burlesque of human suffering in a richly front-page story in the paper's Labor Day edition — "Mayor samples lifestyle of the homeless" [!]. See the shameless millionairess schlep bottles of Evian and tubes of heavy-gauge sunscreen through this, the City without Pity. See her sycophantic cohort DaRosa prostitute sacred journalistic values to record the mayor's horror slavishly. —"A SUMMER NIGHT'S FEVER DREAM," *Arturo Cardenas-Ruiz, September 15, 1988*

Fifteen Years Ago

The first time I went to La Jolla was the summer of 1957. I was 15. Mama had remarried that spring to a man we all thought was beneath her. My brother Jimmy had left home shortly afterward, calling her an adulteress for remarrying. He had become a holy roller not long before that out of sexual guilt and fear of burning in hell. —"WHERE THE SURF WAS ROUGHEST," *Mary Kathryn Vernon, La Mesa, September 9, 1993*

Ten Years Ago

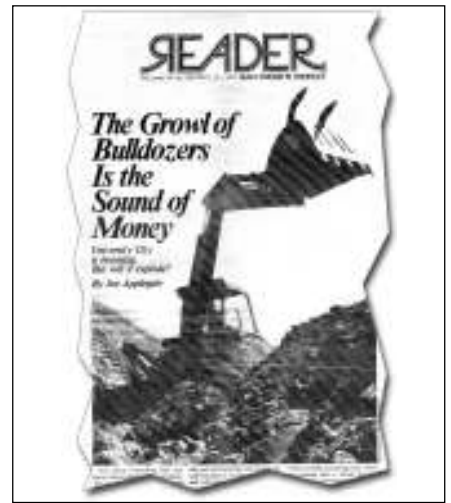
A woman, whose name tag I couldn't see, stood to speak. While gazing at the floor, she

talked about how angry she'd been with President Clinton. She explained how she'd been struggling not to judge him, but found the struggle very difficult. She said that while thinking upon these things in the meeting, she'd realized that God resided in the president, too.

"It suddenly came to me, that reaching-out spirit. I felt humbled in my shadowed ability to see God in President Clinton." —SHEEP AND GOATS: "RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)," *Abe Opcincar, September 17, 1998*

Five Years Ago

"I find that writers don't talk much about books with each other, but then, some people I know do talk a great deal about books. For example, Toby [Wolff's younger brother, Tobias Wolff], Ward Just, Richard Ford. Richard and I talk about fiction. With Toby usually I talk about history. So Toby will be up to speed on Peter the Great as a ghastly houseguest in England. He will have read something about the missionaries in Quebec in the 18th Century. With Ward, it'll be the latest book on Churchill or Stalingrad. But with Richard, we talk about novels and stories." Where everyone talked about books, Mr. Wolff said, was that time when everybody was gathered at Goddard College in Vermont.



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"That's where I met Richard Ford, that's where I met Michael Ryan, that's where I met Tom Lux, that's where I met Stephen Dobyns, where I met Ray Carver, Louise Glück, Donald Hall. Frank Conroy, I already knew. He was there. Bob Hass was there. Craig Nova, John Irving, Philip Levine. —READING: "GEOFFREY WOLFF: THE ART OF BURNING BRIDGES," *Judith Moore, September 11, 2003*

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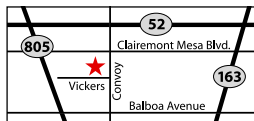
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HERPES SIMPLEX A THROUGH Q SAW FIT TO LAND ON MY FACE and create a tiny ecosystem of interconnecting blisters and communities. I'm going to give it to John McCain. (I already gave it to Sarah Palin during what we call our "skillet" days. Think of the defining characteristics of a skillet — hot, hard, and oily — and you'll understand. Boy, will you understand.) But I'm not going to give it to John McCain in the old-fashioned way; he's going to receive my herpe love right on those chunky cheeks of his.

This is my mission statement: I'm going to infect John McCain's jowls with the love monkey. Aw, yeah. So it is written, so shall it be done.

You see, I've chosen this target carefully. I've deduced over several days of watching the Convention of Dubiously Intelligent or in Evil Denial of Their Ambiguous Sexual Nature White People (or the "RNC," as it's called on Fox News) that John McCain's fleshy jawline contains ambitions far greater than his own. The areas from his neck to his eyelids and from his ears to his mouth corners seek to overthrow the world's economic standard by fascist dictatorship.

This is not the first time I've locked combat with those cheekies, no sir. In 1976, John McCain's cheeks and I attended a manicure and pedicure safety conference at Cambridge. It was clear then that John McCain's cheeks and jowls (or, as they liked to be called, "Admiral Finicky Sassybottoms") suffered from a rare combination of paranoia and aggression. There we were, on those orange-leaf autumn evenings in Connecticut, in turtleneck sweaters, picking apples... So long ago, but I still remember Admiral Finicky Sassybottoms overturning that bucket of goat milk in a fit and tirade.

Now, 32 years later, I aim to plant a big fat wettie on John McCain's face and infect him with what our neighbors to the south call *el herpos*. As we all know, media attention is the number-one determinant of an election, and McCain's awful face chub and inimical cheek fat will from tomorrow on be a blotch of sores and red moles.

I plan on doing the deed by dressing up as a baby. Yes, I'm 5'8" and 200 pounds, hairy and tattooed, but I have a diaper fitted just for me (remember mine and Sarah's skillet days), and this week I'll strike. "Come here, you dirty old fart. Give one to baby! Ooh la la!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

THE DOCTORS

KUSI 5:00 P.M.

Finally, a call-in show where I can ask about the moose horns that I apparently sprouted last night. Although, someone else will have to call for me, as the antlers forbid my phoning hand from reaching my ear. And I'm kinda stuck in my room because the rack won't fit through doorways. Along with the medical advice, I need someone to climb into my bathroom and undo my zipper (may or may not be related to the moose horns).

9/11: AS IT HAPPENED

MSNBC 9:00 P.M.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

THE 2008 ALMA AWARDS

ABC 8:00 P.M.

In case you were wondering, an ALMA award is for "Latino artistic achievement," and the show is hosted by Eva Longoria. After the show, a pack of rich, white producers will come down from their booth, hand Eva a broom, look at the confetti on the stage, and then look at her. It'll

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PBS 10:30 P.M.

Anthony Olivieri: *Welcome to My Taxidermy Closet.* Strip to your underpants and bite down on this riding crop. Stop crying. Shhh. Shhh. Stop crying. Here, do you want to sniff my teddy bear soaked in ether? I SAID STOP CRYING!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

SAM THE COOKING GUY

CASD 4 8:00 P.M.

I totally want on this show. I've got it all figured out: I'll show up in my Underpants Tablecloth Caped Avenger outfit and whip up a delightful skillet of my famous vermou-th-and-capers cold stew. Afterward, I'll hug

Sam. Maybe a little too long. Sam, it's been months since anyone's touched me. Sam. Sam. Ah, yes. Here comes the squirming.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TALKSHOW WITH SPIKE FERESTEN

FOX MIDNIGHT SATURDAY/SUNDAY

That's it!? We're not coming up with even lazy titles for talk shows now? We're just calling it "Talk-show"? Finally, I can begin referring to my shoes as "feet cover-y things," my truck as "drive-y thing," and the porcelain water stand as "the place where I'm supposed to wash my hands after I touch my bathing suit area...but sometimes I don't."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

SECRETS OF THE DINOSAUR MUMMY

DISCOVERY 9:00 P.M.

Sweet, merciful, tap-dancing Lin-

coln on a Ritz! I've got a date with a Paleolithic zombie, and that means I'll need three things: my clear acrylic stripper high heels, my leather bandoliers, and my Annie Lennox mask. Here comes the rain again, you big, ugly bastard. Oh, here comes the rain again.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

90210

CW 8:00 P.M.

I think this is about the post office, which sounds cool. If the writers are smart, their description goes a little something like this: After his morning breakfast of Quaaludes, Vicodin, and Jim Beam, postal worker Kermit Hernandez stealthily practices picking up objects from the floor using his toes. These objects are then placed in rotation at his counter. Who will chew on the pen? Who, indeed.



Fringe

FRINGE

FOX 9:00 P.M.

This is a paranormal investigation show. From the preview, it looks a lot like the *X-Files* if the *X-Files* had been shifted out of their normal speed of "Suck" and placed in the much higher gear of "Suck Out Loud on Ice: Dancing with Danny Bona-duce II, Look Who's Sucking Now."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

HOUSE

USA 8:00 P.M.

House is the new *C.S.I.* *C.S.I.* was the new black last year. The new black is now "toenails," and *House* is the new "SHUT THE HELL UP, YOU STINKING HIPPIES!" Got it? Sweet.

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To all the trailer park patriots I would say, assassinating Obama is hardly the answer....

By John Brizzolara

Sitting down to write this column, I checked the exact date this would appear and was immediately transported to that morning of 9/11/01. It is such an obvious choice for a topic that I am still wavering between the Coronado apartment I was living in that September in 2001 and...something, anything else.

That morning too, like this one, I had just sat down with a cup of coffee and my tape recorder. I booted up the hideous orange iBook I had inherited. On the tape recorder was a series of interviews I had done with people on the street in Hillcrest, and that neighborhood was to be the subject of my column. It was fairly well set in my mind as to how it would read when I made the mistake of turning on the television. I remember thinking this was some trailer for a new *Die Hard* movie and how incredibly realistic it looked. How do they do that? When it became clear what it was I was seeing — no cinematic effect but the real thing — I immediately became Sally Field as the Voice of America in Hell, "They hate us, they really hate us." I am almost certain I said that out loud.

I was 48 years old then. When I was 10, I watched American Joint Forces dropping powdered milk and candy into East Berlin. Something, as Joseph

Heller once put it, happened. But what?

Recently I was told by a friend that on that morning, or at any rate, about that morning, actor Richard Gere was quoted as saying something to the effect that, while no one is ready to hear this, eventually we are going to have to forgive the people who did this. When I heard it, I said and with a kind of snort, "He's half right anyway." And while I can't imagine our country as a whole ever forgiving terrorists, I have since seen televised (a key word) evidence of American troops individually being decent to Afghan and Iraqi civilians, very much as if they were demonstrating forgiveness. That, I suppose, will have to do for now. Just as the HBO television series *Generation Kill* will have to do in lieu of any real national TV coverage of the current war. That profane chest-thumping, gung-ho epic of jingoism will have to mollify Americans and reassure us that we're the man; we're the man. Never mind Gitmo. Richard Gere is going to have quite a wait for much of anything, and he probably knows that — or I hope so — but the truth in what he says bothers my bleeding pinko heart.

Now, seven years later, I find myself in a very familiar and spooky movie. In Amsterdam in 1971, my girlfriend and I grew so tired of apologizing/defending/answering for the war in Vietnam that we changed our IDs to Canadian. The American Friends Service Committee, working out of a hostel in the red-light district of that city, provided us with fake student cards with our passport photos identifying us as students at the University of British Columbia. It was, in fact, the only way we could rent rooms in our price range. If we were Americans, we had damned well better spend like Americans or no dice. Now, that same friend who told me of the Richard Gere quote has a daughter living in Canada as a Canadian for very much the same reasons.

To all the trailer park patriots I would say, assassinating Obama is hardly the answer (by no means am I implying that this is anything like a common sentiment among any patriots; it is something I overheard — twice); you're going to have to try something new. That would be thinking. No, you do not all live thoughtlessly in trailer parks. Sorry. Maybe I am addressing those who would send away for those silver plaques commemorating 9/11 as, presumably, an investment. My living situation is probably closer to a trailer park than your own, and while I probably think too much, most of it isn't very helpful.

To Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young and their fans and the likeminded I



would say, I recently saw that movie, *Déjà Vu*, and while I thought it wildly unfair to charge exorbitant prices for a concert and then spring a political rally on music lovers, the film did have at least one salient point. It was Young, I think, who identified one pervasive malaise in the American zeitgeist about this war and America's very questionable role, and that is, we all feel alone and impotent. I certainly have for years now, and after seeing this movie presenting so many mixed emotions (and the conviction that Stephen Stills got robbed for his dentures), I feel less so. That is important and may well justify the cost of making the movie. Of course, I got in free, but I did not leave the theater feeling terribly free. As I walked east on Washington after the show, I kept thinking of Ghandi's quote — I know, I know, jeez — and that was, I believe, to "Be the change you would like to see in the world." Or close enough. It may not seem like enough, but *sine qua non* or "without which, nothing."

It's time for my granola now, a little fiber to facilitate the bowels after that grilled tofu salmon last night. Then I'll get my tie-dyed shirts and beads back from the cleaners, stopping to hug the odd tree here and there.

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