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*Union-Tribune*, is on the block.

The luxurious aircraft — used by Copley to transport himself back and forth to New York shows and vacations in the Mediterranean and Caribbean on his \$30 million yacht *Happy Days* — is being advertised on the Internet by Bloomer deVere Group Avia, Inc., a Camarillo-based airplane broker. Would-be buyers are advised to “make offer”; similar models go for around \$20 million. G-IVs can carry up to 20 passengers in standard configuration, but the Copley plane is outfitted for just 12, according to a description of the interior. The plane features spacious galleys forward and aft, both with microwave ovens. The “Airshow 400” information center includes a 20-inch TV up front and a 12-inch screen in back. There is an RCA VCR player and a DVD player with an iPod jack, along with a Sony ten-CD changer. The craft also comes with a Tempus Med-Alert system with portable patient monitor, presumably installed for Copley, who has had a heart transplant.



David Copley's Gulfstream

**In transit** Democrat **Lori Saldaña** is busy campaigning for reelection to her third term in



Lori Saldaña

the state assembly, representing the 76th District, which covers such San Diego neighborhoods as Point Loma, Pacific Beach, and Clairemont. With GOP Log Cabin club member **Ralph Denney** on the ballot against her in the safe Democratic district, she's regarded as a sure winner, even given the slow meltdown in Sacramento over the stalled state budget. Reflecting Saldaña's confidence is the fact that her campaign website, *lorisaldana.com* (“I believe people want a clean world to live in. We want a clean coastline. Clean water. Clean Air. And, of course, we want our government to be clean”) hasn't been updated since her campaign of two years ago. But term limits prevent Saldaña from running a fourth time, and like most elected officials who apparently have nothing better to do than maintain an iron grip on elective office, she's already on the hunt for a new gig. So even before the November results are in, Saldaña has set up a new campaign committee, “Lori Saldaña for California,” with the goal of winning in 2010 the District Three seat on the state Board of Equalization now held by Republican **Michelle Steel** of Orange County, who was elected in 2006, beating fringe Democrat **Mary Christian-Heising** of La Jolla. Steel bills herself as “the country's highest ranking Korean-American officeholder and California's highest ranking Republican woman.” Saldaña's move was disclosed in a filing with the California secretary of state dated September 7. Questions lodged at Saldaña's office were not responded to by press time.

**Keeping it in the family** As a result of gerrymandering by the state legislature, San Diego's congressional incumbents don't have much to fear in their quest for reelection this fall. Democrats **Susan Davis** and **Bob Filner**, along with Republicans **Brian Bilbray** and **Darrell Issa**, are all assured an easy, almost certain path to victory. And the only seat being vacated this year belongs to the GOP's retiring **Duncan L. Hunter**, whose son, conveniently named **Duncan D. Hunter**, is running to replace him and appears to be a similar shoo-in. But the delegation hasn't stopped raising and spending a lot of campaign money on some eye-catching items, including payments to family members.

Take the case of Brian Bilbray, who through the middle of this year had already spent \$534,869 on a variety of goods and services. They included \$1978 for a “political retreat” run by the Congressional Institute; a \$3600 tab at the French Gourmet for a fund-raiser; fees of \$12,500 paid to San Diego lawyer **David King**; \$8647 for air fare on United; and \$5243 to the White House Historical Association for “gifts to contributors.” Of course, what would a good campaign be without some down-home self-dealing? Twelve thousand twenty-eight dollars was paid to the family-owned Bilbray Tax Service.

For his part, Democrat Filner spent a total of \$806,079, including \$36,173 for catering at the unionized Mission Bay Hilton and \$1081 at the National Democratic Club in Washington. And, like his across-the-aisle colleague Bilbray, Filner is famous for helping out the family.

Back in December 2005, the *Union-Tribune* bashed Filner for paying consulting company Campaign Resources, owned by his wife, **Jane Merrill**, \$505,000 for fund-raising over the previous decade. The story emerged after **Juan Vargas**, a fellow Democrat who was running against Filner, discovered the arrangement. Six months later, Vargas lost his 2006 primary challenge to the incumbent. Following that, the *U-T* apparently lost interest in the story and never wrote another word about it, but Merrill's outfit is still pulling down some sizable cash. From January to July of this year, the Filner camp paid Campaign Resources a total of \$28,000, about \$4000 a month, except for March when the firm collected just \$1000 and February when it got \$3000.

Fellow Democrat Susan Davis, occupying arguably the safest-of-the-safest Democratic seats, still managed to spend \$340,823. Twenty thousand dollars went to Grove Insight, run by **Lisa Grove**, a colorful Democratic pollster from Portland, Oregon, who sports a big question mark tattooed onto her left shoulder and has worked for everyone from big labor to **Al Gore** in 1988 to liberal ex-Colombian president **César Gaviria**.



Lisa Grove

— Matt Potter

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By Don Bauder

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had to be bought by Bank of America, while insurance giant AIG tottered — all this following close on the heels of the government's seizure of mortgage monsters Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. At the center of these storms are derivatives.

Of that \$1.14 quadrillion of derivatives, \$548 trillion are listed derivatives, or ones that are traded on organized

exchanges, and \$596 trillion are over-the-counter derivatives that are basically unregulated and, essentially, unmonitored. They are traded in a chaotic marketplace in which record keeping is sloppy. Institutions that own these over-the-counter derivatives sometimes don't know who is on the other end because these instruments have been bought and sold so many times.

Warren Buffett, America's richest person, says deriva-

tives are “financial weapons of mass destruction.” And that's just what savvy economists and analysts fear: a financial nuclear reaction, with one institution after another failing after one party can't meet its obligations. “The foot bone connected to the ankle bone, the ankle bone connected to the shin bone. Oh, mercy, how they scare!” Especially when

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## Neal Obermeyer





## An Olympic Moment

By Ernie Grimm

**J**acob Blumenfeld delivered what was arguably the most courageous performance by a San Diegan at the recent Beijing

Olympics. And he didn't compete in swimming, track and field, or gymnastics but in the far more dangerous game of international protest politics.

Like hundreds of thousands of international tourists, Blumenfeld, who grew up in Del Cerro and the College Area and attended San Diego Jewish Academy and Patrick Henry High School, flew to Beijing during the Olympics. He looked forward to seeing the bustling capital and to sampling food from its street vendors. He was disappointed. "I didn't see any poor people or vendors in the streets," he says. "They'd all been pushed out of the city for the Olympics."

But street food wasn't Blumenfeld's real reason to visit China. On August 19, at 11:48 p.m., he and four collaborators displayed a banner in the plaza outside the Beijing National Stadium, better known as the Bird's Nest. It wasn't just any banner. The canvas sign stretched 15 feet from end to end and stood about 4 feet tall. The 3-foot English lettering, done in hundreds of blue light-emitting diodes, spelled out "FREE TIBET." The right side of the banner bore the same message in Chinese characters.

In a video of the event, posted at [freetibet2008.org](http://freetibet2008.org),

Blumenfeld's silhouette can be seen holding up the right side of the banner. In the background stands the illuminated Bird's Nest. Above the center of the banner looms a three-pillared tower capped by the Olympic rings. The video is only 20 seconds long because that's all the time it took for Chinese authorities to show up, tear down the banner, and arrest Blumenfeld and his associates. (The cameraman, who was filming without lights from 50 or so feet away, escaped detection by the authorities.)

"We didn't expect to hold it for very long," Blumenfeld, now a doctoral student in



From video at [freetibet2008.org](http://freetibet2008.org)

sage 'Free Tibet' could get out to press globally and then to Tibetans who are trying to make it."

Their protest broken up, Blumenfeld and his coprotesters, all members of a group called Students for

thing. It had some kind of astrophysics name on it. They took us into this building, and that is where they did the interrogations on us."

The thought of interrogations by the Communist Chinese government inside

they separated us, and they did interrogations of each person for about an hour each."

The questions were along the lines of "Who are you? Where do you live? What work do you do? Have you been in China before?" They

lot of other people.' But I never went into any details about our action really."

Blumenfeld says the interrogation was not the classic bright-light-in-the-face scene one sees in movies. "For us it wasn't that bad, but some



Jacob Blumenfeld

New York City, says, "but we didn't think it would be that short either. But the point was that we would get it up and there would be a photographer who would take the photo so that the mes-

a Free Tibet, weren't allowed to leave. "They took our banner down," Blumenfeld recalls, "and they kept us on that spot. It was pretty late, so they cleared the park of anyone that wasn't police. And they had tons of people taking pictures of us — police photographers, I think. So we just sat there. We had a phone on us, so we used it. We were talking to the media and our organization. We were doing interviews on what we were doing and why we were doing it, talking about Tibet and China. And they let us do that for about 30 minutes while they were calling their superiors. After about half an hour to 45 minutes, they put us in a van and took us away. They took us to this building nearby the Bird's Nest. I couldn't really read the name, but it was some kind of university research building or some-

a research facility is enough to make a man nervous. And Blumenfeld confesses to being a little scared. "But the fear was that they wouldn't tell us what was going to happen to us. We didn't know if we would be there for a week, ten days, or more."

Blumenfeld's fears were allayed by the fact that six groups of pro-Tibet protestors had already been arrested in Beijing, "and almost all of them were deported within a day. But there was a group that got grabbed the same day as us; they stayed for five days."

The university building the group was brought to, Blumenfeld says, "wasn't a cell, it wasn't a police building, it was just some building that wasn't being used at night. When we got there, we stayed together for a while, and they filmed us a lot more. Then

had one guy questioning me, and then three guys next to me, and one guy filming. Three of them were in blue police uniforms. I don't know if they were local police or federal police. The guy who was the head guy, he was wearing a polo shirt, and he was smoking. He didn't speak any English, but I felt like he was the authority in the room. One guy was asking me questions in English, very bad English. And he would hand-write everything that he would ask me."

One question was so simple that Blumenfeld didn't quite know how to answer it. "He asked, 'Where did you get this slogan, 'Free Tibet'?' It was hard to understand what he meant by the question. A lot of times, I said, 'I am here because I care about Tibet and I think that Tibet should be free and so do a

other people did get that. The group that protested after us, they got some really bad treatment. They were tied to chairs, and they were interrogated for, like, ten hours at a time."

The Chinese officials seemed to assume that a bunch of activists in their 20s — Blumenfeld is 26 — couldn't be acting on its own initiative. "They asked who was our leader, who organized this, if we got paid to do this, did the government send us. They thought someone must have paid us or that we were just tools of the Dalai Lama or something."

After the interrogations, the interrogators attempted

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Jacob Blumenfeld and collaborators from Students for a Free Tibet

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the bones all start becoming disconnected. Early this month, the federal government seized mortgage behemoths Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. They have \$1.6 trillion of debt outstanding, and derivatives called "credit default swaps" guarantee payment of that debt. Those debt-guaranteeing derivatives motivated the government to seize the entities. There could have been a chain reaction.

On a weekend in March, the Federal Reserve rushed to keep Wall Street's Bear Stearns from failing. It was

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committed to \$13.4 trillion worth of derivatives. That's chump change compared with a quadrillion. But our leaders justified pouring \$29 billion into the rescue because, they said, the Dow Jones Industrial Average would plunge 2000 points if Bear went bankrupt. JPMorgan Chase took over Bear and now is a party to \$90 trillion of derivatives. What would happen if Morgan came asunder?

We may find out. Last weekend, two brokerages disappeared because of excessive derivatives exposure. (Two years ago, *thebanker.com* named Lehman "Bank of the

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Year for Credit Derivatives.") Here's the bottom line: Derivatives with names such as credit default swaps, collateralized debt obligations, and mortgage-backed securities are the villains in the problems of Bear Stearns, Lehman, AIG, Merrill Lynch, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and other financial institutions that may disappear.

The total annual output of the U.S. economy is around \$14 trillion. The total output of world economies is around \$67 trillion. Those who defend derivatives say that the notional (or face) value of derivatives—

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the \$1.14 quadrillion — is misleading. The gambles between two parties net out against each other. Actually, only 1 or 2 percent of the notional value may be on the line, claim the optimists. So? Are you comforted that \$10 trillion to \$20 trillion could be at risk when total U.S. annual economic output is \$14 trillion? Even if only a

small portion of that \$10 trillion to \$20 trillion is actually at risk, as some claim, it is an almost inconceivable amount of money.

"The risk of a [chain] reaction is significant," warns James Hamilton, economist at the University of California, San Diego. "The magnitude of these things is just staggering. I would have thought that the last year would have been a time of

winding them down, batten- ing down the hatches. We need to unwind these deriva- tives — we need to delever- age [cut down excessive debt]." But it's not happening. "It's more than a can of worms. It is a world full of tangled worms."

Apologists argue that it's not that institutions like Bear Stearns are too big to fail, it's that they are too intercon- nected to fail. "But who is

going to bail out the Federal Reserve? Who is going to bail out the federal government?" asks Hamilton. "Everybody wants to put their head in the sand. The derivatives are so complex. Sometimes the insti- tutions don't know what they've got."

Indeed, the essence of white-collar fraud is contrived complexity. Derivatives are concocted by Harvard and MIT math Ph.D.s so that

nobody can understand them.

Hamilton says they should be regulated. "If you are too big [or too interconnected] to fail, then you are too big not to be regulated," he says. Fol- lowing the Bear Stearns calamity, there have been moves to inject some order- liness in the over-the-counter derivatives market. There has been discussion of regulation.

"The possible com- pounding chain reaction to the

failure of one or two major financial institutions is real and concerning," says Arthur Lipper III, a Wall Street vet- eran who now lives in Del Mar. "The possible problems are vastly greater than any single or group of regulating bodies has an ability to man- age." Lipper suggests one route to reform: board members of institutions borrowing heav- ily to gamble on derivatives should not be indemnified against personal responsibil- ity. Such a move "would have the immediate effect of finan- cial institutions becoming more conservatively managed."

Ross Starr, economist at the University of California, San Diego, says that if one party can't make its obliga- tion, "It causes the whole house of cards to come down. It's not that the instruments them- selves pose a systemic risk but rather that they redistribute financial losses in an unpre- dictable way. If it causes illiq- uidity to the rest of the econ- omy, we have a problem. It's something we haven't quite figured out." Amen. How can we figure out something we can't comprehend?

The derivatives are so com- plicated that any regulators will have a hard time under- standing them: "There's not a lot of transparency there," says Starr. "Regulators will not be able to focus on that. It's a source of concern. We have not adequately come to terms with this."

More than ten years ago, University of San Diego pro- fessor of law Frank Partnoy wrote the first exposé of deriva- tives abuses, *F.I.A.S.C.O.: Blood in the Water on Wall Street*. At that time, derivatives were not big potatoes. He admits to being surprised that the notional value has climbed to a quadrillion dollars. In a recent article for the *Finan- cial Times* of London, Partnoy says that today's derivatives crisis is similar to that of the 1990s, except it involves much more money. The crisis that forced Orange County into bankruptcy looks small by comparison with the mortgage write-downs of big financial institutions today.

He sees the end of this calamity on the horizon. "We will emerge from this crisis, and then another will hit in a few years," he says, greatly because of moral hazard: if we keep bailing out the gam- blers, they will continue to

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to reeducate Blumenfeld and his friends on the subject of Tibet. "After we did the interrogations, we just stayed in this room for, like, six hours trying to sleep. And then this one guy just kept talking to us. He was trying to befriend us, and he told us all these crazy things about the Dalai Lama. How he is a big murderer and how the Tibetans kill people — just a whole lot of crazy things. After a while we were on friendly terms and we weren't scared anymore, so we just told him, 'That is not true.'"

After a night spent intermittently sleeping and listening to Chinese propaganda regarding Tibet, Blumenfeld and associates were put in a van and driven to the airport, where they were flown to New York at the expense of the Chinese government. "They put us on an Air China flight. They walked us all the way to the gate. It was funny, as we were at the airport, there were almost always 10 to 20 police around us, but all in plain clothes. We ran into another group of people being deported at the airport. It was two British guys. We ended up walking to the same terminal, and we noticed that they had all these people circling them, and they said, 'Oh, yeah, we are getting deported too — for scalping tickets.' " ■

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### It's A Puzzle

Hey, what's up with this week's puzzle (September 11)? You guys printed the answer for this week's and not last week's. Although I don't submit a puzzle, I still enjoy them, and you can imagine how surprised I was to see the spoiler. Will next week have last week's answers?

Anita Orozco  
via email

Solutions to the September 4 and 11 puzzles are provided this week. — Editor

### Bag Plague Delays

In response to your excellent article on plastic bags ("Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds," Cover Story, September 11), do not waste your time trying to get the City to ban the bags or initiate a recycling program.

From long and personal experience, the city council and our ostensibly strong mayor are not interested in doing anything except raise their own pensions. The delays which you've seen with bag banning, under the guise of needing more information or having to hear from all sides, is just emblematic of the stalling tactic that is the hallmark of city hall. They will delay most matters long enough until the public tires of waiting or dies.

A few examples: my wife

and I have been averaging about \$2 per month on the water we actually use but continue to pay about \$40 for all the fees and charges. There's no incentive to conserve. Add to that the heavy users who refused to pay their bills because they were too high. So the City negotiated a reduced charge, which, incidentally, was not offered to the homeowner. If there's no incentive to conserve water (or any other utility), there's no incentive to recycle.

How long has the seal debate been going on in La Jolla? Twenty new generations of seals have come and gone since this issue surfaced. Because there's nothing in it for the city council, there's no incentive to settle the issue either way. After years of debate, the State, the environmentalists, the ocean folks, the kiddies, the courts, and the City have all had enough time to make their points over and over again. Still, there's no agreement and no solution that could possibly satisfy anyone.

How long have we been discussing the Chargers? Will they go; will they stay? Who cares? By the time that debate is settled (again, either way), football may be replaced with tiddlywinks.

What about the De Anza Cove issue? That's been around since 1965. The State mandated that the mobile home park would revert to a public park when all the residents left, as they

had agreed to do under the terms of their lease with the De Anza Corporation (based in Beverly Hills, of all places). Some of the folks are still there, lurking behind fences on a public park!

And the audits? And the pension fiasco? Dare I mention SEDC and CCDC? Do you truly believe these critical issues will ever be solved with justice and equanimity?

I know that the airport is not a City issue, but it is in our communal backyard and is still fomenting debates, decade after decade. Our City is certainly not in the decision business.

Getting rid of plastic and paper bags is a joke. And yet, there was a time before plastic bags when shoppers used their own bags and walked to nearby stores. Now that we've built our stores miles from our homes, we must drive and waste as much gas as it now takes to manufacture all those petroleum-based bags. To cite one notable exception: Costco uses cardboard boxes or, with your agreement, will place your purchases directly in the shopping carts.

Okay, here's another example: Singapore banned chewing gum, and the gum manufacturers of the world did not boycott. An enlightened government saw the problem and did something about it without spending years debating the obvious. (In contrast to this, the Pacific Beach Business Improvement District recently proposed another fee to pay for the removal of gum from the sidewalks. The fee would be unnecessary if P.B. became a gum-free zone.) So, if you're visiting Singapore, don't chew. If you're visiting P.B., watch your step.

Here's the solution: continue to stuff the recycle bins with plastic bags and let Edco or Allied recyclers deal with the problem of clogged machines. If they get mad enough, they could retaliate by storming city hall to demand a solution, including fixing their machines. They might even bring pressure to bear on the trash-collection folks to stop collecting the city council's trash. And then, miracle of miracles, if the city council's trash is not

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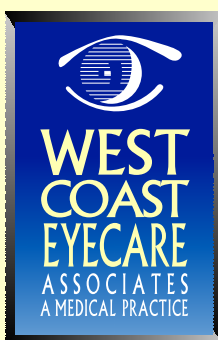
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Heymatt:

*We took the kids to the aquarium, and that got me to thinking about what eats what in the marine environment. Little fishes are pretty much lunch for bigger fish, but they also have ways of protecting themselves. They can either swim fast or hide in rocks or something else. But then I thought about jellyfish. They have no sharp fins, and they can't travel very fast. They have stingers, but they use them to catch their own prey. I would think they're pretty easy to catch. They don't look too tasty or nutritious, but is there something in the ocean that eats jellyfish?*

— Curiosity got the best of me, at the beach

I don't know how tasty they are, but they can't be too nutritious. About 97 percent of the average jellyfish is water. They have no hearts or brains or much of anything else except tentacles, extendable mouths, stomachs, and reproductive organs. A real streamlined critter, even though some of them can get six, ten feet wide or more. Despite this unpromising plateful, quite a few sea-dwellers dine on jellyfish. Sea turtles are probably at the top of the list. They even migrate to find the most promising jellyfish areas. And certain kinds of the larger rockfish, sunfish, and crabs will nip away at jellies. Salmon and sea birds chomp up some of the mild-stinging varieties.

But jellyfish are pretty efficient cannibals. Comb jellies love a meal of comb jellies. They can engulf dinner in a single mouthful, even if the entrée is as big as the diner. (Stingless comb jellies are actually jellyfish cousins, as scientists see it.) But best of all, under certain circumstances, jellyfish will eat themselves. When food is scarce, a jelly can consume its gonads and other noncritical body parts and shrink itself so it won't require as much food.

So let's end with the most disgusting jelly predator: man. In Asia (principally China, Vietnam, and Japan) jellyfish are key ingredients in various stir-fries. And if you too would like to harvest your own jelly and invite friends over for an exotic treat, here's how you prepare them. Scoop up the jellies, remove everything but the umbrella and the fleshy mouthparts, dust them with salt and alum, and set them aside to dry 20 days or so with a heavy weight on them. This ensures that when they're ready, they'll be dry and crispy and crunchy, which is apparently the hallmark of USDA Grade A jellyfish. Chop the jellies into strips, and throw them into your favorite stir fry. If that's too much work, dried jellyfish are sold in Asian markets. And one of the newest vending machine snacks in Japan is a package of dried jellyfish and dipping sauce. So, Curiosity, jellies are hunted down by everything from sea turtles to mankind. A hectic life.

Hey, Matt:

*While watching the show America's Deadliest Catch, the narrator kept referring to the rookie fishermen as "green horns." Now, I did not notice any budding horns on their seemingly smooth skulls, but I am still at a loss: Where does this name come from?*

— Jay, not on a cold ship

Anything new or young has been called "green" since the Middle Ages. Think plant sprouts; no matter what the color of the adult plant, the sprout is green. By the 15th Century a young cow just sprouting horns would be called a greenhorn. Now it's anybody who's new on the job, without the necessary skills. Better to be a greenhorn than a tinhorn, which is a cheap, low-class gambler. Comes from a low-stakes American gambling game in which the dice are shaken in a tin cone. The game attracted all the shady characters, who became tin horns.

I Vaughn to Be Alone

*I would like to dispute something that Matthew Alice said in his column of September 4.... He says that "Vaugh" is Welsh for red. That's not right.... I looked in a Welsh dictionary...under "red," nothing at all. I looked in all sorts of mutations. Welsh is a very strange language, and a word can begin with several different consonants. I looked in a Random House dictionary, and it says Vaughn is a boy's or girl's name. So I have...The Meaning of All Common Given Names, by Miriam Allen Ford.... I looked up "Vaughn," and it says, "Vaughan or Vaughn: Celtic, short in stature." So I look in my Welsh dictionary under "short." Nothing that resembles "Vaughn," but then let's try "small" or "little." Sure enough, under small and little, one of the words is "Man...." And one of the mutations of that word is "Fan" [pronounced "vaughn"]. So there you go. Evidently Vaughn means little or small in Welsh, and in Celtic long ago it meant short in stature.*

— Bob

Thanks, Bob. The elves and I are pretty much exhausted from your explanation. Grandma is fanning our brows with quesadillas, so we'll be okay soon.

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A Word About Electrical Safety

I pick up the phone and hear a grunt, ambient department-store music, bar noise, and slot machines. I know the grunt. “Larry, where are you?”

“Harrah’s. Laughlin.”

“Why?”

“Wanted a drink.”

Larry Gibbons and I worked the Alaska pipeline together, hitchhiked North America for several years, were witnesses to the major events in each other’s lives. This is the man who once gave me the best tip about electrical safety I’ve ever heard. I haven’t seen him in a couple years.

We took the retirement-first, work-later career option. My first full-time job came to me at the age of 45. Larry was an early bird, scored his first legitimate job at 42.

Before that we were college students, travelers, pipeline laborers, college students, and travelers. In those days we had the most important thing: all the time in the world. Finally, the must-get-a-job day arrived and I turned to writing for money. Larry turned to computers.

When you begin your professional career by giving your contemporaries a 20-year head start, you will quickly learn to walk an unorthodox path. Larry had two big things going for him: a 150 IQ and an obsessive personality, which, when translated into daily life, meant doing things such as getting a master’s degree in Russian from the University of Washington in the shortest period of time on record. This is core Larry — unless you’re doing something 12 hours a day, seven days a week, it’s not worth doing.

Larry’s imagination was captured by computers, and so he bought one and studied 12 hours a day, seven days a week. After an extraordinary series of events, he was hired by a computer firm in Irvine. Keeping in mind the unorthodox career path we traveled, the computer company was non-mainstream, a subsidiary of an Indonesian weapons manufacturer.

By now his skills are so technical that I don’t understand what he actually does, but it’s suit-and-tie and computers. Through another series of extraordinary events, Mr. Gibbons was offered a promotion to boss a big software-development program. The position was in Indonesia. Fortunate for me, because this is where I got the good news about electrical safety.

Now, Mr. Gibbons, an honor student of languages, had been studying the local tongue before he arrived in Jakarta. I got a letter from him a couple weeks after he touched down:

“The language is a mystery and a delight. I can speak far better than I can understand and that gets me into a lot of trouble. I craft phrases in my mind, then speak a few words and a torrent of Bahasa Indonesian is unleashed in return. In self-defense, I often tell them right off that I speak like a child and know but a few words, so go slow and simple. Sometimes, though, the magic happens and I can chatter along even without English echoes in my mind. It always falls apart later on. If I hear a sentence comprised only of words I understand, I can usually make it out, though ‘words I understand’ is a very relative thing. If there’s just one new word, I can likely get the drift, but if there’s two, three, or more new words, the whole thing collapses and all comprehension flees.

“The most complete communication failure I’ve experienced has been right here in the Jakarta Hilton, where I’ve been staying while looking for a house. I have an exquisite portable computer and an adapter that lets me plug it into the wall socket in the room. That works fine, but the power supply is quite dirty and generally suspect in Jakarta. In most places, people have heavy-duty power conditioners and surge protectors for each expensive electric device. I thought it would be easy to find out if the Hilton has its own power-conditioning system that guarantees clean power to the outlets in the rooms. I’ve tried to get this question across to a dozen hotel persons, in English, Indonesian, and sign language.

“Nothing has gotten across, and I’ve resorted to drawing smoothly undulating curves of a sine wave to represent the normal condition of good, clean electric power. The front-desk fellow is nodding along, agreeing and murmuring with reassurance, all is as it should be. Then I draw a spike straight up, make a sound like ‘ffffffftttttt, kerblamo,’ and throw my arms into the air to indicate that as a result of this potential power spike, my computer could be fried. Immediate concern. The clerk says, ‘Your computer is broken, how sad.’

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## Mira Mesa upends Helix in last minute

Posted September 13, 2008, 2:04 a.m.

In a game between early-season unbeaten Friday night, Mira Mesa forced Helix into uncharacteristic mistakes. The result was a 19-17 home win for the Marauders, a win that establishes Mira Mesa as one of the best teams in the county.

"They've been talking about how Helix was going to come in here and beat us. We came in here not holding our heads down and playing defense like we are supposed to play defense, and everything worked out all right," said Mira Mesa senior defensive back Jerik Davis.

Davis sealed the game with an interception at 38 seconds to play. The picked-off pass was intended for Helix's six-foot-eight-inch tight end Levine Toilolo, but it was the five-foot-eight-inch Davis that made the play.

"I was playing in between two receivers, and I saw the tallest receiver threw his hand up so I knew it was going to him because he was taller than me. I play bigger than I am," Davis said.

Mira Mesa had trailed the entire second half until running back Damian Williams scored from two yards out with 59 seconds to play. Williams's rushing touchdown capped a Marauders drive that spanned 8:15 of the final quarter.

"The whole time I was just running the ball down the field and when it came down to it, I just had to push it in," Williams said.

For the Highlanders, Toilolo seemingly did it all. The Stanford-bound senior played both ways and blocked a punt in the third quarter. Senior Jo-Jo Phillips made plays on both sides of the ball and ran for a touchdown in the second quarter.

"I thought we played horrible. I was very disappointed. We turned the ball over five times, gave up a special teams touchdown — we deserved to lose," Helix head coach Troy Starr said.



Mira Mesa senior quarterback Kevin Ozier from the gun

### Comments

1. I was surprised they did not use Toilolo more offensively. He is a mismatch for all the little DBs Mira Mesa had — not a good offensive game plan. Helix dominated both sides of the ball, MM only had 102 total yards, but the ol' saying lives on, the one with less mistakes will usually win the game when two good teams are playing.

By eastcountyan 7:52 p.m., Sep 14, 2008

## Cathedral Catholic rolls in rematch

Posted September 14, 2008, 1:30 a.m.

For the first five minutes when Point Loma took on Cathedral Catholic, it looked as if the Pointers would reverse the result of last year's Division III championship. After that, Saturday night's game looked similar, as the Dons cruised to a 42-10 win.

"They thought it was a fluke; they thought we got lucky one time," said Cathedral Catholic quarterback Parker Hipp.

Point Loma put together a solid drive in the opening minutes, but it came to an end with a Leslie Rogers fumble. On the ensuing drive, Dons running back Tyler Gaffney rushed for a four-yard touchdown.

The Dons jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the opening quarter and led 21-10 at half-time. They opened the second half with a drive ending in a Gaffney touchdown and never looked back en route to a 32-point win.

If there was any doubt whether Point Loma and Cathedral Catholic were friendly before the game, the first half settled that. Both teams talked and played after the whistle, resulting in personal-foul penalties.

"We chirped too much. We beat them pretty convincingly in the stadium last year, so it's just one of those things — it's going to happen," said Dons' head coach Sean Doyle.

Hipp said some of the violence stemmed from Point Loma's defense chop blocking Cathedral Catholic's offensive linemen. The Pointers were called for a defensive chop block in the second quarter.



Point Loma head coach Mike Hastings argues a personal foul call in the second quarter

### Comments

1. Well, while there were two high school football teams on the field last night, these were not the teams who battled in Qualcomm Stadium last year. NO, these teams, for whatever reason don't like each other and it started with unsportsmanlike play right from the opening kickoff. Yes, it's true the final score of 42-10 shows Cathedral has power (last year's championship game final score was 41-3), but where IS the poise? Both teams played poorly with several turnovers, mental errors, and "cheap shots" that led to more yellow penalty flags than I've ever seen at a high school game. All for unsportsmanlike behavior.

By JustWondering 8:44 a.m., Sep 14, 2008

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## SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

**Denomination:** Unity  
**Address:** 3770 Altadena Avenue,  
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**Founded locally:** 1961  
**Senior Pastor:** Blair Tabor  
**Congregation size:** 150–250  
**Staff size:** 16, mostly part-time prayer ministry  
**Sunday school enrollment:** 15–25  
**Weekly giving:** varies  
**Annual budget:** \$500,000  
**Singles program:** no  
**Dress:** semiformal to formal  
**Diversity:** mostly Caucasian  
**Sunday worship:** 9 a.m., 11 a.m.  
**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 10 minutes  
**Website:** [unitysandiego.org](http://unitysandiego.org)

The psychedelic stained-glass window over the altar (and even above the electric sanctuary lamp) caught the feel of Christ Church Unity pretty well: psychedelic, but still stained glass. Modern spirituality swirled with tradition. More

examples: heavy velveteen curtains hanging behind a marble altar bearing brass candlesticks and cross but surrounded by folksy, brightly colored posters celebrating NEW LIFE (Now Energize Willingness Laugh Intensity Fasting Embrace) — posters that were in high contrast with the deep-toned oil paintings depicting the Holy Family that lined the side walls; a sizable choir in teal-and-white robes sang a complex arrangement of "Our Hope Alone Is You, O Lord," then gave way at service's end to a swinging ballad: "Everything I see/ Everything I do/ Everything I am/ is You"; the Lord's Prayer was recited, but tweaked — the usual, "Lead us not into temptation" rendered "Leave us not in temptation" — God is not subjecting us to the trial; a prayer of thanks that opened with "Precious Father" concluded with "Thank you, Father-Mother God."

The stuffed animals, however, were *sui generis*. Three — a goat and two bunnies — sat up on the pulpit. But dozens, perhaps hundreds, more occupied the pews in the left alcove of the church. "We collect them, starting in July," one woman told me. "At Christmas, we'll be giving them to, I think, children in San Diego and Tijuana. You're welcome to hug one and give it some love." Another woman told me that by Christmas the Sanctuary would be, well, stuffed with them.

"God's good is yours" was the greeting we exchanged at the outset — a setup for the central idea of the sermon: "God is the source of my supply and provides amazing channels now." (The congregation spoke that line as well — twice. Pastor Blair Tabor recited it several times on top of that. "Because we're trained to look outside of ourselves, it takes a while to make the connection," he explained. "We need to hear it over and over and over. The teaching is that God is our source, that we're one with the living presence of God, and Jesus said that the Kingdom

of God is within you.")

The sermon began a series on Prosperity and had two interesting setups. First, a single-verse scripture reading from Exodus: "You shall have no other gods before Me." ("Gracious spirit, open our minds to understand that You alone are all we will ever need," prayed the reader.) Second, the announcement of the upcoming Keys to the Kingdom prosperity classes, led by Tabor. "The class will challenge you to live from a level of faith and commitment that truly is transformational," said the reader. "Reverend Blair has seen lives completely changed. Requirements include purchasing the book and a CD or tape set, and tithing ten percent of your income for the duration of the seven-week class."

Prior to the sermon, Tabor had led a prayer, underlaid with mournful tones from a choir-loft clarinet, which sought to "open us in a deeper way to that presence of God and that work of the Spirit within us" — work that would "animate our whole being with the vibrancy of that

Christ-presence of God. We come alive with that sense of moving as a part of the Spirit," with the Spirit "working through all circumstances to bring forth blessings."

Opening that channel to God the Source, said Tabor, was the great key to prosperity. He quoted a riff on that line from Exodus: "Thou shalt not look to another source but God for thy supply." He quoted Jesus: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you."

"God wants to bless us," concluded Tabor. "God has all kinds of ways to bless us.... If we start with that connection, that holiness of the presence, and see ourselves as part of that, then we have a good beginning." And quite possibly, a good ending: "God is the beginning point, but God is also the destination, and God is the process. In every movement, the presence

of God is there."

The choir backed him up. "God is the source of my supply/ Ready the good to multiply..."

In conclusion, Tabor prayed over a wooden box containing prayer requests. "Dear God, we know You are the source of blessing, and we seek that for each one for whom we pray...people affected by the storms of life — of all kinds. We know You are present as the source of good...thank you, God; thank you, God." And then the whole congregation left their pews and joined hands along the aisle and sang: "Let there be peace on earth/ and let it begin with me/ Let there be peace on earth/ the peace that was meant to be..."

What happens when we die?

"We go on to the next dance," said Tabor.  
— Matthew Lickona



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#### Sermon

content .....★★½  
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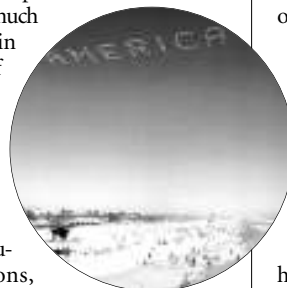
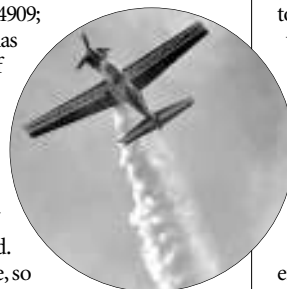
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How long can the plane be in the air?

"We can fly as long as four hours. Soon we



"We do a lot of proposals. I try real hard to talk them out of it."

will have another airplane that will be able to fly roughly eight hours." Joe says the rising cost of fuel, now up to \$6 a gallon, has affected business. "The planes use 15 to 17 gallons an hour," he said.

And what about the classic "Will U Marry Me?" in dots of smoke?

"We do a lot of proposals. I try real hard to talk them out of it," laughed Joe. "I could tell you many stories."

We moved on to advertising via banners.

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And the reason you often see the banner-towing planes by the beach, "There are normally 650,000 people on any good weekend on our beaches. That is according to the chamber of commerce. So the beach is the biggest congested area. But football games, baseball games, [the Ocean Beach] chili cook-off, those all have a lot of people also."

How big of a banner can you tow?

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Joe related one touching banner memory. "About 28 years ago, a 13-year-old Boy Scout got lost in the Cuyamacas, and

there had been a light snowfall. A

lady called me and asked me to fly a banner up there saying, 'Tommy, hug a tree and stay where you are.' She figured he was wandering and that is why they couldn't track him down. Tommy saw the banner and stayed put and they found him."

Joe offered an example with the pricing. "This week we have a marriage proposal banner that will be flying five times in Long Beach. It will cost the client about \$470. Another client wants a 'Happy Birthday' banner to fly for about an hour and a half here in El Cajon. That will cost over \$400."

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Anywhere you cannot fly?

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by Barbarella

*I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.*

— Rita Rudner

**W**hen Rosa asked me what my plans were for the rest of the day, I shifted uncomfortably in my pedicure chair, unsure how to answer. Unscripted schedules make me feel as if I've been dropped in the middle of the ocean without a compass. I didn't want to admit that I had nothing going on, so I subtly redirected her query: "Yeah, well, you know...what are you doing today?" My friend outlined her mellow schedule — aside from some packing for an impending business trip, she had nothing arranged. She added that

**Its back, hindquarters, and legs were shaved but for two dense rosettes on its rump and pom-pom-like anklets above each paw.**

her husband, Josue, was planning to experiment with goat cheese, peppers, and puff pastry and that David and I were welcome to partake. The most I could commit to was "maybe." When Rosa and I returned with our freshly polished toenails to the building in which we both live, we parted ways at the elevator with a promise to touch base in a bit.

David suggested we

take a drive to Julian, but we agreed it was too hot and too far to deal with the Sunday surge. After ten minutes of sitting in listlessness, I hopped up and grabbed my laptop. Determined to inject purpose into my day, I scrolled through the events listed on the *Reader* website. As soon as my eyes alighted upon the words "Poodle Fest," I knew I'd found the event I didn't know I'd been searching for.

Twenty minutes later, Rosa, Josue, David, and I piled into my car and set off for the Del Mar Horsepark. It was unanimous — poodles were silly looking, and any opportunity to see them up close was not to be missed. As I merged onto Interstate 5, Rosa said she'd always thought poodles were "snobby, wimpy, and stuck-up." She admitted those were more the char-

acteristics of the dogs' owners whom she'd encountered in the past, but she still deemed the "froufrou" pups guilty by association. Neither David nor I cared for the fancy Frenchwoman aesthetic of the typical poodle 'do, and Josue thought poodles were simply uncool for anyone who is not white, female, and really old.

It was 1 p.m. when I pulled onto a small dirt road and parked my Mini among the Mercedes and Lexus SUVs. "Okay, get it out now," I said to my crew of doggie oglers. Josue asked what the hell I was talking about. "I don't want these dogs to know — I mean, to think — that we're mocking them. So giggle now if you have to." Josue pointed out that I was the only one who seemed to be having difficulty maintaining my composure. He was right. I wiped the smirk off my face and led my posse toward the tents on the green.

We approached one tent, beneath which a man was busy styling the mane of a large white standard poodle on the table before him. The man had close-cropped brown hair and wore sunglasses, a black suit, and cornflower blue shirt. His maroon tie, dotted with black silhouettes of poodles, was the only outward indication that he wasn't an aspiring stockbroker who had wandered onto the wrong field.

The stoic pooch on the table stood still as its long white hair was teased into a bouffant. A thick coat of hair covered the animal's head and chest. Its back,

hindquarters, and legs were shaved but for two dense rosettes on its rump and pom-pom-like anklets above each paw. I couldn't contain myself. "I just don't get it," I said. "This dog looks like a topiary. I mean, why the butt-balls?"

I hadn't meant for the man in the suit to hear me, but he did. He turned, smiled invitingly, and said, "This isn't just an arbitrary style, you know, there's a reason for it." I took a few steps closer to him. He patted the dog's leg and said, "This is Fabio. You know, poodles are the original retrievers. They're hunting dogs." Rosa, Josue, David, and I gave the man our rapt attention as he explained the reasoning behind the poodle 'do. Around 400 years ago, the retriever was primarily a water dog — the word "poodle" comes from a German word for water, *pudel*. The hounds were great swimmers and were often sent into frigid water to collect felled fowl. They were shaved as much as possible so that their thick coats didn't drag them down in the water, but fur was kept in crucial areas for insulation — on the chest, to protect the heart and lungs; on each side of the rump (the butt-balls), to warm the kidneys; and surrounding the joints. Hair was swept back and up from the face so as to leave the eyes unimpeded, and some hunters fastened it in place with brightly colored ribbons that made it easier to identify the dogs from a distance.

"Wow, I had no idea," said Josue,

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reaching out to stroke Fabio's prominent snout.

When Josue caught sight of a poodle with long black dreadlocks at the next tent over, he decided a poodle could be cool after all.

"I have been too quick to judge," said Rosa. "I don't want to be a superficial pet lover, and now I see past the froufrou to what is a restrained, intelligent, and playful animal." We passed the next table, where a dog lay on its stomach, its chin resting in a cushioned stirrup to support its head. The female groomer introduced the pooch as "Amadeus" but then corrected herself: "I mean, Champion Divine Rock Me Amadeus." She nearly emptied a giant can of aerosol hairspray into canine-Mozart's white, Texas-beauty-queen hair.

After we watched expert handlers prance the poodles in a circle and then line them up for the judge to poke, prod, and violate (*Come on, I thought, is it really necessary to rub your finger along his anus and cup his testicles like that? It's not like he's going to turn his head and cough for you*), we bid adieu to all of the nice groomers, handlers, and owners who had taken the time to clue us in.

We were about to get back onto the 5 heading

south when I asked if anyone was hungry. A resounding cry of "Yes!" filled the car, so I swerved into the parking lot of Milton's — one of the few good Jewish delicatessens in the county. Once seated in an overly air-conditioned booth, we talked dog.

Rosa and Josue don't consider their pet an animal, even though his name, Chuchó, is the Spanish word for "street dog." Their baby boy, a miniature schnauzer, is better cared for than some children — Chuchó's clothes are not purchased at Petco or Muttropolis but at Baby Gap. Like a

stern father, Josue explained that while training Chuchó, he made sure to bite his ear: "That shows him I'm the alpha, like the mommy would do."

"We want to have more dogs," said Rosa, with the sigh of a woman who has more nurturing to offer.

"I want a dog," I said. David agreed that a fun-loving pet would be nice someday, but with our travel schedule and trips that last two weeks or more, it just isn't practical right now. Josue nodded at this and explained that as much as he loves Chuchó, if he could go back and choose whether or not to

have a dog, he would choose not to. "It's like having a kid," he said. "You can't travel so much, and if you do, you need to find pet-friendly locations and hotels. Like with a kid, you end up going to Disneyland instead of a wine-and-culinary tour."

"Yeah, it would take some sacrifice," I said. "I mean, I'd like to wait until I have a yard. And, I'm just not ready to be tied down like that. Then again, it would be so nice to have a puppy."

"We're not getting a dog," David said. He recognized the tone in my voice that signaled my mind's entrance into ratio-

nalization mode.


I gave him puppy-dog eyes and said, "We're going to eventually. Why not sooner rather than later?"

"We have all the time in the world to get a dog down the road," David said. Then, in response to

my persistent "I-want-a-puppy" face, he smiled and quipped, "Don't make me bite your ear." ■

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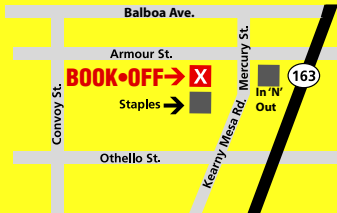
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**“L.A. was a bit disappointing,”  
Matthias says.**

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**ERE IN SAN DIEGO,** the weather is excellent, the beaches some of the finest, and at least for the moment, the dollar is comparatively weak (though strengthening): All good reasons for foreign visitors to descend upon the city this summer.

To get an idea of just how many, the Department of Commerce and Office of Travel and Tourism Industries have a few numbers. In 2007, more than 645,000 international visitors passed through San Diego; the annual total — including both United States and non–United States residents — is around 32 million. Last year, 117,000 of the international visitors were from the United Kingdom, 49,000 from Germany, 88,300 from Japan, and 43,240 from Australia and New Zealand. The 2008 numbers have not yet been crunched.



According to D.K. Shifflet & Associates LTD, says the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau's San Diego County Travel and Tourism Forecast for 2008, San Diego is a top-five United States travel destination. *Real Simple* magazine's editor, Kris Connell, named it the best family-friendly destination last year, and Fodor's (of travel-guide fame) bills it on its website as having "an explod-

ing culinary scene and big-city nightlife, with a side of beach bum mixed in."

Matthias, who is 23 and traveling from London by way of Austria, has enjoyed San Diego more than many of the other destinations he has been during his trip, especially Los Angeles. He sips from a small cup of coffee at Java Jones, a café in the East Village a few blocks from the Lucky D's hostel where

he is staying.

Lucky D's, which, unlike Hostelling International, allows alcohol on its premises, looks not unlike a college dorm. Doors, painted off-white, are individually numbered; handmade magazine-collage art hangs on the wall, and patrons traipse the carpeted hallways in board shorts and flip-flops, chattering with one another.

At Java Jones, things are a bit quieter.

"I think [San Diego has] got a lot of

charm," he says. "San Francisco's also nice, but I don't know, for some reason I just like San Diego better. Las

more beautiful, in my opinion. I love the sea, so this is a city by the sea; that's also very appealing to me. I really

"I expected more [from Los Angeles], actually," says Bapsi, a soft-spoken 27-year-old from Vienna, Austria, as she sits outside on the Ocean Beach International Hostel's back patio during some travel downtime.

Bapsi and her friend Katherine, who has just started work at the hostel "doing the beds and toilets," in addition to staying there, are the only two sitting in the cozy enclosure, which is made from a skeleton frame of tubing and waterproof

## "I'm not so happy that all the bars and clubs close at two."

Vegas was just a very different place. It's all about gambling and money and girls and everything. Here, it's

like San Diego."

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tarps. The hostel's rates range from \$17 to \$24 a night.

"[I expected] more glamour [in Los Ange-

weighs in as well.

"Between L.A. and San Diego, I think San Diego is a real city," she explains. "In L.A., you go

another story. And here I think there's a real city. It's much nicer; it's just cleaner compared to the other...like Hollywood, downtown L.A., that's just..."

She makes a noise of disgust.

Ayala, who is 26 and visiting from Israel, liked Los Angeles but found that the hype it inspires is just that — hype.

"I've been to L.A. four years ago, and I have to say I expected much of L.A. and I think San Diego is nicer," she says, taking a breather from

sightseeing at the San Diego International Visitor Information Center in downtown.

The visitors' center,

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les]," Bapsi elaborates. "[It was] dirty, actually. I didn't expect it."

Katherine, who is 26 and from Germany,

to Santa Monica and that's a little city, and then you go to Venice Beach and it's quite different, and Hollywood is

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which is just across the street from the USS Midway, is bustling in the early afternoon. Light pours in through the windows as several staff members and volunteers assist the gathering of out-of-towners who have come to purchase tickets and receive destination advice.

Ayala is in San Diego for a weekend trip with her friend Natalia, who is 21 and from Brazil. The two of them are staying at the Comfort Inn on Harbor Drive, paying \$250 for two of their three nights and \$84 for their final day in San Diego.

Both are pharmacy students studying abroad in Yuma, Arizona.

Ayala continues.

"In L.A. you expect it to be, I don't know, Hollywood and amazing and the beach and all, but it was...."

She trails off.

"I guess because they

make such a big deal out of it in movies and movie shows then you just expect more," she continues. "It's really nice, I liked L.A.... I guess I expected more, and San Diego is more beautiful than L.A."

Some, no matter their impressions of Los Angeles, enjoyed them-

was tiny," she says from her seat in the dining area of Hostelling International's Point Loma location. "It was maybe 10 feet by 15...I don't know how many feet, but it was really small. There were six bunk beds in it, no air conditioning, nothing. When I went into the

## "The Greyhound bus from L.A. to here was crazy," says Gillian.

selves. Jennifer, who is 22 and from Limerick, Ireland, ended up making lemonade out of lemons when she and her friend ended up in a sub-par hostel in a run-down part of Los Angeles.

"We had to go up about a million steps to get into the dorm, and it

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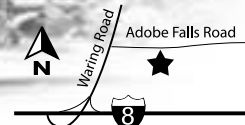
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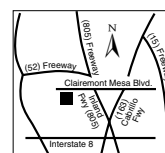
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cheery cherry red, and indoors, round tables sit adjacent to an airy, open kitchen where guests can cook and store their food. The dorm-style and private rooms, which range in price from \$17 to \$69, are brightly colored and full of light, with beds dressed in patterned sheets.

Despite the less than desirable condition of the Los Angeles hostel, Jennifer, who relates her story sunburned and smiling, reports that she had an excellent time.

"It was a dive of a place, but we had so

much fun," she says, laughing. "Because it was so small and everyone was so shocked by the dirtiness that we all kind of... We all went out on the back patio, and we got on really well, so we made a few friends up there. We met two girls from Dublin who were working there, and they decided to quit their jobs and come traveling with us."

All in all, she finds San Diego more relaxed than Los Angeles.

"I don't think people are as pretentious as they were up in L.A.," she says.

"I'm not so happy that all the bars and clubs close at two. Like, literally, two o'clock, you're gone. They take your drinks off you, and you're pushed out the door. It's the same around here. I was in New York two summers ago, on Long Island, and you'd go out and it was great. At home the clubs close at half two or three."

She pauses.

"After New York [I went] to Miami, and things only really started getting going at four," she says. "And then, [I got the] shock of my life because I thought, L.A., it

would be crazier over here and people would be going out the whole time, but it so wasn't what I expected."

Matthias had some high hopes for Los Angeles as well.

"I was so looking forward to L.A., and it was a bit disappointing," he says. "The city center does not have a lot of charm. For example, if you go to London, it's there. I think it's got a strong flavor to it. In L.A. I didn't get it. It's so spread out. That's what makes it very difficult."

Matthias reached Los

Angeles from the Grand Canyon via Greyhound bus. He has traveled throughout America exclusively via Greyhound and explains that his trip — which includes many national parks — is costing "hundreds and hundreds of dollars."

For many travelers, buses — Greyhound specifically — have been the choice of transportation for reaching destinations within America, at least for those visiting the West Coast. Some find it cheaper, others easier, and for more than a few, it becomes the source of

interesting encounters with fellow passengers.

"Greyhound is an interesting experience," says Peter, over a plate of pancakes at the Hostelling International hostel downtown, where he is staying.

The walls of the hostel's dining area are colorfully painted in purples and blues, and Peter sits on a bench at one of two large tables that make up the center of the room. To the left is the kitchen, where travelers cook their own pancakes over a hot griddle; to the right is a lounge space,

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Peter, who is 20 and clad in a Franz Ferdinand band T-shirt, hails from Somerset, England, and is part of an exchange program between Cambridge University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, where he is spending a year studying chemical engineering. He and a friend he met at the college drove halfway across the country together, parting in Dallas, Texas; since then, Peter has been busing solo. He and his friend are set to meet in Los Angeles.

Ian, Gillian, Sinead, Elaine, Jen, and Scarlett, all from Dublin, Ireland, are also traveling by Greyhound as a group.

"Each one of us knows at least one of the others," Ian, 21, explains.

They sit at one of the patio picnic tables out back at the OB International Hostel, a hubbub of activity in the early evening. Christmas lights twinkle along the upper perimeter of the room, and the smell of marinara sauce is in the air. Those in the group who are of age drink Wyder's ciders, the others making do with soft drinks, and wait for a dinner of pasta and salad to be ready.

"The Greyhound bus from L.A. to here was crazy," says Gillian, who is 20. "The bus was all right, but the people were crazy. We met a prisoner, an ex-con."

"And a very angry

father and daughter," Ian adds.

"And a man in a hospital mask," chimes in Scarlett, who is 21.

The prices for a Greyhound ride vary. From Los Angeles to San

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lar destination, it's just under \$74. Nonrefundable tickets are slightly less and with discounts can be even more inexpensive.

Matthias, at Java Jones, breaks it down.

"Well, from San Francisco to Yosemite was 60-something dollars," he says. "And the shuttles in between are also expensive because the Greyhound never goes to the [exact] location. So then I

had to take the shuttle."

Over his coffee, Matthias explains how he is planning on staying in San Diego for the entire month of July, after which a friend of his will join him in his travels.

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needed to be in a city."

So far, he has spent much of his time walking around the city, as he is planning to do after his stint at the coffee shop, mp3 player in hand.

He's covered a lot of ground this way, he says.

"I have been to the Maritime Museum, [and] I have been to the USS *Midway*," he says.

"Tomorrow, I'm going to go to the Zoo with a few

friends. I've been walking around a lot. Just the harbor, city center."

Jennifer, though she has not seen as much as Matthias, is also enjoying her stay in San Diego. Though she's only been here two days, she's gotten to see some of the sights.

"[I] went to the beach, went out drinking last night," she says. "We [know] a few people [here], so we went to their house and had a bonfire on the beach until the police came. They were just driving

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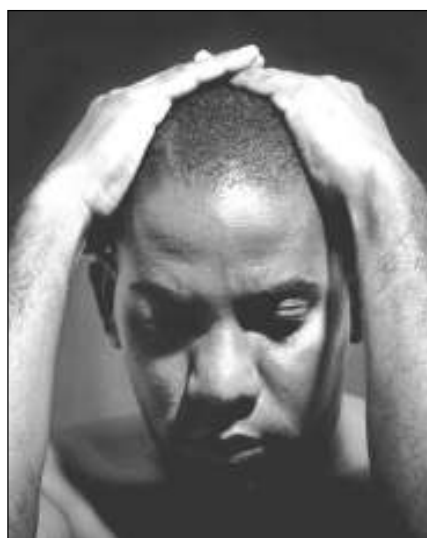
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After her beach experience, she's planning on seeing what the city has to offer, along with her traveling companions.

"We're probably going to do one of those tours around, just see San Diego, bits and pieces," she says. "And our friend from college is living up on Pacific Beach, so we're going to go visit them for a few days. They're here on the J-1 visa. [A J-1 visa

allows aliens to stay in the country for a period of two years as "exchange visitors," provided they have a sponsor, such as a family they are working for, a private employer they are working with, or a university they are studying at.] So there's five of them and they're working in ice cream parlors, and there's one working in retail, just bits and pieces [to] keep them going for the summer."

Though often staying only for a few days, many visitors try to pack as much as possible into their trips to San Diego. Popular destinations are the standard tourist fare — SeaWorld, Coronado Island, Old Town, and the like — and are largely enjoyable for travelers.

Ayala liked SeaWorld in particular.

"Going to SeaWorld was an amazing experience," she says. "I've never been to something like that because we don't have big tanks with fish; we just have dolphins in Eliat, which is in the southernmost point in Israel, but not killer whales and not that stuff. That's cool."

Katherine and Craig, 29 and 30, respectively, are also planning on keeping busy. They are visiting from Manchester, England. They chose to dine out in the Gaslamp on their first night and decided on taking a harbor cruise for their second. For their third day,

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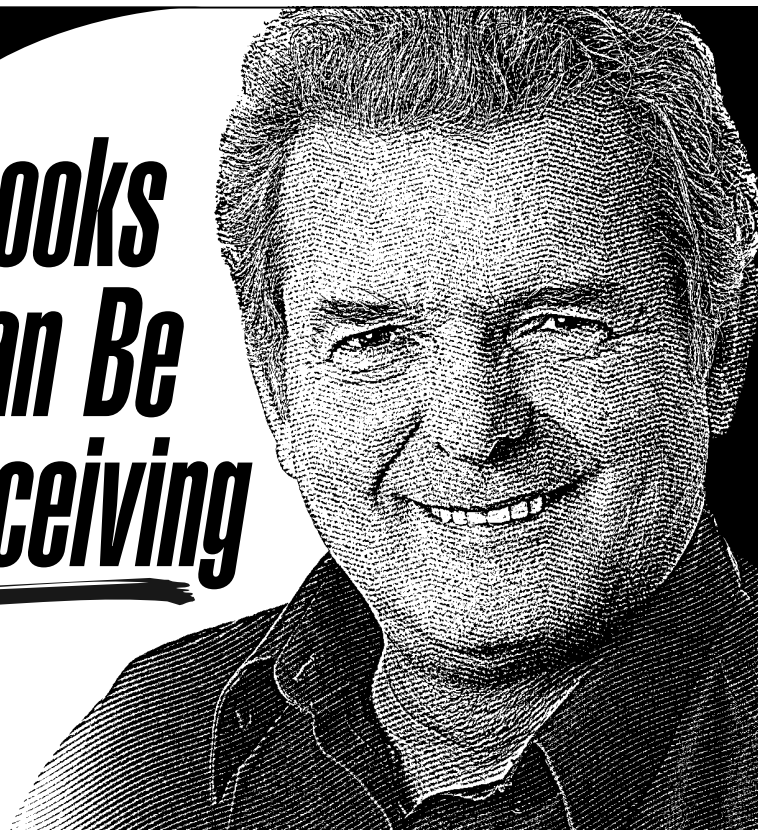
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they are going to the zoo and the beach. They are staying at the 500 West Hotel for \$100 a night.

The two of them, like Katherine from Germany, are doing an around-the-world trip. Craig, a plumber, sold his house to finance the trip. So far, they have been to India, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.

For their trip to San Diego, Katherine and Craig used a Rough Guide travel book, which, Katherine laments, was not particularly useful.

"It doesn't tell you a

lot about San Diego, but it just tells you the nickname is San D'Ego because everybody's got a chip on their shoulder [and] thinks a lot of themselves," she says, waiting in line at the International Visitor Information Center. "But we haven't really seen that."

Others have used guidebooks as well. Matthias prefers a series published by Lonely Planet, and the Dublin crowd uses one they cannot remember the name of, while others prefer to search on websites like

Google and the official page of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Some, like Joe, who is an Englishman traveling from Austria, scoff at many of the travel publications available. Lonely Planet (which is owned by the British Broadcasting Corporation) in particular, which has a website complete with travel blogs and feature articles, is quite popular among travelers, but this does not sway him. "I make a point of not reading Lonely Planet," Joe says. "[It] is just a load of rub-

bish. Lonely Planet is the anesthetization of travel. They have useless maps that are immediately out of date. Who needs a book that lists the price of a meal? It changes every year. It's a load of guff, carrying around a [book of] prices for restaurants."

Joe, who teaches math in Austria and describes himself as being "twenty-plenty," came to San Diego on a recommendation from a few friends he made in Madrid who happened to go to San Diego State University.

"I thought it was the sort of place you could find big fish that jump out of the water and play with dolphins or something," he says, tongue-in-cheek, of San Diego. "Erotic swims with orcas

and stuff like that."

He flew with Zoom Airlines, which has been making nonstop trips to San Diego from London as of June of this year (the first flight was on the 20th). He paid, he claims, "too much" and would have flown into Los Angeles if not for the direct flight.

"[The airline] is okay," he says, "but it's a pretty crap aircraft. It's all in Spanish, 'salida' this, etc., so I think they must have bought it from Liberia."

At the moment, Zoom flies both Boeing 757s and 767s; the average age of each aircraft, according to *airfleets.com*, is just shy of 15 years. A one-way ticket — at economy price, booking a month in advance — costs anywhere from 23

to 218 pounds (\$46 to \$436.50, according to Yahoo! Finance's currency converter), depending on the time of departure.

Current airfares, many say, are much cheaper than they would be if the American dollar were not currently so weak.

The group traveling from Dublin paid 750 euros (which, at the time of this writing, is equal to \$1193) for a round-trip ticket on British Airways.

Bapsi flew from Vienna to Chicago with Austrian Air, and from Chicago to San Diego with American Airlines, and says she paid around \$1200 for both flights, which is roughly 1900 euros.

Jennifer took Continental Airlines from Shannon, Ireland, to Los Angeles for 970 euros — \$1537, round-trip.

Other things are less expensive for travelers here than they are in their home countries as well; perhaps most notable is the cost of gas.

"[Gas is] about a pound a liter [in England], which is about \$7 or \$8 a gallon," Peter says. "But it's been [raised] about 95 pence or a pound, whereas here it's doubled or something. I don't really know too

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much about it, but it's significantly cheaper for me here than in England."

He's not far off; gas, at the time of this writing, averages \$7.56 a gallon in the U.K., whereas here it's only \$3.78, according to the United States Energy Information Administration website.

It's not just gas; clothing, for instance, which several travelers noted, costs far less.

"When we went shopping, we couldn't get over how cheap all the clothes are," says Jennifer, who confesses she is buying a lot of dresses and shoes here in America.

"It's just the fact that our euro is so strong. And the drink is so cheap here. Not when you go out in the clubs, that's kind of expensive, [depending] on what bars you go to, but when you're [having] a few drinks at home

before you go out, it's very cheap."

Others agree.

"It's so much cheaper here," Gillian exclaims.

"And it's easier to spend your money," Ian adds, laughing.

Brand names tend to be less money in America than in many travelers' home countries. Natalia points out that many American products retail for far less and names a few brands that are of particular interest to her.

"If you see Nike, which is really popular in Brazil, it's much, much cheaper here," she says. "And of course iPods, Apple stuff, [is] much cheaper."

Brazilians, according to Reuters, have paid the most for iPods in the past; in 2007, a four-giga-byte Nano ran around \$370, while, at that time, they went for \$150 in the United States.

Comparative

expenses aside, all the visitors report enjoying San Diego, no matter what stage of their trip they are in.

"[People are] more open and tolerant; they are just more outgoing," says Katherine from Germany. "I think people are more allowed to be crazy. Like, they can do their own thing, they can just walk around like whatever they want to be. Not like back home. Everybody's looking at you if you have a crazy hat or...I don't know how to explain. I think it is like that. Maybe it's because I grew up in a small town."

Ian agrees.

"In Ireland, you have general people, but over here, you don't know what it's going to be," he says. "You can be crazy over here if you want."

Victoria, 26, finds San Diegans to be among the more sincere Ameri-

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can people she's met in her considerable travels. From Edinburgh, Scotland, she has explored the American East Coast and is currently in the middle of a year of travel. "A lot of the people in the places I've been to, they've got a kind of fake sincerity, like 'Hi, how are you?' and you go to answer and they're already over there and they can't give a toss," she says. "Here, people are actually interested in what you have to say and what you're saying."

Victoria considers San Diego a place where she could eventually settle down. "You find that there are a lot of places [that] you get a feeling about," she says. "A sense of them, like whether you could live there or not.... I think I could live here quite happily."

Matthias, too, is having a good time. His only disappointment, he says, has been with the number of transients he has seen, though he says San Diego has fewer than other places he has been.

"San Francisco was terrible," he says. "And I'm just not used to being asked for money all the time, [and] I feel bad refusing it. In Europe, this doesn't happen. There will be a homeless person in the street with a hat there, but they will rarely ever bother you. They will have a sign there, 'Please help,' but they won't come up to you and ask you, where here sometimes you're in a restaurant, they will come into the restaurant and ask you, 'Sir, can you buy me something to eat?' or 'Can I have some money?' Here they bother you."

But he genuinely likes San Diego and does not mind at all staying for the month he will be here in this country in what he described earlier as "a city by the sea."

Xinyi, who is 18 and traveling from China with her mother, likes the proximity of the ocean as well.

"It's great, it's really great. I love the city by the sea," she says.

So far, she and her mother have attended a Beatles tribute concert, seen Seaport Village, and visited the Children's

Museum.

Xinyi, like Victoria, has also had good luck meeting locals — they recommended she eat at the Tin Fish restaurant, which she and her mother plan on doing —

and she has a favorable view of Americans in general.

"In America people are quite friendly," she says, having stopped in at the visitors' center. "Like just now, we got the map

at the station, people come and ask us, 'Do you need help? Where do you want to go?' In China, people won't just do that. It's not that people in China aren't friendly, but they will not come and


help unless you ask them. They would think it was weird to go up and [offer] help."

She pauses.

"It's sweet here," she says. ■

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# Reaching Nirvana At the Wonderland Coin Laundry

I am a recent transplant from New Jersey living in Ocean Beach. I already know what locals or natives think of me. Another East Coaster, another poser, another person sucking the life out of the little slice of paradise left in California.

Believe me, I used to hate sitting on the subway in New York answering tourists' questions about what stop to get off to get to a museum, what train to take to get to Brooklyn, blah, blah, blah. My favorite used to be when Boston Red Sox fans attempted to figure out how to get to Yankee Stadium from a hotel room in midtown. "Where the hell is the Bronx, anyway?" Take a right at your mom, and keep on going until your head is squarely up your ass.

San Diegans, particularly native San Diegans, probably feel the same. We live in America's Finest City, and everyone wants to keep it that way. For the record, I am here for the same reason everyone else trekked out to California in the first place: The weather has been fantastic, and the living is surely easy.

Actually, I don't know about easy (see: car accident last week that totaled my Honda, coupled with bank account hovering around three dollars). But at least I have the illusion of life being easier, and I live two blocks from the sand.

On the first night of recovery after a 72-hour stretch of weekend

drinking, I found myself on laundry duty. With an impending trip to New York City coming in a few days, I wanted to be sure I had my whole repertoire of T-shirts and cargo shorts at my disposal in order to look as sharp as possible. So instead of using the wimpy washer/dryer at my apartment building, I decided to head down the street and utilize a Laundromat with industrial-size dryers to save time. Apparently they include industrial-size life lessons in the experience as well.

At first I was pleasantly surprised at how quiet and empty the place was. Wonderland Coin is fairly popular (although, unlike other coin laundries, they do not offer arcade games to kill time), and I was anticipating a gauntlet of people to try and get to an open dryer once the wash cycles ended. With a frivolity I have never felt when doing laundry, I threw the clothes in the dryer and exited to return upon the completion of the load.

Laundromats, unsupervised and open to the public as they are, can draw some interesting people after the later wave of customers finishes folding their clothes. Considering the proximity to the beach, I should have expected that this was the rule, not the exception. But

*Did this man just  
admit that he had  
committed murder?*

for some odd reason I had made myself believe that it was my night with the Wonderland and that this would be the most simple laundry experience of my life.

Five minutes before the place closed, alone with literally every item my girlfriend and I own, I threw on some head-



Wonderland Coin Laundry, Ocean Beach

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phones and started folding. With my back turned to the door I was vulnerable to any kind of ninja or sneak attack, but the relaxing tunes of Wilco allowed me to float into a state of rumination, and I let my guard down. If a ninja wanted to chop me and steal some undergarments, then so be it. This was my time to decompress.

It was while gripping a pair of my lady's pink, orange, and chartreuse panties that I heard a soft sound eerily similar to a male voice. I decided to ignore the sound at first, assuming it was some creepy effect Jeff Tweedy had pumped into the background. Unfortunately the sound did not dissipate, and I was forced to remove myself from a peaceful existence and slowly turn around.

What I found slouched before me was exactly the kind of person whom I was trying to avoid that evening: a particularly upset, middle-aged man who had stumbled in off the street and was mumbling to himself. Typical O.B., but even more typical for me: I finally



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get into a groove folding clothes, comfortable with my girlfriend's panties in hand in a public place, and here comes someone who will obviously start spitting out his life story.

At first he just kept talking to himself. This isn't comforting to most people, but I was elated at the turn of events. As I mentioned before, this was time for decompression. I think Dr.

Phil might call it "me time." Unfortunately, as I moved from panty stage to T-shirt stage, a blissful, almost Zen laundry experience reverted to its habitual, impersonal nature. I could no longer expect peace and quiet.

The man turned to me, surprised.

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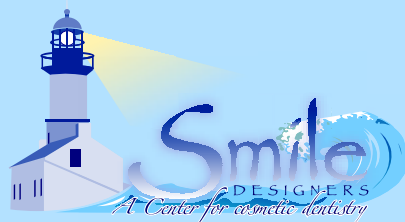


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died today. Fifty-four years old. Cancer."

Well, at that point I was sucked in. Of course, his life story followed. I listened intently as he ran down the six different addresses on Brighton Avenue he had lived at for a number of years before being drafted and sent to Vietnam. We chatted briefly about his time in the jungle but never actually got into the "meat." We discussed how my father was a firefighter in the Air Force Reserves, and he talked about all the times them "flyboys" saved his life. I surely didn't feel like bursting this guy's bubble, so I didn't tell him that my dad was not a "fly-boy" during Vietnam.

The conversation revolved primarily around his extended family and not around his own life. His sister-in-law had left behind twin boys who were now in their 30s, one with a couple of children himself.

"Amazing kids, really great people." Pausing for a second, he continued, "I guess the whole marriage thing was never for me, so

I'm happy they're out there carrying on my name. I was never able to keep a lady in my life. Kept offing those girls." At which point he pointed gun-shaped fingers at his head and squeezed the "trigger."

Did this man, in a state of emotional confusion, just admit that he had committed murder? Even more, did he admit that it was on several occasions?

Apparently I misinterpreted his intention. What he meant to infer was that somehow he had always messed up good relationships with stupidity, and it had led him to where he was today. But the thought of standing next to a serial killer was one part scary and two parts thrilling.

Either way, what came next changed the entire course of our tête-à-tête.

"You remember Chris Farley? That old skit about the guy who was livin' in a van down by the river? Well, that's me. I'm living in a van down by the beach."

There are plenty of people who have chosen to live

unconventionally, particularly in the beach communities. I am a firm believer in the rights of an individual to do so. As a case-manager working with families who have lost their homes in the wildfires, I have found that people seem to be comfortable with living in an RV so that in the event of a disaster they can just up and move everything they own. My initial assessment of this man was that for someone who had probably seen some really horrible things, he was doing all right. This could be why when he told me, bluntly, "I love my country, but I don't trust it," I responded with a surprisingly upbeat, "Could be a lot worse off than living by the beach in San Diego."

He nodded, and we both went back to folding clothes. I could not determine if I had just offended him or if he had nodded in agreement. The elevator music that had been all up in my ear for the past 20 minutes seemed to fade. He broke the silence with a simple but important question: "So how

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did you — being from New York and all — find O.B.?”

At first I wondered whether or not I should just ignore him. I'm always being asked that question, and most of the time the inquisitor is not even looking for an answer. The question just seems to serve as a reminder that I am not native and that I should feel uncomfortable in a new place — a visitor. But despite the initial shock of thinking that he may have been a serial killer, this man was quite pleasant for someone who had just found out that his sister-in-law passed away. I owed this guy those pleasantries back and, without realizing it, had been more kind to him than most folks probably would have been in that very same situation. In regard to his question, I half-assed something about knowing someone who lived in San Diego in the 1970s.

The real question was how did I end up in the Wonderland Coin, in San Diego, with a man who lived in a van down by the ocean, talking about the Vietnam War, his now dearly departed sister-in-law's grandchildren, and my new life in O.B.? Why did I place so much emphasis on the situation but couldn't care less about the actual conversation? I didn't even get the dude's name!

It didn't hit me right away, but on August 21, 2008, I reached Nirvana at the Wonderland Coin Laundromat on Abbott Street in Ocean Beach.

I'm here in San Diego because I want to be here. Of course I would love to have the ability to travel around the world and see it all without worrying about rent or car payments or the cost of soy milk. I have, nonetheless, through a series of avenues, chosen to get to where I am today.

What is most interesting is that although we differ in just about every imaginable manner, my situation is eerily similar to a man who has made the decision to live in a van down by the ocean. I cannot speak for all the bumps and bruises along the way, and I cannot tell whether or not he truly wants to be living this way. But is the question even worth asking? He and I are here, together, folding laundry, living the dream. His name, his goals, and the canker sore

he just can't get rid of — none of these things matter because we're the same, he and I.

Guy from the Wonderland Coin Laundry, I'm looking for you. I want to thank you for putting every-

thing in perspective. I want to apologize for thinking you are a murderer and that I was possibly victim number who-knows-what. Most of all, I want to get the whole story. I think you deserve to know mine as

well, because I definitely held back during our time together. I would like to discuss in detail how you got to where you are today (and maybe get a little bit more information about all those girls you “offed”).

Taking a mundane event such as doing laundry and turning it into a revelation is a selling point for fad diets, fundamentalist Christianity, and crack addiction alike. At a time when gasoline costs more than beer (finally,

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This is not to imply that I didn't entertain more than fleeting thoughts of mayhem and extreme malice toward the aforementioned violators of neighborly decorum. Nor was my usually patient and understanding wife silent and demure when the occasional far-more-than-legally-drunk driver failed to negotiate the T-intersection in front of our home and mistook our front

hedge for a drive-through.

To finally move us out of Carlsbad to just south of where the Turf Meets the Surf and west of where Heaven's Gate meets Hale-Bopp, it took my daughter's first kindergarten teacher. This woman had just returned from a long, unexplained leave of absence after teaching students twice my daughter's age. She had the unblinking, imper-

turbable thousand-yard stare of a war-zone survivor — a heavily sedated war-zone survivor. One afternoon, volunteering as an aide, I noticed that she was handing out fifth-grade-level reading worksheets to kids who could barely tie their shoes. After an hour of staring at these meaningless squiggles that were supposed to "have them reading by Christmas," the kids, boys

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especially, looked like constipated felons in solitary. I went up to her at recess and said, "You know, when I was in kindergarten I remember playing with blocks, finger-painting, acting out 'Billy Goats Gruff.' Maybe these kids could use a little more movement."

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The complex was roomy with a large patch of well-manicured lawn between our apartment and the pool and laundry room. There were a slew of kids close to my daughter's age, so she was in heaven. Many of the parents were foreigners either teaching, completing doctorates, and/or conducting research at UCSD or the biotech firms along Torrey Pines Road. It was like a functional mini-U.N. There

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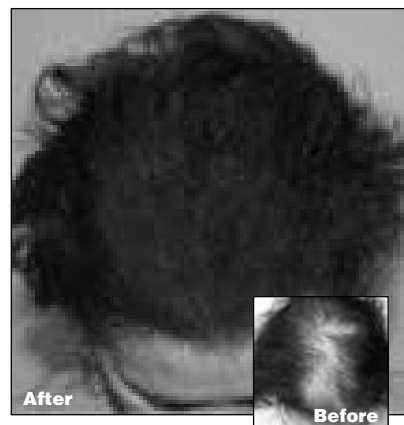
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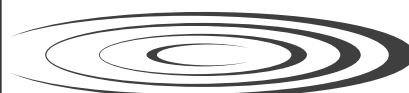
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were Moroccans, Japanese, South Koreans, French, British, Iranians, Australians. The kids played hide-and-seek, freeze tag, king of the mountain from after school until bedtime. It was the way I remembered growing up in the '50s and '60s, except not all lily-white and redneck.

To top it off, my daughter's new kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Aposhian, was great. She did just enough pre-reading to keep satisfied the few anal and usually absentee parents who were already scouting out Ivy League colleges for their offspring.

But, no paradise for-

ever remains untouched. Every year or two, three or four nameless and always changing men in white shirts and ties (one always carrying the obligatory clipboard) would tour the grounds. Within two months, we would receive a slick four-page newsletter from the new corporate owners stating that they were implementing changes that would make our "living experience" even more enjoyable. In English, that meant they would fire a gardener or two, move the manager off-site, and raise the rent as much and as quickly as possible.

To keep the overpriced apartments filled, they started allowing more and more people who were less and less family-oriented into the two-bedroom units and started allowing pets. The lawns became more litter boxes than playgrounds. By the time my daughter reached middle school, almost all her friends had moved or returned to their native countries. It was time to move.

We now rent a house a couple of blocks away with a distant ocean view of Catalina and San Clemente Island. The neighbors are pleasant and seemingly harmless. But back in Carlsbad, when there was a break-in or someone drove through our hedge and fence, the same neighbor who had pointed his H&K at me wouldn't hesitate to grab a shotgun and run out after the offender. Here, they all seem more likely to dial 911 from the safety of their bedrooms. I guess life's a tradeoff, just like neighborhoods. ■

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“The hotel was called the Alta Loma...”

— excerpt from *Ask the Dust*, by John Fante

The above was written in 1939 by Fante, a major influence on cult poet and novelist Charles Bukowski. Several times I have been compared, by casual acquaintances, to Bukowski, and I think they mean well, but I do not necessarily consider this a compliment. I read *Ask the Dust*

in a hotel room here in San Diego not unlike the one he describes in Los Angeles, only mine was in the Friendship Hotel on Eighth Avenue in Hillcrest, a historical Landmark and over 100 years old. I was on the second floor at first, overlooking Eighth, then later moved to a

room downstairs ironically called “Escape from L.A.” with no room number. I had moved in March to be near Mercy Hospital after surgery for a broken ankle. The only room available was up a flight of stairs, but soon I was given ELA, with air-conditioning and a back porch overlooking a garden and shaded by bird of paradise.

Unlike Fante’s character, no one had likely read anything of mine and there was no Mrs. Grainger. Still, I thought, this was a fine place for a writer, in the tradition of Nathanael West (though he was a night clerk, not a guest, at a place not unlike the Friendship but in L.A.), Cornell Woolrich (who wrote *Rear Window*, etc., from a hotel room he shared with his mother in New York), the fictional Barton Fink, and, I suppose, Bukowski. French mystery novelist Simenon would write his slim detective novels only in hotel rooms, usually rented over a weekend, at various locations in Europe. But out on my deck, seated in the vinyl easy chair — atop a rendering of a zaftig, white-haired, middle-aged woman I have named “Zondra,” painted by a regional artist — and in the shade of tropical plants, I might think of Hemingway in

Key West or Conrad on some exotic colonial island.

The Friendship is distinguished for several items, one being its mural on the west wing (two buildings, across the street from each other, make up the hotel) of a woman’s profile stretching from ground

## I WONDERED IF TOM WAITS HAD EVER LIVED HERE AT THE FRIENDSHIP IN HIS SAN DIEGO PERIOD.

level to the roof. It is in the Art Nouveau style popular many decades ago, one that enjoyed resurgence in the 1960s. It is a style I have always been fond of and probably betrays a cornball romanticism and artiness I won’t always admit to, but here is a fine example.

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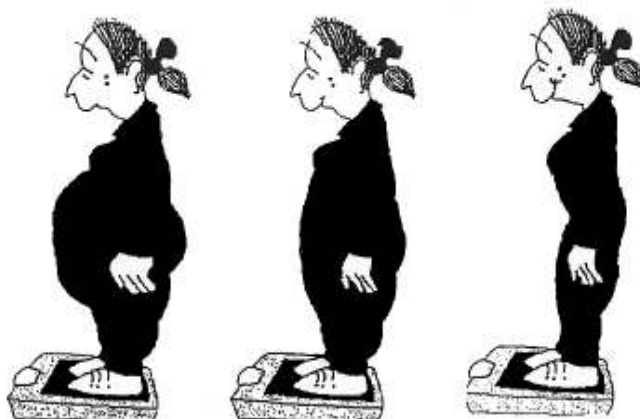
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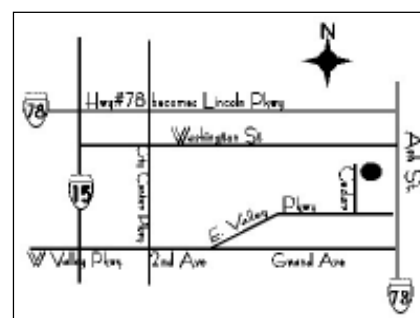
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of steps to the front desk (no lobby) and turns immediately to the left, an old black-and-white photo is displayed. It is a photocopy of a photo, in fact, and the original may have been faded, but it is clearly the building across the street from 3942, the western side. The caption reads:

"1906: Saint Joseph's Training School for Nurses opens, graduating its first

10 students on May 31, 1906. Building that housed the student nurses still exists on Eighth Avenue north of University." Only the building is recognizable now, none of the faces. More primitive, almost Wild Western, and with a vintage jalopy in the shot, there is no mistaking it.

Within several weeks at the Friendship, I began to hear, coming from upstairs

(the second of three floors), accomplished trumpet being rehearsed with a mute over its bell. I soon met Saint-John, a handsome, professional musician who often plays at Humphrey's and other "legitimate" venues around San Diego. Legitimate, with my quotation marks, denotes a possibly out-of-fashion musician's term for "standards" — popular music that is not nec-

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essarily current. Saint-John seems more than a little familiar with the jazz of Miles or Louis Armstrong, and his facility with his instrument lends a deliciously appropriate noir background to 1930s and '40s fantasies starring me as George Orwell in Paris, or Norman Mailer in the Manhattan of the 1940s and '50s, or William Faulkner in the Hollywood of that same era.

Another musician, Charlie Morrison, a 40ish punk rocker and smart songwriter with the group provocatively named Anar-cock, lives upstairs. I had already heard of him. I introduced myself (began to sing a song of his I had heard from another musician), and he later knocked on my door with a copy of the

summer issue of *SLING-SHOT*, a Berkeley free-press publication in the underground tradition. We stood in my doorway for a while

period. I would be greatly surprised to learn he had not.

In the copy of *SLING-SHOT* Morrison dropped

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talking about where we lived, where we had been, and what we wanted out of an environment. Part of this conversation must have been telepathic, because Charlie does not say much. For a moment, I was in the Chelsea Hotel on 23rd Street in New York again. I had, in fact, spent time in that hotel, though I had never lived there. The Friendship would have to be its closest equivalent in San Diego, only very much smaller and without Sid Vicious and Leonard Cohen — though we had our own versions. I wondered if Tom Waits had ever lived here at the Friendship in his San Diego

off for me was a piece he thought I might like (it turned out he had, in fact, read something of mine that included a description of my back porch office). The headline was “LIVE SMALL: Economic Growth Expands Into World Mess, By PB [sic] Floyd.”

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munity, engagement, meaningfulness, stillness...not necessarily achievement, status, and constant activity." The piece went on at some length, a socioeconomic essay that included some ecology, psychology, and other issues, but it kept coming back — or at least I did — to the phrase "figuring out what is enough." The question was, and is: enough of what? The Friendship Hotel falls short of my living needs in only one area — well, after elbow room for guests, spotty Wi-Fi access, and the inadvisability of playing amplified guitar — and that is enough space for my books.

It has been an extremely convenient location. Within a few short blocks are Chipotle Mexican restaurant — no lard, and if not cheap, neither is it unreasonable — Whole Foods, Ralphs, Kinko's (very handy for me), and several main bus routes that can be accessed a half-block away. If this reads like a recommendation in a travel guide, something like "San Diego on \$60 a Day," if that's possible, so be it. If nothing else, it may serve to counterbalance an Internet site about the Friendship titled "Horror on Eighth Ave," in which someone bemoans the lack of luxuries. Parking in the hotel lot is one (approximately \$40 per week, but neighbors I'd spoken with had no complaints about finding spots within one or two hundred feet; laundry facilities were less than ten feet from my door).

During the summer of 2008, another man I knew moved into the hotel from New York. Rick Ortiz, a 56-year-old ex-amateur/Silver Gloves boxer, radio personality in Chicago, professional cook (his Puerto Rican cooking would indicate chef), and substance-abuse counselor (at Donovan State Prison, for one), checked in to write his book, tentatively titled *Heroin Chronicles*, about the effects of the Harrison Act in 1914. Part novel-like memoir and part persuasive document indicting the failed war on drugs, he chose this place to work. Although we had known each other elsewhere, it was, coincidentally enough, or preciously if you like, the Friendship Hotel where we became friends.

I paid \$253.13 every week for my air-conditioned room with sundeck, bath-

room, atmosphere, and whatever ghosts might have forgotten to check out. I think that's the high end there. The Friendship is not to be confused with the Marriott or even Motel 6.

The Friendship has been officially declared "Historic,

a 'Landmark' in San Diego," Tim Winterstein, an employee and maintenance worker at the Friendship, told me. The neighbors apparently were unamused by this, the idea being that less than celebrity/wealthy musicians, writers, and artists were

undesirable in their backyards, to say nothing of the fixed-income folk and/or disabled, often less-than-glamorous guests of the hotel. I include myself here, though my income is mad-denyingly unfixed.

Hillcrest neighbors may

take comfort in the Friendship's policy of insisting that guests check out every 28 days for 24 hours. This may be inconvenient for some, but the idea is that the hotel is not a residential hotel, technically, and this policy goes some distance

in preventing court disputes with those claiming long-term tenancy.

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— John Brizzolara

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## LETTERS

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picked up, you will then get their attention and plastic bags will be banned. *Poof!* End of story.

Alfred C. Strohlein  
Crown Point

### Burn 'Em

This concerns your cover story in the September 11 issue, "Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds." I wish you would not try to get so cute with your computer graphics. On page 25, you have white text on a black background. It hurts the eyes; it's hard to read. These people with their computer graphics try all this stuff like red print on a pink background, practically drives people blind trying to read it.

Personally, I have always preferred paper sacks at the grocery store. But those plastic bags are useful: I use them to collect trash around the house. Has it ever occurred to anyone that you can burn the things and use

them as fuel? I took a couple of these plastic sacks and lit them with matches. Yes, they are inflammable, and yes, they do burn. In fact, when they burn, they smell something like burning candles, and they drop splatters of melted burnt plastic that stick to things like candle grease. In fact, you could probably dump the plastic sacks into a coal-fired furnace, and it wouldn't gum up things too badly. Why don't the recyclers just gather them up and burn them for power?

Name Withheld

### Headless But Suggestive

I'm looking at your September 4 issue of the *Reader* with the picture of the headless teenagers ("They Think They're in Love"), and I'm very concerned about the sexually suggestive pose and dress of the young woman as compared to the unsexually suggestive clothing of the young man. I think that this is atrocious. Any man with

tendencies toward young women would probably find this bathroom material, if you understand what I'm talking about. So I think you should rethink the way that you're portraying young people, even though the article is about their sexual activities or about young love, supposedly.

Roberta McGrath  
Santa Cruz

### Children Not Thinking

I called the *Reader*. It's under Letters, "We've Been Warned" (September 11). I wasn't talking about "They Think They're in Love"; I was talking about the tourism in Tijuana, death and destruction. But since we're on the subject of this past week's cover story of "They Think They're in Love" (September 11), I think that every parent needs to read that. But what I just couldn't understand is how the roving reporter would be asking these young teenagers questions like this and how they would answer. But it does make us think

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about what our children are thinking about and what they are not thinking about. And to the young man who says nothing has happened yet and he's not protecting himself or herself, it's just a matter of the next time. And if you think it's easy raising a child, it's not. The world is filled with children who don't have anyone to go to and no one to talk to, because with age comes wisdom. Just because God allows your body to give

birth doesn't make you a parent.

Name Withheld

### Gray, Gray, Gray

Hey, John Brizzolara ("T.G.I.F.," September 11), you should hug trees that aren't odd too. They all need love.

"This Is Not a Ghetto" is a great article (Feature Story, September 11). I live in a neighborhood that's old enough that you can paint your house any color

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you want, and I love that. But even so, people keep painting their houses gray, and I think it's awful depressing. We get people shot around here, but not as often. My daughter lives in a place with a homeowners' association, and you have to have either a beige house or a gray house. I was on the street, and there's nothing but gray cars, black cars, white cars, and the occasional red or yellow. It's getting so boring.

P.S.: In response to the

person who's younger than me who likes Lawrence Welk (Letters, September 11), I have to apologize. I was a teenager going through a rough spot when I was forced to listen to Lawrence Welk, so I probably have my prejudices there. That person withheld their name — I don't know why they're ashamed of liking Lawrence Welk. But I do like PBS; I just don't like Lawrence Welk.

Dale Anne Thompson  
Clairemont

#### Comments from Reader Website

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

#### Cover Story

Published September 10

Posted by ScottH on September 11, 2:26 p.m.

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Posted by JoeSpazz on September 12, 3:08 p.m.

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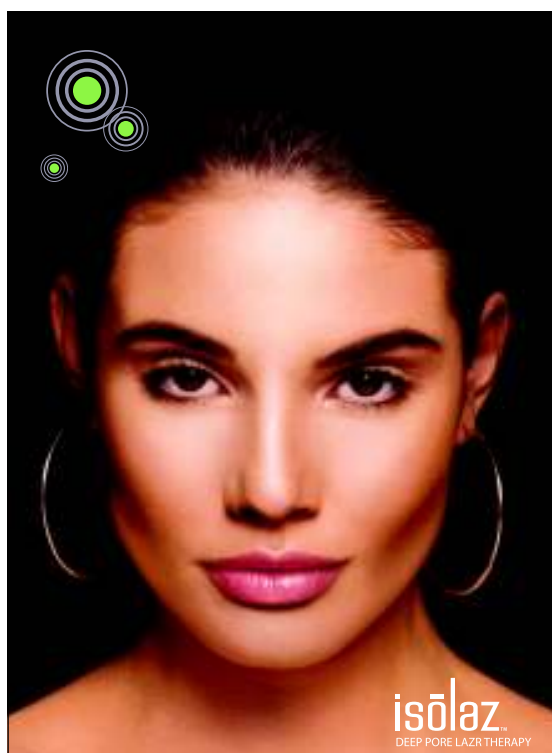
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I thoroughly enjoyed the story about the Urban Tumbleweed - the writer has an excellent turn of phrase that brought a grin several times. The timeline for plastic bags was fascinating but I was distressed to learn of the ecological impacts of these bags, especially in the ocean. Considering current concerns about oil prices & availability, I would like to have seen a bit more emphasis on the front-end costs of these bags and

other disposable items which are, basically, petroleum products.

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Posted by jileen on September 12, 3:54 p.m.

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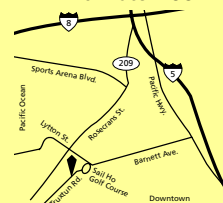
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tioned or not), & especially to Bill Manson/ The Reader for bringing all this together so succinctly/ its timely publishing.

I enjoyed the sobriquets like "urban tumbleweeds." I recalled another while reading Curtis Ebbesmeyer's words about digging up a thin layer of plastic in 10,000 years - if there are humans left to do so, that is.

A brilliant & personable prof not only taught Southern California natural history at Mesa Community College in 1976, but was co-writing & illustrating a

course textbook with a colleague at that time (he provided that collated material to students free of charge).

Whenever the class came across plastic debris (too often) on our numerous geological field trips, our prof would comment, "early plasticene age," or in the case of glass debris, "glassticene era."

[If anyone reading this comment recalls that professor's name & the title of that text when it was published, I would very much appreciate an answering comment here. thanks] ~jileen

*Posted by jileen on*

*September 12, 4:09 p.m.*  
hey jelula - you bring up a pertinent point. I lived in West Germany 1970-72, and saw only one experimental "supermarket" (Frankfurt) in the 8 European countries I visited then. Instead, the Germans would pick up dinner supplies on the way home from work each day, getting bread at die Bäckerei, meat at die Metzgerei, etc. & place those items either in a woven straw handbag or under the multi-purpose arm. Paper wrapping was provided sometimes, but no bags of any sort were provided to the shopper.

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That was so very refreshing. Americans could take a page from the Euro book, huh

**Feature Story by Michael Slomanson Valladolid**  
**Published September 10**

*Posted by Jose619 on September 11, 12:44 p.m.*

VIVA LOGAN! I grew up on 30th and Newton, right behind Malena's. I love the neighborhood and all that goes with it. I currently live in La Mesa and work in Mission Valley, but I always go back on the weekends for a carne asada. Logan is the heart of the hispanic community in San Diego, the Mecca of Latino Sabor. As the article states,

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**City Lights by Joe Deegan**  
**Published September 10**

*Posted by krmo on September 13, 10:37 a.m.*

Thank you to Joe Deegan and the Reader for the article ("Autism at the eye of the storm" september 10,) My son has autism. He will be 19 years old next month. At 15 months he started losing speech and was developing behavioral problems. There was not

much information available then. Dr Rimland was available to answer my questions that no one else could. The one thing he told me and i now tell other parents is "dont give up, and dont let anyone tell you your child is incapable of doing something. My son did not talk again until he was ten. The behaviors stopped! He was able to express his needs, he was no longer crying and frustrated. He continues to improve all the time. My son and others like him are extremely intelligent. He can tell you the date and facts on any disney movie ever made. Has a photographic memory, yet cant hold a simple conversation.

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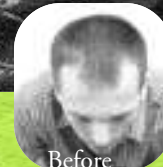
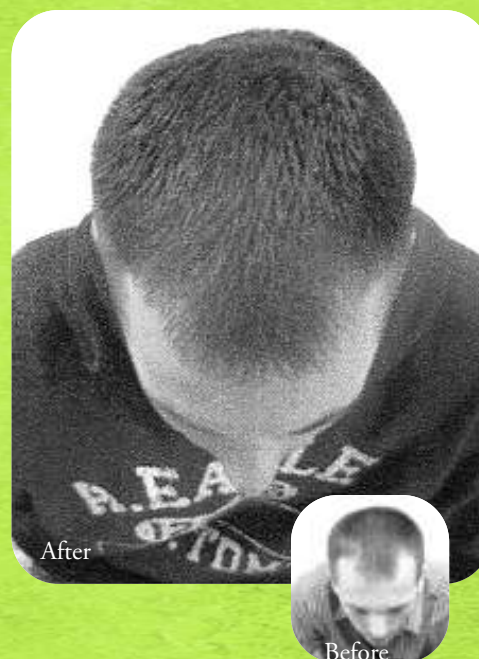
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**Reader**

Micheal Savage is an idiot! He knows nothing about autism, or have any idea what it is. I would have love someone to tell me my child just a was a brat! At least i could have done something to fix that. Parents of these children have enough to deal with. Is there any way we can duct tape this mans mouth shut? Lets see just how he acts when cant talk!!!! Kristin Molina (Ricky Gilbert's Mom)

*Posted by a2zresource on September 13, 6:18 p.m.*

The mind is a very complex thing, actually many neural organs in one relatively compact package.

It has been a long time since I worked with children who were considered "learning handicapped", and as this is a rather broad classification, there were a number of them who would in this age would be considered autistic.

I agree that it helps to not give up. While not autistic, there was one who was nearly catatonic. My miracle of joy after many, many weeks of contact came in getting him to actually smile...

**Feature Story by Jeff Smith**

**Published September 10**

*Posted by shirleysmith-burke on September 12, 2:26 p.m.*

This was really fun to read. I loved it!

**Feature Story by John Brizzolara**

**Published September 3**

*Posted by a2zresource on September 9, 9:22 a.m.*

The experience of wandering through the bookstore is part of the reason I became a shelve at the County Law Library for awhile, decades later...

Chuck once found a Calculus III text I needed at USD, retailing for about \$75 on campus in the early 90s. He let it go for \$7.50 and threw in the study guide for good measure. Later, his was the one place I knew I would find a copy of Tom Apostol's Calculus...



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On Thursday, September 18, Silva will cohost "Savvy Style: Entertaining with Wine" at Bloomingdale's in Fashion Valley. Three party themes will be presented by Los Angeles-based event planner Wendy Creed.

### LOCAL EVENTS

For the first theme, an outdoor evening "Summer Soiree," Creed recommends that hosts "welcome guests with hundreds of flickering candles." To convey the feel of a Victorian-era safari, she suggests lighter, natural colors. To keep it upscale, she suggests that entertainers move the dining room table into the backyard and use their finest tableware.

"A froth of fine muslin and mosquito netting" can be hung from garden umbrellas at each end of the dining table, offers Creed, "while a white cotton tablecloth drapes the table, recreating the romantic mood favored by those on safari." For a formal dinner, champagne and wine can be paired with a gourmet three-course barbecue. For a more casual affair, grilled shrimp and corn on the cob can be served with wine in "compact, chic tumblers, as they do in Italy."

"Wine invites conversation about its history, flavors, and nuances," says Silva. "You're not going to hear much conversation about hard liquor." Silva continues, "Guests love to learn. Make them feel special by giving some thought to what you are serving. Get online and ask your local wine store about your wines so you can educate your guests about what they are drinking."

But don't overdo it, he warns. "The key to entertaining with wine is simplicity. You don't want to intimidate people." Instead of providing an array of wine-specific glasses, Silva says, "Use simple glasses that you're comfortable with, particularly when you're inviting people who might not be diehard oenophiles."

Silva says the palate is like a sponge. "Like learning a foreign language, the more time you spend with people who are conversant, or even trying to be conversant, the more comfortable you will feel. At the end of the day, it is just a beverage."



Creed's second party idea, "Roll Out the Red Carpet," is intended to make guests feel like a Hollywood star. This kind of theme works best when the purpose of the gathering is to watch an awards show or movie.

"Movie-poster-themed invitations [can] set the tone for this event," says Creed. On the big day, hosts might want to roll a red-carpet runner up the driveway. "Arm the neighborhood kids with [disposable] flash cameras to call out [guests'] names and snap their photo as they arrive." A rented



candy counter and popcorn machine can be set up at one side of the room. "When guests leave," Creed adds, "offer everyone their own swag bag filled with fun items."

"I've had popcorn with chardonnay," says Silva. "It goes well, particularly if it's buttered popcorn." Chardonnay-tasting notes often include the word "buttery." When asked what might pair well with candy, Silva responds, "Merlot, because you get plums, cherries, spice, and pepper. Chocolate and zinfandel go beautifully together." Most red wines go well with nuts and spicy snacks.

When purchasing wine for a party, one should figure on half a bottle per person. "Like food, it's better to err on the side of too much," says Silva. Wine should be kept cool. Silva recommends, "The mid-40s [degrees Fahrenheit] for white wine, low-60-degree range for red wine — heat is not a friend of red wine."

Creed's third party theme is a "grown-up slumber party" she calls "Girls' Night In," for which the hostess would convert her home into a spa. "The party begins with massages in the sun followed by post-massage sparkling wine and chocolates," says Creed, adding that once the sun goes down, guests

can "work off all the indulgences as [they] learn to pole dance from a professional."

Creativity, says Creed, is the most important ingredient of a successful event, and the first thing to create is a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Creed insists the experience need not end when the guests leave.

"The best hostess gift is one that is remembered long after the party is over," she says. "Your favorite scented candle, a favorite book, fun personalized stationery, or a great CD." She also recommends gifting a bottle of wine. "Write your name on the label — when they go to drink the bottle, they can make a toast to you."

— Barbarella

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## DANCE

**"On Our Own Together"** Mojalet Dance Collective presents five works by artistic director Faith Jensen-Ismay — classics, old favorites, live original music by Rossi Rizzo. 858-748-0505 or 858-243-1402. Friday, September 19, 8 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

**Animal Dances of Yesteryear** Learn the lame duck, camel walk, grizzly bear, and other ragtime era favorites during Waltz & Such dance class in Casa del Prado room 207 (beginners: 7:15 p.m., intermediates: 8 p.m.). Open request dancing follows until 9:45 p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, September 19, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Belly-Dance Show** Victoria and Lucia perform. Open dancing and Arabic deejay. 619-470-8000. Friday, September 19, 9 p.m.; \$5. Ages 18 and up. Sapphire Lounge, 4076 Bonita Road. (CHULA VISTA)

**Belly-Dance Showcase** Jasmina, Nawal, Salome, Zelenia perform to live music by John Bilezikjian, with Dave Dhillon and Frank Lazzaro (percussion). 619-688-9845. Thursday, September 18, 8 p.m.; \$5. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**English Country Dancing** Sharon Green calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, September 21, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Hey Wire!** Graham Hempel calls for dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' workshop (7:30 p.m.), dances taught and called 8 p.m. 619-283-8550. Friday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Hustle Dance Party** DJ plays hustle, nightclub two-step, and requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, September 20, 8 p.m.; \$7. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

**Learn to Belly Dance** Leilainia leads "Belly-Dance Basics: Fun with Belly Dance" (7-8 p.m.), followed by lessons in using zills and combos (8-9 p.m.). \$60 for six-week workshop, \$120 for both levels. Registration: 619-435-9119.

## OUT & ABOUT

**DARING, OFFBEAT, EDGY** Three-Day Film Festival at SDSU, Thursday-Saturday, September 18-20.

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Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; through Tuesday, October 14, \$60-\$120. Bamboo Yoga and Bodywork Center, 1127 Loma Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Learn to Salsa** Six-week session imparts basics of salsa dance technique. No previous experience or partner required. Registration: 619-299-6387. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, October 28, \$75. Ages 10 and up. Metro Dance, 5304 Metro Street, Suite B. (LINDA VISTA)

## FILM

**"To the Moon and Beyond"** The Tom Hanks HBO production *From the Earth to the Moon* screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, this month celebrating NASA's 50th anniversary. Ann Zivotsky of *North County Times* leads pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**"¡Qué Viva! Cine Latino: Family Night!"** Maracatu Jangada performs prior to screening of the heist movie *Ladron Que Roba a Ladron* hosted by Media Arts Center San Diego. 619-230-1938. Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.; Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

**Jurassic Park, Lightly Roasted** Mike Nelson of Mystery Science Theater 300 fame and Weird Al "skewer and lightly roast this blockbuster" during final installment of 2008 Stone Late Night Movies season. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, "get comfy," see movie on 11.5-foot-wide screen. 760-471-4999. Wednesday, September 24, 8 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

**Maldeamores/Lovesickness** Love of all kinds showcased in film produced by Benicio del Toro, starring Luis Guzman, screening for Cinema en Tu Idioma series hosted by Media Arts Center. Screenings each day at 11:30 a.m.,

1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:45 p.m. In Spanish with English subtitles. 619-230-1938. Friday, September 19; Saturday, September 20; Sunday, September 21; Monday, September 22; Tuesday, September 23; Wednesday, September 24; \$7-\$9. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Pleasantville** View and then discuss this 1998 Canadian film with Humanist Fellowship of San Diego. 619-670-4159. Sunday, September 21, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Reprise** Joachim Trier's "kinetic journey through madness, creativity, and the perils of fate" screens for Film Forum series. In Norwegian with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Monday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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**Imperial Beach International Film Festival** Sixth annual festival and art walk in locations around I.B. Activities include “Digital Filmmakers Series,” student films, Cinema by the Surf, “best” of San Diego Children’s Film Festival, more. 619-934-0051. Friday, September 19, 6 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; Sunday, September 21 times to be announced; ages 2 and up. Portwood Pier Plaza, Seacoast Drive at Imperial Beach Boulevard. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Too Much Paris Hilton?** Not enough *real* news? See documentary *Orwell Rolls in His Grave*. 619-282-0437. Tuesday, September 23, 7 p.m.; Lestat’s Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

## FOR KIDS

**“Artist of the Season: Van Gogh’s Sunflowers”** Explore world of sunflowers, learn botany of this complex flower, munch on chocolate-covered sunflower seeds, paint picture of sunflowers à

la Vincent Van Gogh. Participants will use unconventional tools, techniques to produce a large masterpiece. Materials provided. For those aged 8-12. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, September 21, 1 p.m.; \$20–\$25. Ages 8 and up. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**“Back to ‘School’ in the Ocean”** Kick off a new school year with a “schooling” fish celebration during family day. Learn why some fishes school to feed, find mates, survive in ocean. Make a schooling fish craft, enjoy story hour, observe fish-schooling action in aquarium. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**“Blue’s Clues Most Spectacular Place”** Amiable host Steve stumbles around looking for the next piece of evidence to will lead him to the “most spectacular place” when La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre opens season, September 12-28. For all ages. 619-239-8355. Friday, September 19, 7 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; \$10–\$15. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**“Magnetism”** It’s time for family science day. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, September 20, noon; \$6–\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“When You Become 18: A Survival Guide for Teenagers”** Learn about your new rights and responsibilities when juvenile rights lawyer Anne E. Fragasso

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**Mother Goose** Big Joe Puppet Productions take stage through Sunday, September 21. Next up: *The Three Little Pigs and Other Funny Stories* presented by Weaver’s Tales, September 24-28. Curtain rises at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, September 18; Friday, September 19; Saturday, September 20; Sunday, September 21; Wednesday, September 24; \$3–\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**Pocahontas** J\*Company Youth Theatre opens season with this musical adventure, September 18-28. Production “is...filled with Native American lore that stays true to the traditional legend.” Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, 8 p.m.; Sunday, September 21, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$12–\$16. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**The Ant Bully** Family movie planned. Snacks provided. 858-538-8161. Saturday, September 20, noon; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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**Collage Workshop** Class for “upper elementary students” to create collages of animals from paper and fabric led by artist June Rubin. 858-573-1385. Wednesday, September 24, 6 p.m.; Tierrasanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

**Game On!** Video game event for teens (grades 6-12). Play Rock Band 2 with your friends on a 16-foot screen. Also on tap: Wii Sports, Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers Brawl, pizza, prizes, more. 760-753-7376. Thursday, September 18, 6 p.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

## IN PERSON

**“The Prison Angel”** Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan wrote their book about Mother Antonia, “who followed a dream when she began her ministry at the age of 50 and helped to improve the conditions” at La Mesa Penitentiary in Tijuana, transforming lives of many prisoners. Mother Antonia will speak about her work and human rights. Offering. 619-303-6609. Sunday, September 21, 10 a.m.; Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

**Druk’s Path — A Journey Into the Himalayas** Meet local author Beverly Gray-Sumwalt “and hear about her journey.” 619-434-5616. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; Donny’s Cafe, 3910 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

**Madeline and the Cats of Rome** John Bemelmans Marciano, grandson of Madeline creator Ludwig Bemelmans, visits shop to read from and sign his new book. 858-454-0347. Sunday, September 21, 3:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**The Natural Selection** Author reading, book signing by Ona Russell. Novel is described as “a socially and politically relevant historical mystery that takes place in Tennessee in 1925 against the backdrop of the Scopes Monkey Trial.” 619-236-5821. Monday,

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The six-mile-long Big Laguna Trail, high in the Laguna Mountains, wends its scenic way over gently rolling hills and grassy dales, never dipping below 5400 feet of elevation nor rising to more than 5900 feet. By combining the Big Laguna Trail (BLT) with a four-mile segment of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) as mapped here, you’ll complete a loop hike of ten miles with lots of varied scenery.

Mountain bikers can use the Big Laguna Trail portion of the route described here, but bikes are prohibited on all parts of the PCT (the PCT is reserved for hikers, horses, and dogs). On a bike, however, you could close and shorten the loop by riding on Sunrise Highway.



Big Laguna Lake

You can start at the Penny Pines parking area, mile 27.3 on Sunrise Highway, about four miles north of the village of Mount Laguna. Whether you park here or at any other spot along Sunrise Highway, you’ll need to post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car. And don’t forget to take plenty of drinking water.

Start by heading west on the Noble Canyon Trail. After 0.1 mile, veer left on the BLT. After another 0.8 mile through open pine and oak woods, the BLT turns south to skirt the margin of Laguna Meadow. By 2.5 miles into the hike, you’ll be opposite Big Laguna Lake, which brims with water only during and for a few weeks after the rainy season of a typical year.

Next, the trail turns east toward an arm of Laguna Meadow that contains Little Laguna Lake (which is another ephemeral lake). When you reach a wire fence at 2.8 miles, don’t go through the gap in the fence. Instead, turn abruptly right and follow the fenceline over to the wooded area on the meadow’s east side. A spur trail branches left toward Laguna Campground, where water is available if you need it.

The main trail continues south along the meadow edge and then east to follow a shallow ravine. After a turn to the north and a short bit of steep climbing, you cross the graded Los Huecos Road (4.5 miles) and hook up with an old roadbed going east and later north. You ascend easily through chaparral highlighted by ceanothus, a.k.a. wild lilac.

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way of a rambling but scenic stretch of the PCT that follows the eastern escarpment of the Lagunas overlooking the Anza-Borrego desert.

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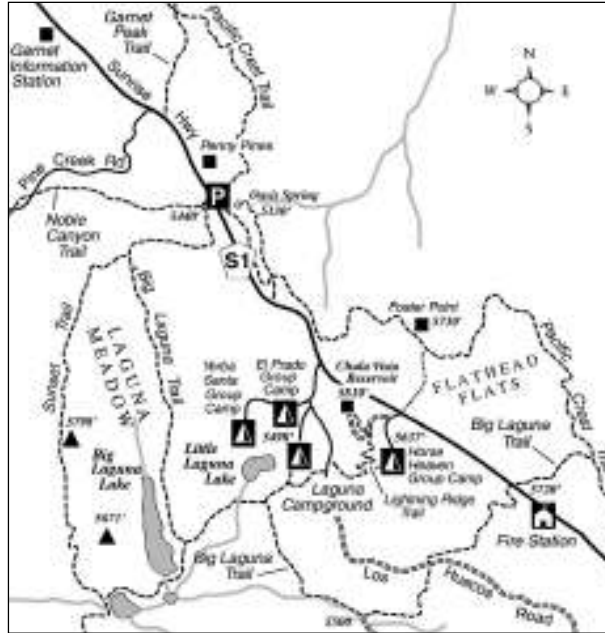
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**Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous



September 22, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**A “Hilarious Philosophy Course”** Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein read and sign *Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar....* 858-454-0347. Tuesday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Comedy Hypnosis Show** Master hypnotist Michael DeSchalit entertains. 760-720-2460. Saturday, September 20, 8 p.m.; \$12–\$15. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

**Drunk Poets Society** San Francisco Bay Area poet Josef Aukee pre-

sents “Cool 2 Touch.” Open reading. 619-222-6822. Monday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.; Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Literary Reading** Christina Millett, author of short story collection *The Religious and Other Fictions*, reads for World Literary Series in Commons 206. 760-750-8077. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**Meet Urban Fantasy Authors** Jeanne Stein (*Legacy*) and Chris Marie Green (*Breaking Dawn*) discuss, sign their books. 858-268-4747. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books,

7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

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

**Poet and Educator** Francisco X. Alarcón reads from, signs his books. 760-931-4500. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; Carlsbad City Library Learning Center, 3368 Eureka Place. (CARLSBAD)

**Science Fiction Author** Larry Niven signs, discusses *Juggler of*

*Worlds*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, September 20, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**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)

**Who Is Trixie Koontz?** Dean Koontz, author of dozens of popular novels, signs his new book, *Bliss to You: Trixie’s Guide to a Happy Life*. Book offers “sage advice for all humans who may benefit from the wise and sunny outlook of one very special golden retriever.” Koontz plans short presentation,

question-and-answer period. 760-901-4300. Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m.; Canine Companions for Independence, 124 Rancho del Oro Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

## LECTURES

**“Johnny Appleseed’s Sweet Legacy”** Chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo divulges tips to a great crust and how to select the best apples, as well as pumpkin lasagna. Recipes, tastings included in class fee. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 ext. 206. Saturday, September 20, 1:30 p.m.; \$25–\$30. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**“Kenya: Birds & Wildlife in the Gem of East Africa”** Roy Poucher plans program for San Diego Audubon Society. 619-682-7200. Friday, September 19, 7 p.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**“Amphibians Inside and Out”** Explore amphibian biology through the examination of external structures and internal anatomy, using preserved specimens, skeletons, and dissected material. Class taught by Brad Hollingsworth. 619-255-0203. Monday, September 22, 6 p.m.; \$25–\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“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. Thursday, September 18, noon; ages 18 and up. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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**"Changing Rivers: The Peoples of San Diego Before 1848"** Early San Diego Regional History Conference promises sessions "highlighting a variety of aspects of San Diego before 1848" led by historians, teachers, scholars, artists, and archaeologists. Saturday's events take place at Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá; on Sunday, events begin at 9 a.m. at Mission Trails Regional Park and at 1 p.m. at Cabrillo National Monument. Space availability, registration: 619-423-7248. Saturday, September 20, 7:30 a.m.; Sunday, September 21, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; \$35-\$60. Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, 10818 San Diego Mission Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Chosen: Recollections of UFO Abductions Through Hypnotherapy"** Certified hypnotherapist, UFO abduction researcher, author Yvonne Smith, addresses Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). 760-753-2456. Sunday, September 21, 6 p.m.; Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"DNA for Genealogists"** When Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego convenes, user groups for Legacy, the Macintosh and In-

troduction to Computer Genealogy meets at 9 a.m.; Dr. Barbara Bowling Gosink, M.D., focuses on basics of DNA at 10:30 a.m. 619-426-8295. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"Disaster Preparedness for Animals"** Learn to plan for emergencies, what supplies pets need, what to do with pets during evacuations. Class is for people only. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Getting Started"** It's theme for beginning and refresher genealogy class series. Nonmembers welcome. Attend any or all sessions. 760-757-0528. Monday, September 22, 7 p.m.; Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**"Herbal Cleaning Products"** Learn to make natural and inexpensive cleaning products to replace hazardous and expensive store-bought cleaners. Participants make an herbal glass cleaner and a sweet-orange baking soda sink scrub to take home. In addition, receive recipes. 619-255-0203. Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.; \$35-\$43. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Introduction to Knotting"** Fiber artist Carol Lang presents class in "age-old technique of knotting." Class explores sculptural form using simple knots. For all levels of experience. Tools: your hands, pair of scissors. \$10 materials fee. Registration: 760-721-2787. Sunday, September 21, noon; \$55-\$80. Oceanside Museum of

Art School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Irrigation Design for Water-Wise Gardens"** Kathy Eagle, director of horticulture at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino, discusses essential design principles for integrating overhead sprinklers and drip irrigation into your garden. Topics include sprinkler selection and spacing, valve zoning, water pressure for "Water-Wise" series. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

**"It Takes a Village"** Redirecting Children's Behavior of San Diego and the International Network for Children and Families present this "parent-teacher conference." Everyone "who works with, or on behalf of, the children of our community will find educational opportunities to update their skills in workshops and seminars." 619-972-0019. Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m.; \$25. Ages 16 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**"John Baldessari in Conversation with Hugh Davies"** Get the skinny on past, present, and future of contemporary art in Southern California region when Davies, the David C. Copley Director of MCASD, speaks with Baldessari in conjunction with opening of "Weighing and Wanting: Selections from the Collection." 858-454-3541. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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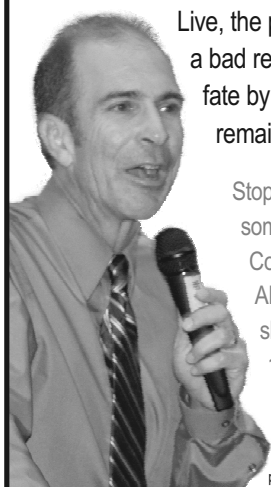


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**“Landscaping With California Natives”** Landscape designer Greg Rubin focuses on using less water and maintaining a beautiful landscape when San Diego Garden Club meets. Rubin is owner of California’s Own Landscape Design of Escondido. Question-and-answer forum. 619-269-6184. Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.; Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

**“Really Reliable Recall”** Frustrated when Rover won’t “come when called”? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**“Savvy Style...Entertaining with Wine”** St. Francis Winery hosts class led by “styling guru” Wendy Creed, who promises to “share her A-list event secrets”; wine expert Chris Silva guides tasters through Sonoma County wines. Registration: 619-610-6699. Thursday, September 18, 6 p.m.; \$25. Ages 21 and up. Bloomingdale’s Fashion Valley, 7057 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“Sustainable Energy** Workshop” Center for Sustainable Energy plans program focusing on saving money while being sustainable, tips to calculate and reduce personal carbon footprints, understanding life cycle of consumables, future of sustainable energy. 760-804-1969. Tuesday, Septem-

ber 23, 7 p.m.; City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

**“U.S. Ports of Arrival and Their Records”** Professional genealogist, author, instructor Elaine Alexander speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Alexander is specialist in materials, techniques in research of passenger lists and naturalization records, and head of naturalization records project at Los Angeles Regional Family History Center. Nonmembers welcome. 760-630-5720. Tuesday, September 23, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**Don’t Call It Brush!** Richard W. Halsey reveals beauty found within our native chaparral and shrublands when Sierra Club gathers. 858-569-6005. Friday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Get Fired Up!** Fire investigator Doug Stuart — who spent half his career investigating causes of fires and explosions — dispenses his expertise for Sisters in Crime meeting. 858-748-6842. Tuesday, September 23, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Habitat Restoration** Workshop California Coastal Commission hosts workshop to introduce new publication, *Digging In: A Guide to Community-Based Habitation Restoration*. Tour of lagoon’s restoration trail follows. 831-464-1527. Thursday, September 18, 3 p.m.; Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

## OUT & ABOUT

### ALL DOLLED UP

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**Plant Propagation** MiraCosta Horticulture Club meets for instruction by Jason Kubrock of MiraCosta horticulture department in room 7001. Visitors welcome. 760-729-8172. Saturday, September 20, 12:45 p.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Rocket Science!** Bill Ketchum, a former rocket-propulsion engineer for the Atlas project, discusses the program, as well as its roots in Kearny Mesa. Atlas was a weapon system made up of missiles later converted to an important aerospace program. Ketchum loaned materials to the library for “The Atlas Missile and the U.S. Space Program” exhibit, featuring a scale model of the Atlas, historic photographs of Kearny Mesa. 858-573-1397. Monday, September 22, 6 p.m.; Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

**Scholars Go Pop** Alice Goldfarb Marquis discusses her forthcoming book — tentatively titled *The Pop Revolution: Nothing Was Ever the Same* — when San Diego Independent Scholars gather in room 111A of UCSD Chancellor’s Complex. 760-751-3094 or 619-296-4055. Saturday, September 20, 1:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Writers, Start Your Pens!** Enjoy word play, character inventions, “poignant practice” when Jill Badonsky leads workshops. Badonsky is author of *The Nine Modern-Day Muses (and a Bodyguard): 10 Guides to Creative Inspiration* and the forthcoming *Awe-manac: A Daily Dose of Wonder*. All levels, no critiques. 760-434-3436. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; \$13. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

## OUTDOORS

**Fall Officially Begins** at 8:44 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Monday, September 22 — a good excuse to throw a “thank-God-it’s-Monday-morning” party to celebrate the occasion and kick off the work week. At equinox, the sun shines directly down somewhere on Earth’s equator. At 8:44 a.m. San Diego time this year that equatorial spot lies deep in the Amazon basin. The autumn season will continue for another three months until the sun “moves” to its farthest southerly point, winter solstice, December 21.

**Equal Days and Nights** everywhere on earth, 12 hours each, are only one noticeable consequence during the time of equinox, either autumnal or vernal (spring). Another consequence is that the sun

at equinox always rises from a point on the horizon due east and later sets due west. You could calibrate a compass this way if you had access to a true (unobstructed) horizon. Another, subtle consequence is that at mid-latitudes like ours, morning and evening twilight periods are shortest during equinox. From San Diego, the duration of twilight this week is about 80 minutes; last June it was about 100 minutes.

**Highest Tides for September** (a not-very-high +5.7 feet), are predicted for 7:17 p.m. on Thursday, the 25th and for 8:04 p.m. on Friday, the 26th. The month’s two lowest tides (a not-very-low -0.3 feet) will occur on the mornings of the 25th and 26th at 1:19 a.m. and 1:56 a.m., respectively. During September the tidal range is typically minimized. Starting in mid-October, extreme negative tides will begin to occur during the afternoon hours (a much more convenient time for exploring tidepools in the low-lying intertidal zone), and not much in the early morning. By December the highest high tides will crest at about +7 feet and the lowest low tides will sink to nearly -2 feet.

**Fall Migrant Birds** such as wood warblers can be seen at Cabrillo National Monument and its vicinity on Point Loma, Torrey Pines State Reserve, and other parks and open spaces near the San Diego coast. Cooper’s or marsh hawks and even peregrine falcons may be seen following or pursuing these smaller birds.

**“Shun the Sun Mystery Tour”** Beat the heat — join naturalist Kathleen Flanagan for early-morn-

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**Birding in the South** Join Palomar Audubon Society birdwatchers at Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge. 760-746-8315. Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**California Coastal Cleanup Day** Help clear away debris at more than 60 coastal, inland, and underwater cleanup sites all over San Diego County during 24th annual event. Supplies provided. Registration, locations, information: 619-758-7743 x101 or 619-291-0103 x3003. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; Swami's Beach, 1298 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

**Canyon Cleanup** As part of California Coastal Cleanup, Friends of Buchanan Canyon are sponsoring a cleanup of their canyon. Help rid canyon of all manner of trash. 619-297-2957. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; Johnson Avenue, Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Explore Silverwood Sanctuary** Audubon Society offers guided walks offered Sundays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. 619-682-7200. Sunday, September 21, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

**Get the Blues!** Seek blue-bellied lizards, blue scrub jays, blue-eyed dragonflies, bluet damselflies when trail guides lead walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 20, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, September 21, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, September 24, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Help Out in Point Loma Native Plant Garden** Learn about native flora and see how beautiful a water-wise garden can be while caring for the garden. Tools provided. No experience necessary. 619-297-7380. Sunday, September 21, 9 a.m.; Point Loma Native Plant Reserve, Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (POINT LOMA)

**Miner's Loop Trail Hike** Naturalist-led walk up Black Mountain promising moderate elevation gain. Learn about historic arsenic mine. Meet group at 14850 Carmel Valley Road. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-342-8856. Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m.; Carmel Valley staging area, Carmel Valley Road (1/4 mile east of intersection with Black Mountain Road). (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Restoration Work Party** San Diego Audubon Society invites volunteers to help remove invasive plants, build protective fencing at San Diego River restoration site. Participants weed, continue construction of fence line serving as protective barrier for coastal dune/strand habitat restoration project. Work takes place along San Diego River segment extending from I-5 west to river mouth along south edge of Mission Bay Park. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Directions: 858-273-5242, 619-682-7200. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; San Diego River restoration site, Sea World Drive near South Shores Park. (MISSION BEACH)

**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 20, 9 a.m.; \$60. Ages 10 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**Stroll Around the Ranch** Had a bad day? Push your "reset" button with slow-paced afternoon stroll. Naturalist Michelle Capodice leads leisurely hike to ranch house and talks about plants, animals along the way. 760-839-4680. Tuesday, September 23, 6 p.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Tree Time** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Twilight Nature Walk** Listen for sounds of night hunters such as owls and coyotes, and see night-blooming native plants in cool of evening on trail guide-led walk. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. Saturday, September 20, 6 p.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar?** Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts

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### “97.7 La Mejor Macro Festival”

La Arrolladora Banda Limón, Pedro Fernández, Sergio Vega, Explosión Norteña, Carmen Jara, los Humildes, others perform. 011-52-664-622-8977. Wednesday, September 24, 6 p.m.; Estadio Calimax. (BAJA)

**“Expo-Boda”** Bridal show planned. 011-52-664-971-0247. Sunday, September 21, 11 a.m.; Camino Real Hotel, Paseo de los Héroes 10305, Zona Río. (BAJA)

### “The Pianist of the People”

Argentine pianist and composer in concert. Reservations: 011-52-646-175-2363 or 011-52-646-155-2264. Saturday, September 20, 4 p.m.; \$40–\$60. L.A. Cetto Winery — Valle de Guadalupe, at km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3, in Guadalupe Valley. (BAJA)

**Benny Ibarra** In concert. 011-52-664-634-3783. Friday, September 19, 9 p.m.; \$25–\$65. Rock Disco, Zona Río. (BAJA)

**Classical Music** Concert by Orchestra of Baja California. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, September 18, 8 p.m.; \$10–\$30. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Lobster Lunch Tour** Baja California Tour’s outing includes lobster feast at Puerto Nuevo II, shop-

ping in Rosarito and Tijuana. Tour departs from Kings Inn. Reservations: 858-454-7166. Thursday, September 18, 9 a.m.; \$79. Kings Inn San Diego, 1333 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Raul di Blasio** In concert. 011-52-664-685-3031. Saturday, September 20, 5 p.m.; \$40–\$60. L.A. Cetto Winery — Tijuana, 2108 Cañón Johnson, Colonia Hildalgo. (BAJA)

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How do hybrid vehicles operate? Find out by visiting Toyota’s touring exhibit. Test-drive Toyota’s Prius hybrid vehicle, query on-site “product specialists.” 800-ASK-MOSSY. Thursday, September 18, 9 a.m.; Mossy Toyota, 4555 Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

### Celebrity Waiters Luncheon

Event hosted by San Diego City Firefighters benefits United Cerebral Palsy. Reservations: 858-571-5365. Friday, September 19, 11:30 a.m.; \$65. Coronado Island Marriott Resort, 2000 Second Street. (CORONADO)

### San Diego Bromeliad Society Show and Sale

San Diego Bromeliad Society hosts annual show, sale in room 101 of Casa del Prado with “beautiful and unusual plants.” Balboa Park, 10:00-4:00 both days. (BALBOA PARK)

### “Darwin, Evolution, and Intelligent Design”

Humanist Association of San Diego evaluates the subject. 760-445-8112. Sunday, September 21, 1 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**“Global Mala Project”** Celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace and yoga

## OUT & ABOUT

### ROCKET SCIENCE!

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### “Hot Rods and Cool Treats”

Classic car show with live music, fun zone, crafts, contests, ice cream. Dozens of classic cars on display; attendees invited to vote for favorites. Activity cards available for purchase. 760-434-2843. Sunday, September 21, 11 a.m.; Pine Avenue Park, 3205 Harding Street. (CARLSBAD)

**“Surfing, Art, Music”** Surf photography, paintings, live art, surf-

inspired music, and video. 619-531-8869. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar, 410 Tenth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

### Ahoy, Matey!

Oceanside Harbor Days promise visit by *Spirit of Dana Point*, fishing derby, annual nail and sail competition, as well as pirate ship battle shows, performances by 14 local bands, children’s pirate costume contest and pirate treasure hunt; military, police, fire displays, pirate dinner theater, arts and crafts, more. 760-722-1534. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; Sunday, September 21, 9 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**All Dolled Up** Antique doll show and sale presented by Delightful Dolls of Southern California, promising antique dolls, modern

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**ArtSplash Festival 2008** Celebration of arts centered around European tradition of chalk art street painting, transforming Armada Drive (above Flower Fields). Fine arts, arts activities for all ages, entertainment (Fern Street Circus!), food. Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 21, 10 a.m.; Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

### Autumn Equinox Drum and Dance

Celebrate fall equinox with improvisational dance, drumming, and vocal toning. Bring a drum or percussion instrument if you have one; there will be spares to use. Dance led by Mary Griffith, music improvisation by Kathleen McBain. Requested donation: \$10-\$15. 760-822-1348. Monday, September 22, 7 p.m.; Inner Strength Yoga, 2124 El Camino Real, Suite 200. (OCEANSIDE)

### Balkan Song and Dance

Mary Ann Downs leads singing, followed by folk dancing. 619-281-5656. Saturday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.; Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

### Celebrate the Moon Festival

House of China hosts lawn program commemorating harvest festival with acrobatic lion dances, music, martial arts displays, cultural costumes. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 21, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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### Forgotten Warrior Run

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### Global Mala Project

In celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace, take in AcroYoga and Triyaya yoga workshops, dance performances, group chanting, live music, meditation, “paradigm-shifting films and presentations,” kids’ yoga demonstrations, local exhibits, deep yoga workshop. Fee: \$39 for Global Mala only; \$108 for two-event VIP pass. 619-230-1190. Saturday, September 20, 4 p.m.; \$39–\$108. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Martial Arts Program** Presented in conjunction with "People, Prints, Politics: China 1920-1980" exhibition. 619-239-2001. Saturday, September 20, 1 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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**The End Is Near** Cajon Classic Cruise nights conclude; East and West Main Streets will be closed. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, September 24, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211 1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

**Think It Over** The topic: "Is California Creating a Welfare State for Government Employees" when P&R Discussion Group convenes. 619-370-1027. Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Unwind from Work Week** Exercise your humor and creativity with "variety of interactive exercises" to give your funny bone a workout led by Jacquie Lowell. 858-581-0050. Wednesday, September 24, 7:35 p.m.; \$20. Ages 10 and up. Radiance Yoga Center, 1618 West Lewis Street. (MISSION HILLS)

**Urban Dare Pacific Beach** Teams of two solve clues to find checkpoints where they must take photos or perform dares. Racers are encouraged to call friends for help solving clues and may walk, run, or take public transportation to get around. Starts at Felspar and Gresham Streets. 202-285-4510. Saturday, September 20, noon; \$90. Pacific Beach, Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Walk for Peace and Friendship Festival** Kids for Peace and Amer-

icans for a Department of Peace host "fun-filled, family-friendly community event" to commemorate United Nations International Day of Peace. On tap: 3k walkathon, followed by multicultural musical festival at Redwood Circle in Balboa Park. 760-730-3320. Sunday, September 21, 2 p.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Yoga Festival** Learn from "some of the best yoga teachers and health experts." Workshops, lectures, demonstrations; over 35 yoga, health, green exhibitors; yoga for kids area. Evening benefit concert featuring Donna de Lory (8-10 p.m.). 619-807-1085. Wednesday, September 24, 9 a.m.; \$108. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

## SPORTS

**AWA Pro Wrestling** AWA in association with Legends of the Future returns. Scheduled to appear: the Dynamics, Ric Ellis, Robert Hall, Chris Washington, many more. 619-888-9388. Sunday, September 21, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$10. VFW Hall Post 1774, 7298 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

**Board and Brew the Long Way** Take "great" 50-mile ride with San Diego Bicycle Society. 619-243-8617. Saturday, September 20, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Chargers Football** San Diego Chargers host New York Jets for third regular season football game. Broadcast on ESPN. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Monday, September 22, 5:30 p.m.; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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**Flying Leatherneck Museum Ride** Join Knickerbikers for 36-mile bicycling jaunt to Mission Bay Park, Doyle Park, Miramar Road for stop at Flying Leatherneck Museum at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Bring money for lunch. 858-272-4710. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.; Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

**Kayak Batiquitos Lagoon** Boats are not normally allowed on lagoon but will be for third annual cleanup event. Kayakers have two hours on lagoon; launch times are every hour, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. (arrive 20 minutes before your launch time). Reservations are closed for rented kayaks but some slots are available if you bring a kayak. Required reservations, directions: 760-929-9388. Saturday, September 20, 7 a.m.; Sunday, September

21, 7 a.m.; \$30. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**NSSA Open Season #1** Surfing competition at Oceanside Harbor's south jetty. Free for spectators. 714-378-0899. Saturday, September 20, 6:30 a.m.; Sunday, September 21, 6:30 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**OMBAC's 2008 Classic Long Board Surfing Contest** Sign up for next contest at South Coast Surf (at foot of Felspar Street). Nostalgic competition provides opportunity for surfers to gather with their vintage surfboards. Spectators may view event from pier. Surfers: check in at 7:30 a.m., starts at 8:30 a.m. 619-913-1663. Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m.; Crystal Pier, Garnet Avenue at Ocean Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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

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**Linda Benson Women's World Longboard Professional** This six-star ASP-sanctioned longboard professional event has a \$15,000 prize purse attracting top female surfers from around world. Awards ceremony at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 3:15 p.m. on Sunday. Free for spectators. Friday, September 19, 7 a.m.; Saturday, September 20, 7 a.m.; Sunday, September 21, 7 a.m.; Seaside State Beach, South Cardiff, South Coast Highway 101, north of West Plaza Street. (CARDIFF)

**Signature 5 County Horse Show** 858-481-9085. Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m.; Sunday, September 21, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

**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 21, 8 a.m.; \$30. Ages 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

**The 17th Annual San Diego Start! Heart Walk** Walk presented in memory of Nancy Saint

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**Triple Crown of Polo Match II** San Diego Polo Club action continues. Half-time show: Red Coat Hunters and Hounds. Suggested attire: canary yellow, salmon, and big bangle day. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, September 21, 1:30 p.m.; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Walk for PKD** Event to "increase awareness of polycystic kidney disease." Walk starts at 8:30 a.m., following registration at 8 a.m. 800-PKD-CURE. Sunday, September 21, 8 a.m.; Spanish Landing Park, off North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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**Birch Aquarium at Scripps** Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

**California Surf Museum** "From the Brown Mercury to SL8ER — A Glimpse of 100 Years of Surfing Culture in Southern California" celebrates influence of surfing on California lifestyle. Display features collection of unique surfboards, movie posters, record albums, vintage beachwear, assortment of photographs. Significant surfing personalities from each decade are highlighted. 223 North Coast Highway, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

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

**Coronado Museum of History and Art** "Public Eye: A Focus on Community Art," on display through mid-November, provides look at "the variety of pieces, some

commissioned, which have been on display in our community." Exhibit boasts "colorful and imaginative" models, photographs, and sculptured pieces, including a decorative bench from 2003 Benchmark project, information on some of Coronado's 38 pieces of public art, much more.

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

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

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

**Heritage of the Americas Museum** More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic

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

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the

Cuyamaca College campus. 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West, 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and arti-


facts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement. 2727 Presidio Drive, 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

**Museum of Making Music** "Gretsch 125th Anniversary" highlights instruments spanning the


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**National City Depot** San Diego Electric Railway Association operates museum in this historic Santa Fe depot with exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored

passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 922 West 23rd Street, 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

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

**Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum** Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western

adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunkhouse, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. 645 Main Street, 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

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

## OUT & ABOUT

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Oceanside Harbor Days, Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21.

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**San Diego County Sheriff's Museum** The 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts,

photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. 2384 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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



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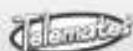
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## CLASSICAL

**"Alice Parker Festival"** La Jolla Symphony and Chorus host event, beginning with performance of Parker's "Melodious Accord" sung by a consortium of six community, school, and church choruses, followed by a "sing" for entire audience. Both choral performance and sing are led by Alice Parker. Participating choruses: La Jolla Symphony Chorus, North Coast Singers, Palomar College Chorale, Palomar College Chamber Singers, San Dieguito United Methodist Church choir, and St. Elizabeth Seton choir. Presidio Brass ensemble and harpist provide accompaniment. Reservations: 858-534-4637. St. Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street), 8 p.m., Thursday, September 18. (CARLSBAD)

**Listen for Chopin** Along with Bach, and "a few curious surprises" when concert pianist Peter Gach takes stage for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2453. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, September 18. (SAN MARCOS)

**From the Renaissance to the 21st Century** Encinitas Guitar Orchestra plans concert of guitar music. Donation. 760-943-0755. Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, September 19. (ENCINITAS)

**"Ultimate Broadway"** San Diego Chamber Orchestra performs for Center Pops Concerts, led by Jung-Ho Pak. Hear favorites from scores of *The Sound of Music*, *The King and I*, *Oklahoma!*, *South Pacific*, *Cats*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*, *Sunset Boulevard*, more. 800-988-4253. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 4 p.m., Saturday, September 20. (ESCONDIDO)

**Selections by J.S. Bach** Pianist Sheldon Rosenbaum and flutist Adrienne Nims perform works by Bach, Claude Bolling, and G.F. Handel. 858-451-1200. Temple Adat Shalom (15905 Pomerado Road), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 20. (POWAY)

**Organ Time** Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211

Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, September 21. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Sing! With Alice Parker," Again** Parker, a renowned composer, conductor, arranger, will direct audience in singing sacred and secular music, hymns, folk songs, more. Reception follows concert. Offering. 619-297-4366. First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino Del Rio South), 4 p.m., Sunday, September 21. (MISSION VALLEY)

**French Opera** The Solana Intimate Ensemble performs pieces by Donizetti, Massenet, Offenbach, Bizet, others, for California Foundation for International Global Arts. Performers include Cherylyn Larson (soprano), Ava Baker-Liss (mezzo-soprano), Tom Oberjat (tenor), David Marshman (baritone), Janie Prim (piano). Reception at 2:30 p.m., concert at 3:15 p.m. 858-677-0367. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, September 21. (ENCINITAS)

**Mini-Concert at Noon** La Jolla Symphony Youth Artists perform for Lyceum's first mini-concert of season. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, September 22. (DOWNTOWN)

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## GALLERIES

**"2008 Faculty Exhibition"** View new work in a variety of media by art and design faculty members at San Diego State University during opening reception. Show continues through Wednesday, October 15. 619-594-5171. University Art Gallery at SDSU (5500 Campanile Drive). 7 p.m., Friday, September 19. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"Abstract Resonance"** Artist's reception for exhibition of new paintings by Miguel Osuna, Josh Goldberg and David Kessler. Viewers are invited to "look beyond the two-dimensional surface and experience the abstract tone of the individual brush stroke." Closes Friday, November 14. 858-793-4442. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue #160). 6 p.m., Thursday, September 18. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Implosion Is Compulsory"** Opening reception for exhibition of work by Thomas Glassford. Closes Saturday, November 1. Enter gallery through alley between Kline and Silverado. 858-454-3409. Quint Contemporary Art

(7739 Fay Lane). 5 p.m., Saturday, September 20. (LA JOLLA)

**"Limited Time Offer"** Opening reception for exhibition of work by Nathan Gluck, art by Roman de Salvo, and Day of the Dead dioramas gathered in "Grace Matthews: Boxes." De Salvo exhibits "an eclectic selection of works created over the past ten years"; among his many accomplishments, Gluck was studio assistant to Andy Warhol. Exhibition closes Saturday, November 8. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 6:30 p.m., Friday, September 19. (LA JOLLA)

**"New Beginnings"** Opening reception for group show. See new work by K. Barkhaus, R. Fleming, M.A. Carr, R. Glassman, S. Glassman, S. Ghilhenbach, J. Mathison, A. Santos, C. Schmidt, H. Sanders, M. Sherry, Xho6o, S. Lao Viggo, and the Sol, Tierra, Luna Dance Company through September 21. 619-497-0912 or 858-205-7558. Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). 7 p.m., Friday, September 19. (DOWNTOWN)

## 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)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown** "Hu-

man/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 Ramirez 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 Lucia 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** "Weighing and Wanting: Selections from the Collection" — opening Friday, September 19 — marks Hugh M. Davies's 25th anniversary as museum's David C. Copley Director. Exhibit offers "a personal, idiosyncratic selection of approximately 130 works acquired between 1983 and the present," including works by John Baldessari, John Currin, Robert Irwin, William Kentridge, Nathan Mabry, Yoshitomo Nara, Martin Puryear, Lorna Simpson, Bill Viola, and Lisa Yuskavage. View this "cross-section of paintings, prints, drawings, video, installation art, and photography" through Sunday, January 4, 2009. 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," 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.

Opening on Saturday, September 20: "A Literacy of Images: Nancy Newhall and the Art of Photography." Best known for writing text to accompany photographs by Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, Nancy Newhall was also a widely published writer on photography, conservation, American culture. Closes Sunday, January 25, 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."

"DAMNGORGEIOUS: 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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## MUSIC SCENE

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**Spilt Milk** White Gold and the Calcium Twins are a Spinal Tap-esque glam band created for the “Got Milk?” advertising campaign. White

funny, and it gets your attention. Plus, you can’t help but enjoy the group’s lyrics about the benefits of milk.”

So who is White Gold? The California Milk Processor Board (CMPB) declines to say, and there’s no hint on their website or on the White Gold site.

White Gold himself is

like, ‘Yeah, I like to inject my balls with meth,’ and they were just shaking their heads, like, ‘No way can we use that.’ ”



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The “Calcium Twins,” who sing and pretend to play bass and drums in the White Gold spots, are actually Sonya and Sabrina Millen, a soul duo known as the Millen Sisters.

“We auditioned to a rock song singing and dancing,” the sisters said in an email interview. “We’re in talks now to shoot the second phase of the campaign, hopefully to be released in 2009.”

The Ringers (with Joe Hursley) appear October 2 at

the Casbah; Electric Six plays the Casbah on November 8.

— Jay Allen Sanford

### Different Arena

Although the Sports Arena sits on city property, it has been operated by developer Ron Hahn and his son Ernie for over 15 years. The recent announcement that the Hahns were yielding majority control of the Sports Arena to AEG Live led George Varga of the *Union-Tribune* to crow last week that the move should bring a “swift increase in the number of live concerts” to the venue.

AEG, in effect, assumed the Sports Arena lease, which runs until 2017. But AEG already had a near-exclusive relationship with the Hahns, which allowed the promoter “first refusal” rights to book concerts at the Sports Arena.

“Why would you pay for the cow when you get the milk for free?” asks an insider who says that the AEG lease takeover was not necessary for the company to bring more concerts to the Sports Arena.

Other well-connected sources say that AEG — an international promoter of sporting events and concerts that operates over 30 concert

venues worldwide — has other plans, including demolishing the Sports Arena and replacing it with residential and commercial development.

An ad hoc committee formed about four years ago by former councilman Michael Zucchet once claimed that the Sports Arena property would be better utilized for residential and commercial purposes.

“Those questions [about replacing the Sports Arena with condos] predate us,”

Unlike the Chargers, who hold their hand out for public money, AEG will come in and take a neglected piece of property and with private money build a Staples Center [in L.A.], for example.”

The 14,000-capacity Sports Arena most closely competes with Cricket amphitheater (19,000 capacity) and SDSU’s Cox Arena (13,000). Both are run by Live Nation, which is the largest U.S. concert company; AEG is number two.

In 2001, Ernie Hahn said



SPORTS ARENA SLATED FOR DEMO?

says Rod O’Connor, senior vice president of operations for AEG Facilities. “Some of those conversations will continue to happen.”

A local insider says, “What AEG does is comes in and controls the real estate and then they just take over.

the following about replacing the Sports Arena with residential development: “Long term, yeah, we’re in a redevelopment site. We’re in the North Bay redevelopment district, which is all in redevelopment. The

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Gold’s spandex-clad singer plays a milk-filled guitar and encourages milk consumption in humorous ads alongside two female singers. The trio is featured on over 750,000 schoolbook covers being distributed for free to schools all over California.

“The students are really amused by White Gold,” Heidi Anderberg, an administrator at San Diego’s Sarah Anthony School, said in a press release about the giveaway. “The band is really

played by Joe Hursley, vocalist for the Ringers. The raunchy L.A. rockers are known for songs such as “Beaver Fever,” “Backseat Lover,” “Moan N’ Bitch,” and “Tokyo Massage.” White Gold’s music is performed by Detroit-based Electric Six, whose own tracks include “I Buy the Drugs,” “Feed My F\*\*\*in’ Habit,” and “Sexy Trash.”

In a phone interview, Joe Hursley said, “I improvised almost all of the promos they recorded.... I was saying stuff



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### The Occasional Bomb

"I was brought to San Diego via the hand of the judicial system," says Chris Powers, aka 3ntra-P, one half of the hip-hop duo Clay Pigeons. Born and raised in San Luis Obispo, he says, "When I was in seventh grade, a kid moved to town who wrote [graffiti]



MUSIC HELPED POWERS

for T.i.t.s. Krew, one of the largest graffiti crews in California....

"I learned the ABCs, literally, about the graffiti game from him. I started getting in trouble in and outside of school. I was suspended on a few occasions for fighting, suspicion of vandalism, [and] I did time in juvenile hall for being truant and got arrested for fights and shoplifting."

Powers says he was expelled from S.L.O. High. "[It was] for a fight, [for] which my parents had to pay over ten thousand dollars' restitution to the victim's family. My parents decided I was too much and declared me a ward of the state, and I was placed in foster care until I turned 18....

"Music kind of got me through a lot of the shit I was dealing with. It was an outlet for me when I was in jail. I moved to San Diego as soon as I was free from any legal obligations in San Luis Obispo. I had pretty much quit graffiti altogether, at least on walls. I kept it to paper and canvas but would still go out and bomb on occasion. I inevitably picked up an assault charge with personal use of a deadly weapon, not more than a year after landing in S.D."

Powers received a five-year sentence.

"With time served," he says, "I spent about 11 months away and have been dealing with probation for the past five years."

Clay Pigeons formed after he met Jimmy Powers (no relation) in early 2007. So far this year, the MC duo has performed around three dozen gigs. Their next show is September 29 at Brick by Brick.

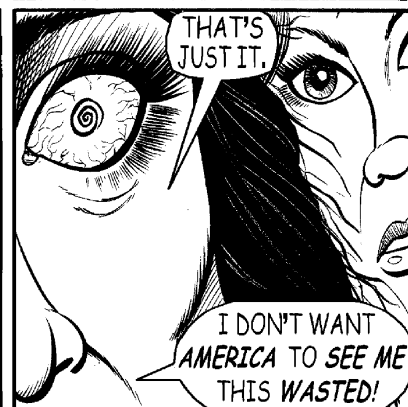
— Jay Allen Sanford

**St. Vincent de Paul Said We Could** "The cops keep shutting us down," says Aaron Witherell, who has been staging outdoor concerts with friends at "the Yard," a makeshift performance space outside a four-unit rental property on 17th Street, between Imperial and Commercial.

"It's pretty much the worst block in San Diego. It's a loud spot, with trains and a lot of homeless people. The cops say someone is

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complaining about the noise...but there's nothing on either side of [the Yard]. It's next to the freeway, and St. Vincent de Paul across the street said we could play until midnight."

"What usually happens is 2 cops will come around ten and tell us to turn it down. Then, a couple hours later, 20 cops will show up.... We weren't having any problem until the cops found out what we were doing." He says police have issued three tickets so far. "They're all a thousand dollars each, and three different guys in the house got tickets. Now, we shut down shows earlier."

Around 50 bands have performed on the homemade plywood stage.

"We spent, like, 120 bucks on wood at Home Depot and built a stage on the dirt.... They were ripping the carpet out at the Horton Grand Theatre downtown, and they let us take it to put down over the dust in the yard." Acts that have played there include the Sess, DJ Holmes, and Witherell's bands, Steep Hill Project and Gasoline Chicken. As far as average

crowd size goes, Witherell estimates, "I wanna say under 50, for legal reasons."

The Yard doesn't charge



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### THE SESS CAN FIND A CROWD

admission ("It's all donations, like an art collective"). The next multi-band show takes place September 27. Says Witherell, "Make sure you say the live bands will stop by nine."

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Elvis is Coming** Brain Buckit's song "You Rock 'n' Roll," from the band's new album, is featured in the upcoming film *Lonely Street*.

"It's about the 'Second Coming' of Elvis," says guitarist Chris Kelly. "It stars Jay Mohr, Joe Mantegna, and Nikki Cox — a superior helping of B-list stars if ever I've seen one."

According to Kelly,

"There are two direct routes into the movie music biz: one, you get real lucky or, two, you know someone. In my case, my cousin Patrick Newall was one of the producers of the movie. There was another actual music supervisor, and several other producers had to okay the song too, so I don't want to sell it too short and say it was all in the connections. But it kind of was....

"Payment for things like this really varies," says Kelly. "You can get some money up front; how much depends on your stature. Then, you get standard royalty rates each time it's played somewhere in the movies or on TV....

"I've had some songs in smaller indie movies. I got a check for about 80 bucks a year for a couple years for each of them. When you get the check, it's pretty cool; it shows where the movie was played. I'm really quite well known now in Burma and Indonesia. [*Lonely Street*] has some bigger stars and should have a larger release. I stand to make, literally, hundreds

of dollars."

Kelly attended a preview of *Lonely Street* in L.A., held in late August. He says he



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### KELLY, IN FULL REGALIA

liked the film, though he finds the premise of Elvis's "Second Coming" far-fetched.

"Elvis went out as toast on a toilet; a toasted crapper."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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## Thursday 18

Who hasn't confused the similarly named **Wedding Present** and Birthday Party? (Sure.) David Gedge, founder and mainstay front of the 25-year-old Leeds quartet, admits Cave and co. were v. influential over their early style and sound, quirky rave-ups dug from the same mines tapped by Buzzcocks, Gang of Four,



WEDDING PRESENT AT CASBAH

and, oi, the Birthday Party. Wedding Present recently released the Albini-produced and well-received *El Rey*, Gedge's eighth studio set and self-described "return to lust, jealousy, betrayal, regret, obsession, and, um, superheroes." You get all that and L.A. indie hits **Earlimart** at Casbah tonight.... Big in the U.K. Glasgow indie-pop trio the **Fratellis** front House of Blues behind their sophomore set *Here We Stand*, a collection of iPod stomps with a shelf life. Get 'em while they're hot — they sold out Boston, NYC, and L.A. **Airborne Toxic Event** and **Electric Touch** set the downtown stage.... Nashville's **Los Straitjackets** restrain Belly Up with "surfably" instrumentals and **Hell on Heels** burlesque. The **Professors** open with a surf-rock set of their own.... The **Muslims** and **Thin Man** pop in Bar Pink. Muslims warm up for a Street Scene set this weekend.... This one's weird-cool: Radio Room hosts a DVD-release party for **Arab on Radar's** *Sunshine for Shady People*. No, the Providence noise-rock progenitors won't be there. Local post-punks **Batwings** live and DJ sets by the **Locust**.

## Friday 19

Two nights of Street Scene start Friday night. Marquee names are **Beck** (Friday) and the **Black Crowes** (Saturday). Sets to see're **Spoon** and **TV on the Radio** Friday night, the **National** and **Man Man** Saturday.... Not into it? Tempe rootsi-

cana band **What Laura Says** says it at Bar Pink. They're out to tout recommendable debut *Thinks and Feels*. Give it a spin.... Neil's getting-famouser-and-famouser singer-songwriter son **Liam Finn** headlines a Casbah bill with English alt-pop pinups the **Veils** and Bongo Beat's acoustic cat **Ari Shine**.... Punk-pop crossovers **Rancid** infect Soma (not your father's punk rock, kid).... Hometown hit **Rafter** joins Phoenix acoustic assaulters **Fatigo** for a Whistle Stop stop.

## Saturday 20

**These Arms Are Snakes** slither into campus club Ché Café. The Seattle quartet is on a world tour behind this year's Suicide Squeeze studio set *Tail, Swallow & Dove*. File alongside Blood Brothers. Nevada City label mates **S.Bach** open.... Heeere's Johnny! Not. Johnny Cash apers **Cash'd Out** exhume the Man in Black at Casbah. Roots rocker **Todd Stedman** and his "high-octane hollowbody" in support.... Jammy bands and SDMA nominees **Deadline Friday** and **Sky Held Sun** shine on Belly Up.... Oakland's "other rock" experimentalists **Man/Miracle** will do some "Pushing and Shoving" at Beauty Bar. Check the quartet's Space takes. Très cool.... Couple CD-release sets Saturday night: **Jangada**'ll prop Brazilian riddims off their *OnSurfari Sessions* at Winstons...and **Rat City Riot** drops their latest TAANG! punk-n-roll collection on Radio Room.

## Sunday 21

**Miles Hunt** of the Wonder Stuff and Mission U.K.'s **Wayne Hussey** drop in on Casbah Sunday night. The two Brit bad boys are shilling singer-songwriterly solo stuff. Uh-huh. Go for opener Lisa Dewey. The SanFran songstress recalls '80s ambients Cocteau Twins and Kate Bush.... You know where your parents will be Sunday night — on a midnight train to Harrah's Rincon for that '70s show: **Chicago**, **Al Green**, and, that's right, **Gladys Knight**, babies!

## Monday 22

Local pop-punk peeps **Wild Weekend**'ll take a break from prepping their full-length debut to split a Bar Pink bill with U.K. punk throwbacks the **Girls**.... Round the bend at U31, **Lady**



SILVER JEWS AT CASBAH

**Dottie** and her **Diamonds** roll through rock-n-blues. Looks like a steady-eddie Monday-night thing, too, at the new-ish North Park nightspot. Have you heard the Lady's debut disc *Livin' It Up* yet? Go get some.... Oaxacan cabaret coquette **Lila Downs** delivers Latin folk-pop to House of Blues.... And Casbah's anti-Monday team stages Boston piano-pop act the **Luxury**. The dramatic-song dudes want you to know that they opened for Coldplay and no longer play for people at tables. Whatever. Will you refill my



OKKERVIL RIVER AT BELLY UP

water glass when I need it? With **War Stories** and **DJ Skullcrusher**.

## Tuesday 23

*Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea*, indie-pop poet laureate David Berman brings his **Silver Jews** road show to Casbah Tuesday night. This touring thing is still kinda new to the SJ camp, and who knows how long the essentials'll keep it rolling. Don't miss it. Tennessee troubadour **James Jackson Toth** also on the bill.... Else: **Railroad Earth** rolls roots rock into Belly Up.... Celtic ensemble **Solas** brings *Love and Laughter* to Anthology.... There'll be some window (un)dressing at Beauty Bar when synth-pop act **Sex Mannequin** takes the stage.

## Wednesday 24

Austin big band **Okkervil River** flows into Belly Up behind last year's beautiful and powerful Jagjaguwar disc *The Stage Names*, a unanimous end-of-year crit pick. Will Sheff and co. just released a toss-off follow-up called *The Stand Ins*, outtakes from *Stage Names* sessions that put most contemporary proper releases to shame. L.A.'s like-minded **Sea Wolf** sets the Solana Beach stage.... Get yer Big Rawk at SDSU's Open Air with Jack White and the **Raconteurs** and London electronic rockers the **Kills**.... **Little Joy** (feat. Fabrizio Moretti of Strokes fame) join "Crop Circle Jerks" **Megapuss** (feat. Devendra Banhart of, uh, Devendra Banhart fame) at Casbah.... SanFran hardcore jam band **Tussle** wrecks the room at Bar Pink with **Lemonade**. That spectacle's free. — *Barnaby Monk*

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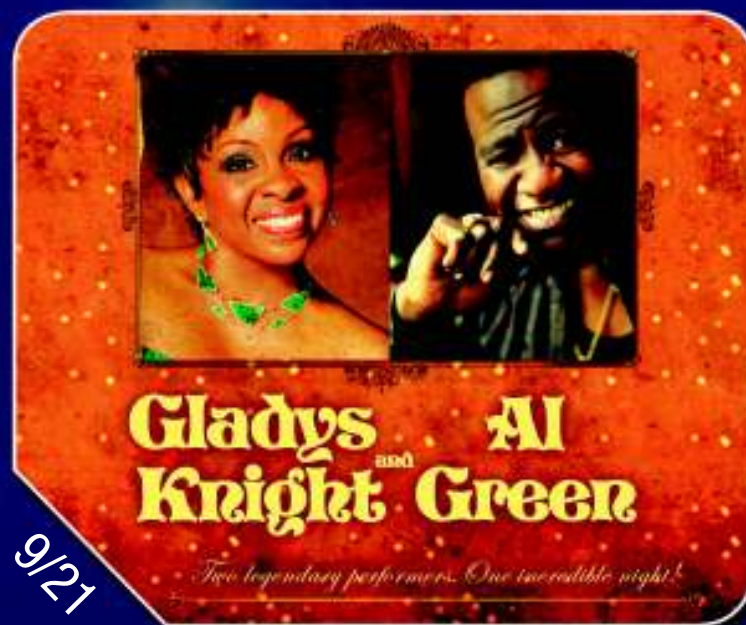


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# I Want to Be In a Boy Band

*"If you see me on the freeway rocking out and swerving lanes, I'm probably rocking out to this CD."*

**L**estat's is my favorite spot to hang out and perform," says singer-songwriter Josh Damigo. "I'm pretty much there every night. I'm a huge fan of acoustic music, and the soundman Louie Brazier and I just sit back and talk about life and music and catch up on the latest celebrity gossip. I love ordering their Snickers latte, which has hazelnut, chocolate, and caramel."

Damigo grew up in San Jose, where his musical career began when his mother signed him up for piano lessons at the age of 6. "I absolutely hated piano because my teacher kept giving me classical pieces," Damigo says on his MySpace page. "I quit [piano] when I was in sixth grade...at 16 I taught myself to play guitar. Two weeks after that I had my first show. I was playing at churches. I was mostly singing [because] I was a much better singer than a guitar player."

Damigo appears Saturday, September 27, at Lestat's.

## WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Third Eye Blind, *Best of Third Eye Blind*. "I've always been influenced by this band; they've been my favorite group since junior high. 'Motorcycle Driveby' is my favorite track because of its honesty and transparent lyrics."
2. Ben Harper, *Live from Mars*. "I'm not usually big on concert CDs, but the crowd is really amazing on this. If you see me on the freeway rocking out and swerving lanes, I'm probably playing air guitar to this CD."
3. Bushwalla, *Autodidactical, Freestyle, and Radical*. "Billy 'Bushwalla' Galewood has been such an inspiration and good friend to me. His new CD absolutely rocks, and his song 'Gangsta' with the

line 'It's hard to be a gangsta with a basket on your bike' reminds me of my own struggles trying to be a G."

4. Jason Mraz. "I can throw in any of his CDs, and I'll probably sing every word. I may be a little behind the vocals, but I'm pretty sure I get most of the words right."
5. Switchfoot. "They've always been a huge influence, even before I moved to San Diego. I never

thought I'd get to meet them, but I've been able to on a couple of occasions. Jon Foreman's lyrics are amazing."

## DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

1. *The Three Amigos*. "Possibly the best movie ever."
2. *Once*. "I have watched this musical movie at least ten times in the past year. In the title scene, when Glen Hansard is singing 'Say It to Me Now,' I find that to be a pure example of a songwriter putting his whole body, heart, and soul into a song."
3. *Across the Universe*. "I think the music and performances in this movie are top-notch. If you haven't seen it, quit reading this article and get to Blockbuster."
4. *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*. "I shot milk out my nose twice during this movie."
5. *Casino Royale*. "I'm a bit of a 007 fan."

## BEST CELEBRITY ENCOUNTER?

"I played at Stateside in Santa Barbara, and an older man came up to me after the show and said, 'Young man, don't you ever stop playing, you've got something special,' and he walked away. My friend came up to me and asked how I knew Kenny Loggins. I honestly couldn't remember



Josh Damigo

who Kenny was. When I got home, I freaked out when I realized he's the guy who wrote and performed the music in *Top Gun*."

## LAST BOOK READ?

"I started reading *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie, but I didn't finish it. It had more than a hundred pages, and my ADHD kicked in."

## MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

"I'm addicted to MySpace, Facebook, and Fuzz.com. I mostly search for new music on those sites."

## TOP FIVE GUILTY PLEASURES?

1. Grand Theft Auto IV
2. Chee-tos Puffs
3. Brownies or cookie dough

4. Yogurt Mill in El Cajon
5. Lestat's chocolate chip cookies

## SECRET SHAME?

"I want to be in a boy band."

## RECURRING DREAM?

"I have a weird dream that I'm a character on *Saved by the Bell*, and then I get drafted by the Boston Red Sox."

## WORST JOB?

"I had to work as a door-to-door salesman for a company that was similar to Staples. I lasted four hours before I quit. I felt like a human pop-up ad."

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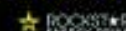
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*Thursday*, 10 p.m. — Breakhouse. Punk/metal/funk. \$5.  
*Friday* — Aaron Blyth & the Men of Leisure. With the Pheromones. Folk rock/blues/funk.  
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**Acoustic/MusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Richard Shindell. Folk singer-songwriter. \$15-\$20.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Michael Chapdelaine. Guitarist. \$15-\$20.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Willy Porter. "A mixture of Leo Kottke, Michael Hedges, Richard Thompson, Lindsey Buckingham."

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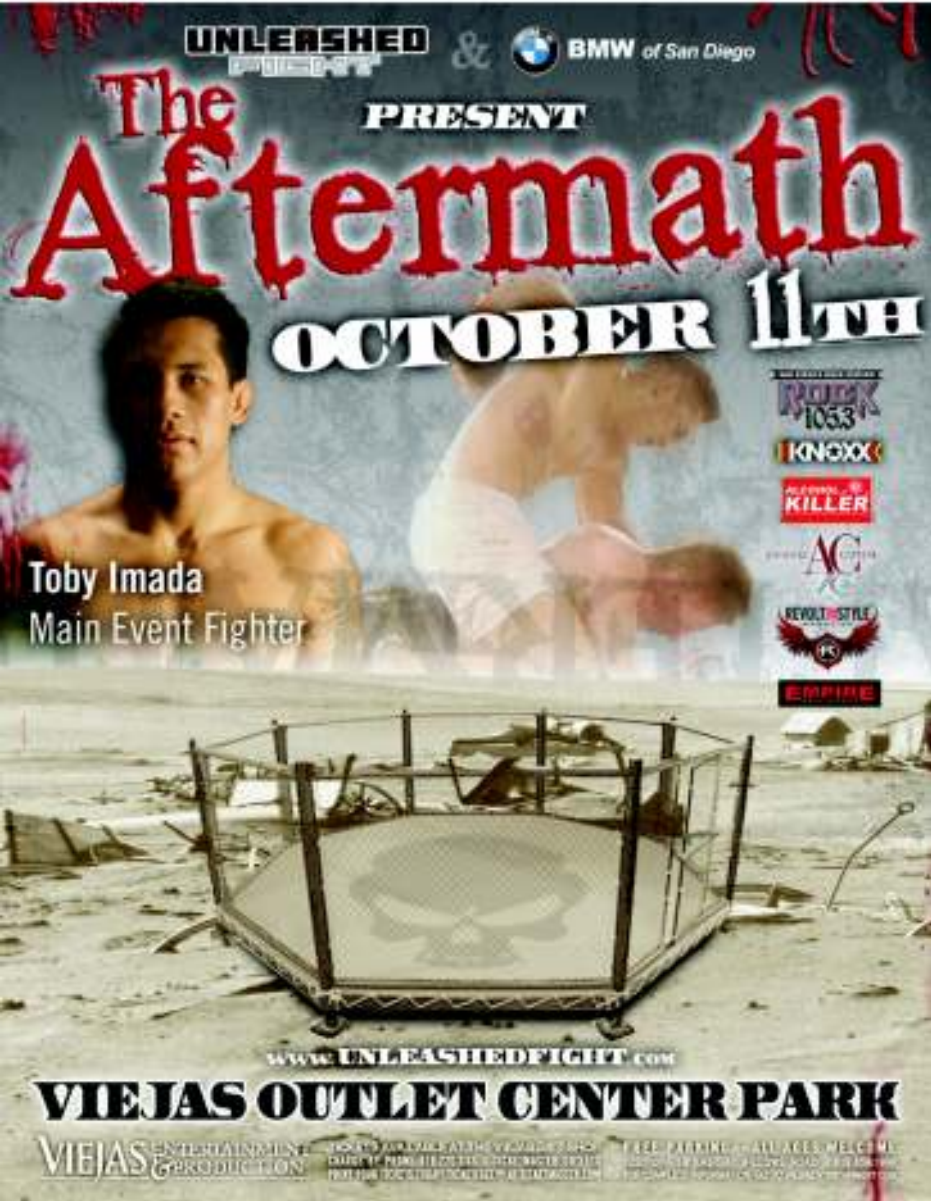
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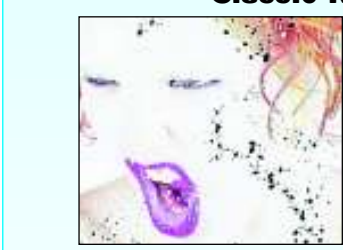
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Friday & Saturday, September 19 & 20 • 9 pm  
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**Main Tap Tavern:** 518 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-749-6333. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

**Mas Fina Cantina:** 2780 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-434-3497. *Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Acoustic.

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

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — 4 Way Street. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Gonzology. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Elevators. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — The Taylor Harvey Band. Bluegrass/rock. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Laguna.

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**O'Connells Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Loaded and Aces & 8s. With Thurmus and Heavy Cessna. Rock/punk/metal. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Deadman Court and Black Ambulance. With Tainted Society and Aten. Alternative/metal. *Sunday*, 9 p.m. — Fake Problems, Cobra Skulls, Look Mexico. With Frank Turner. Folk rock/punk/country. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — My Laughing Face. Indie/rock/punk.

**Open Air Theatre at** 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area,

619-594-6947. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The Raconteurs. With the Kills. Rock/electro/blues. \$25-\$33.

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**Pacific Beach Bar & Grill:** 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-

272-7278. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Live music. *Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Live reggae.

**Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252. *Sunday* — Ana Gabriel. Latin/pop.

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**Peter D's:** 5149 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-277-3217. *Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

**Phra Ram No. 9:** 3705 Avocado Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-670-9099. *Friday*, 6 p.m. — D.R. Auten and Gas Lamp Jazz Band.

**Pine Avenue Park:** 3205 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 760-602-7513.

*Sunday*, 11 a.m. — Cowboy Jack. Traditional country tunes.

**Radio Room:** 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Arab on Radar. DVD-release party with Batwings. Punk/noise/experimental. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Qu'est-ce Que C'est. Indie/rock/electro. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Rat City Riot. CD-release show with Northern Towns. Hardcore/metal/punk.

**Ramona MainStage Theatre:** 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Danielle Tucker and the City Limits Band. Country/rock/blues.

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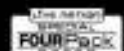
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*Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays*, 9 p.m. — The Ed Rapacci Duo.

*Mondays and Tuesdays*, 9 p.m. — The Shawline Expression. With Dave Shaw & Paul Gregg.

*Wednesdays*, 9 p.m. — The Ed Rapacci Duo.

**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria:** 939 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-8464.

*Thursdays, Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays*, 6 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

**Riley's:** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635.

*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Lipstick N Leather. Eighties hair-metal and hard-rock group.

*Saturdays* — Rock Forever Entertainment. Features live bands every Saturday night.

*Wednesdays*, 9 p.m. — Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

**Rock Bottom:** 401 G Street, Downtown, 619-231-7000.

*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — No Duh. A tribute to No Doubt.

**Rookies Restaurant and Sports Bar:** 2216 South El Camino Real, Oceanside, 760-757-1123.

*Friday* — Lizardfish. Classic rock/metal/alternative.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.

*Tuesdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Bdbu's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards every Tuesday, with

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**The Round Table Cocktail Lounge:** 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000.

*Tuesdays*, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue. Blues.

**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.

*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Janet Jackson. Pop/R&B/hip-hop. \$50-\$500.

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church:** 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.

*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Peter Sprague and Fred Benedetti. Guitar masters for San Diego Folk Heritage concert. 858-566-4040. \$15-\$18.

**Seaport Village:** 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.

*Sunday*, 1 p.m. — The Cat-illacs. Rock.

**Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.

*Thursday* — Son y Clave. Salsa.

*Sunday* — BombaChante. Salsa/Latin.

*Mondays*, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

*Tuesday* — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano.

*Wednesday* — Trece de la Suerte. Latin/Afrobeat/jazz.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.

*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus. Pop/punk/screamo. \$15.

*Friday*, 6:30 p.m. — Rancid. With H20 and Danny Diablo. Punk/hardcore/hip-hop. \$20.

*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Children of Nova and Deaf Zero. With a Midday Atlantic and Real Things Are Good. Rock/alternative. \$8.

*Sunday*, 6 p.m. — August Burns

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The **Wedding Present** is an old, seasoned British band that you are not likely to have heard of unless you are a devotee of college radio or frequent the sorts of clubs that book indie-rock acts. With the exception of **David Gedge**, who lives in Los Angeles now, the Wedding Present's lineup has changed many times over the past 20 years, as has the band's name. First, they were the Lost Pandas. Gedge subsequently changed the band's name to the Wedding Present until 1998, when the Present went on hiatus and Gedge formed Cinerama. In 2004 he simply renamed the Cinerama lineup (**Chris McConville**, **Terry de Castro**, and **Graeme Ramsay**) as the Wedding Present. The release of *El Rey* earlier this year

constitutes their eighth studio album since 1987. Not prolific output, unless you consider that, in the early '90s, the Wedding Present put out 12 singles in one year, many of which were released on vinyl during a time when mp3 downloads were becoming all the rage.

Releasing all of those consecutive singles was enough of a publicity feat to tie a record set years earlier in the U.K. by an American rocker named Elvis Presley. But stunt or not, each of those singles charted in the British Top 40 as well. The WP has charted some 18 times now, which speaks to the workmanship of their songs — most of which were written by Gedge.

I place Gedge squarely in the post-punk era, a period characterized by a load of musical baggage. One can hear so many of the influences in Gedge's songwriting — there's a wonderful Kinks thing going on in his almost spoken-word singing — that a Wed-



WEDDING PRESENT

ding Present record is like a visit from the ghosts of rock and roll past that Gedge exploits in his music. But in so doing, he casts the traditional in an attractive new light.

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**South Park Bar & Grill:** 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.

*Thursdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.

*Fridays*, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz.

*Saturdays*, 8:30 p.m. — Open Blues Jam. With Will Jackson.

*Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

**Stage Saloon:** 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862.

*Fridays* — Trainwreck.

*Saturday* — The Disco Pimps.

**Surf N' Saddle:** 123 West Plaza Street, Solana Beach, 858-755-9474.

*Saturday* — Scotland Barr & the Slow Drags. Americana/folk/roots.

**Theatrx:** 155 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-735-2491.

*Friday*, 8 p.m. — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock. 760-809-4499. \$10.

**Tiki House:** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.

*Thursday* — Mad for Mary.

Alternative rock.

*Friday* — Kevin Never Talks. Funk/rock/R&B.

*Saturday* — Barebones.

*Wednesday* — Mick Overman. Americana/folk/roots.

**Tina's Night Club:** 1956 54th Street, College Area, 619-263-0258.

*Sunday* — Willovealot. Smooth-jazz.

**Tio Leo's Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.

*Friday* — Side Jobz. Covers/standards.

*Saturday* — Da'Mac. Covers/standards.

**Tio Leo's Mira Mesa:** 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa, 858-695-1461.

*Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — MoonDance. Classic rock/R&B/soul.

**Turquoise Coffee:** 841 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4778.

*Saturday*, 10 a.m. — Inigo Figuracion and Ron Greitzer. Acoustic/covers/standards.

**Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room:** 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

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**Reggie Smith**

Monday, September 22 ■ 7 pm  
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*October 1* — Gogol Bordello.  
*November 1* — Rose Royce.  
*November 18* — Café Tacuba.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*September 26* — Split Finger.  
*September 27* — The Big Provider.

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Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*September 29* — Slaid Cleaves.  
*September 4* — Eric Andersen.  
*October 5* — David LaFlamme and It's a Beautiful Day.  
*October 10* — Catie Curtis.  
*October 11* — Kevin Welch.  
*October 25* — Eliza Gilkyson.  
*November 1* — Dave Alvin.  
*November 9* — Ellis Paul.  
*November 23* — Doyle Dykes.  
*November 28* — Tom Russell.

**Adams Avenue:** 32nd Street & Adams Avenue, Normal Heights.  
*September 27, September 28* — Adams Avenue Street Fair.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*September 25* — The Average White Band.  
*September 26* — The Eve Selis Band.  
*September 27* — Livingston Taylor.  
*September 28* — Maraca & the New

Collective.  
*September 30, October 1* — Take 6.  
*October 2* — Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers.  
*October 3, October 4* — Stanley Jordan.  
*October 7, October 8* — Acoustic Alchemy.  
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*October 18* — The Subdudes.  
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**Sun Sept 21st**  
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**Mon Oct 13th**  
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**Thurs Oct 16th**  
8pm- Mal Hall  
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*September 26* — P.R.I.

*September 27* — Red Handed.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.

*October 20* — Hillstomp.

**Barona Drag Strip:** 1750

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*October 12* — Moontucky Risin.

**Beach House:** 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321.

*September 25* — Freefall.

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

*September 25* — Nukl Heads, the Hellbound Band, Sticky Situation.

*September 26* — 40 Oz. to Freedom.

*September 27* — Common Sense and LA 5.

*September 28* — Greg Brown and Bo Ramsey.

*September 30* — Johnny Winter.

*October 1* — The Dandy Warhols.

*October 2* — The Black Lips and Grand Ole Party.

*October 3* — Dr. John & the Lower 911.

*October 4* — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.

*October 5* — John Brown's Body.

*October 6* — Nick Lowe and Paul Cebar.

*October 9* — Joan Osborne and Matt Morris.

*October 10* — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations.

*October 11* — One Drop, Stranger, Mike Pinto.

*October 12* — Jolie Holland.

*October 13* — Anya Marina, Meiko, Priscilla Ahn.

*October 15* — Lotus.

*October 16* — The Black Kids.

*October 17* — Uh Huh Her.

*October 18* — The Skatalites.

*October 21* — Pinback.

*October 22* — Taj Mahal.

*October 23* — The Presidents of the United States of America.

*October 24* — Stereolab and Monade.

*October 25* — Atomic Punks.

*October 26* — The Young Dubliners.

*October 27* — Sonya Kitchell & the Slip.

*October 28* — The Mountain Goats and Kaki King.

*October 29* — Everlast and the Lordz.

*October 30* — Cowboy Mouth.

*October 31* — Halloween Heat.

*November 1* — The Secret Machines.

*November 6* — Keller Williams with Moseley, Droll & Sipe.

*November 7* — Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers.

*November 13* — Galactic.

*November 16* — Devon Allman's Honeytribe.

*November 17* — Elisa.

*November 20* — The Bacon Brothers.

*November 26* — Buck-O-Nine.

*December 16* — Mike Ness.

**Birch North Park Theatre:**

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*October 10* — The Global Drum Project.

*October 18* — Gaelic Storm.

**The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth

Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.

*September 25* — Carrier Signal.

*September 30* — Radiostar.

**Blue Agave Nightclub:** 6608

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# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I leafed through a fashion magazine supplement recently and saw yet another feature on Goth style (fashion magazines love Goth), this one featuring a gallery of style inspirations over the years. And right there was a photo of the Sisters of Mercy. Thing was, it was the version of the band with just Andrew Eldritch and Patricia Morrison. This was the version that had a hit with "This Corrosion," but any Sisters fan — and I to some extent still am one — can tell you this was not the classic lineup of the band. The classic lineup featured **Wayne Hussey** and his creepy, beautiful 12-string-guitar playing.

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*September 25* — Grupo Niche.

**Bonita:** Otay Lakes Road and

Bonita Road, Bonita.

*September 27* — Charlie Imes.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos

Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.

*October 22* — Lipstick N Leather.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:** 340 North

Escondido Boulevard, Escondido,

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*September 26* — Rickie Lee Jones.

*October 18* — Linda Purl & Lee Lessack.

*October 22* — Amy Grant.

*October 28* — Vince Gill.

*November 15* — The Preservation

Hall Jazz Band.

**The Calypso Café:** 576 North

Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-

632-8252.

*September 25* — Michele Lundeen a

Trois.

*September 28* — Freefall.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk,

Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

*September 25* — Echo Revolution

and One Lonely Robot.

*September 26* — Sprung Monkey

and Mower.

*September 28* — Talib Kweli and

David Banner.

*October 3* — The Aggrolites and

Dirty Heads.

*October 9* — NaCalifa.

*October 11* — Andre Nickatina.

*October 17* — Iratiron and B

Foundation.

*October 18* — Stranger.

*October 24* — Lights.

*October 25* — Devin the Dude.

*November 1* — Dead Man's Party.

*November 7* — Collie Buddz and

Rise of the Revolution.

*November 8* — Jedi Mind Tricks

and OuterSpace.

*November 13* — Method Man &

Redman.

*November 19* — Mest.

*November 22* — Tainted Love.

*November 26* — Lights.

*November 29* — Cash'd Out.

**Carvers:** 11940 Bernardo Plaza

Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-

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*October 10, October 11* — The

Hype.

*October 17, October 18* — Laguna.

*November 1* — The Baytown Band.

*November 7, November 8* — The

Gold Dust Band.

**Casa del Prado:** El Prado,

Balboa Park.

*October 25* — "Let's Play."

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner

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4355.

*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

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*September 29* — Filter and People

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*September 30* — Pattern Is



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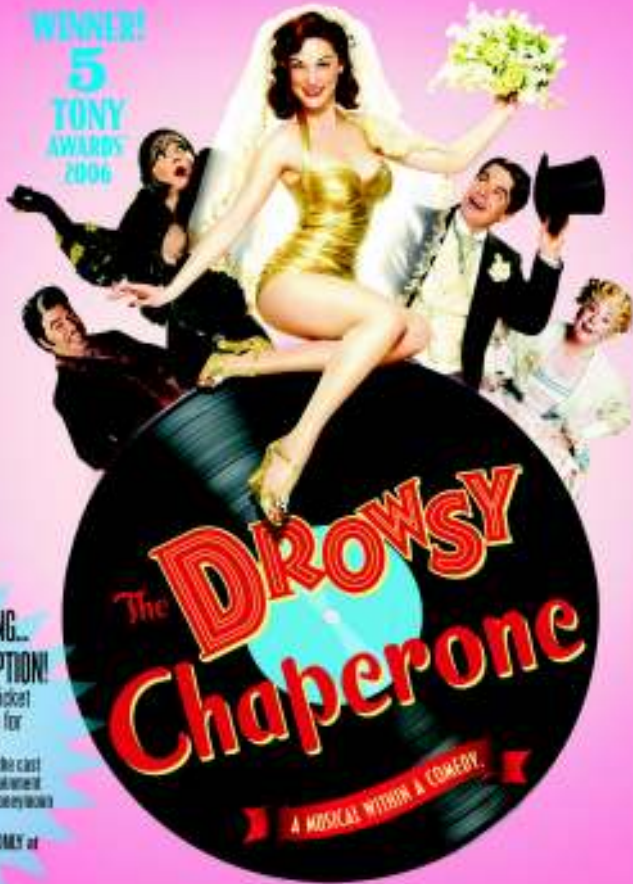
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*October 1* — The Sian Alice Group.  
*October 2* — The Ringer, Roses on Her Grave, Desert Diamonds.  
*October 3* — Datarock.  
*October 3* — Mugison.  
*October 5* — The People Under the Stairs.  
*October 8* — Margot & the Nuclear So and So's.  
*October 9* — Quintron & Ms. Pussycat.  
*October 10* — Bang Camaro.  
*October 11* — Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys.  
*October 14* — The Rumble Strips and Birdmonster.  
*October 16* — Matt White.  
*October 17* — Born Ruffians.  
*October 18* — Chinese Stars and Hostile Comb-Over.  
*October 19* — Polysics.  
*October 20* — Brightblack Morning Light.  
*October 22* — Pinback and Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.  
*October 27* — Jeffrey Lewis and Talkdemonic.  
*October 30* — Ted Leo & Pharmacists.  
*October 31* — Wild Weekend and Black Hondo.  
*November 2* — Chuck Ragan, Tom Gabel, Ben Nichols, Tim Barry.  
*November 4* — Magnetic Morning and Drew Andrews.  
*November 5* — Sole & the Sky rider band.  
*November 7* — No Use for a Name.  
*November 8* — Electric Six and Local H.  
*November 11* — King Khan & the BBQ Show.  
*November 12* — Dead Confederate.  
*November 13* — Port O'Brien and Crooked Fingers.  
*November 14* — Torche, Black Cobra, Clouds.  
*November 15* — Mudhoney.  
*November 28* — Deerhunter and Times New Viking.  
*November 29* — Blitzen Trapper and the Parson Redheads.  
*December 1* — Holly Golightly and Delaney Davidson.  
*December 6* — The Sea & Cake and Field Music.

**Channel Twelve 25:** 172 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-1225.  
*October 25* — Happy Ron Hill.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.  
*October 3* — Vitamin X and Broken Needle.  
*October 10* — Genghis Tron, Yip Yip, Clipd Beaks.  
*October 17* — Chinese Stars and the Awesome Brothers.  
*October 18* — Verse, Killing the Dream, Built to Last.  
*October 19* — The Paddle Boat and Agent Ribbons.  
*October 31* — Cattle Decapitation.

**Clairemont Branch Library:** 2920 Burgener Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-581-9935.  
*October 18* — The Royals of San Diego.

**Concerts at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*October 5* — Earth, Wind & Fire.  
*October 15* — Randy Travis.

**Copley Symphony Hall:** 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804.  
*October 1* — Sigur Rós.  
*November 24* — The Australian Pink Floyd Show.

**Cox Arena:** 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
*October 17* — Weezer.  
*October 29* — Neil Young.  
*October 30* — Rise Against, the Alkaline Trio, Thrice.  
*November 25* — New Kids on the Block.  
*December 15* — Metallica.

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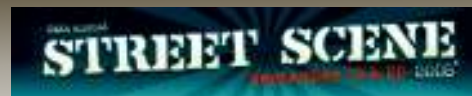
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10/6 Nick Lowe  
10/9 Joan Osborne  
10/10 Elijah Emanuel & The Revelations  
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10/11 Boogie Nights – Reggae Nights  
10/12 Jolie Holland  
10/13 Hotel Café Tour w/Any Marina,  
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10/15 Lotus  
10/16 The Black Kids  
10/17 Uh Huh Her  
10/18 Skatalites

10/19 Salsa Sunday  
10/21 Pinback  
10/22 Taj Mahal  
10/23 Presidents of the United  
States of America  
10/24 Stereolab  
10/25 Atomic Punks  
10/2 6SB Lifeguards Benefit  
w/Young Dubliners  
10/27 Sonya Kitchell & The Slip  
10/28 The Mountain Goats & Kaki King  
10/29 Everlast  
10/30 Cowboy Mouth  
10/31 Halloween Heat! 80s Heat & Metro

11/1 Secret Machines  
11/6 Keller Williams  
11/7 Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers  
11/13 Galactic  
11/16 Devon Allman's Honeytribe  
11/17 Elisa  
11/20 The Bacon Brothers  
11/26 Buck-O-Nine  
12/18 Venice Christmas Show  
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## MUSIC

**Coyote Bar and Grill:** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.  
*September 25* — Billy Watson.  
*September 26* — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.  
*September 28* — Scott Carter & New Breed.  
*September 28* — Billy Watson.

**Crickit Wireless Amphitheatre:** 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.  
*September 27* — Third Day and Switchfoot.  
*September 30* — Carlos Santana.  
*October 16* — Jimmy Buffett.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
*September 26, September 27* — Full Xposure.  
*October 3, October 4* — Phat Daddy.  
*October 10, October 11* — The Bull Dogg.  
*October 17, October 18* — Nemesis.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.  
*September 26* — Paul Seaforth.  
*September 27* — Aurea.

**Downtown Café:** 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.  
*September 26* — Joey & the Sting Rays.

**Educational Cultural Complex:** 4343 Ocean View Boulevard, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-5256.  
*October 6* — Lori Bell.

**Epazote:** 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-9966.  
*September 25* — Blue44.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
*October 24* — Hellogoodbye.  
*November 15* — A Cursive Memory.

**Escondido Library:** 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.  
*October 2* — T.K. Gardner.  
*December 4* — Peter Sprague.

**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.  
*September 26* — Funk in the Trunk.  
*September 27* — One Thread.

**The Handlery Hotel and Resort:** 950 Hotel Circle North,

Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.  
*September 26* — Barbara Nesbitt.

**Hilton San Diego:** 1775 East Mission Bay Drive, Pacific Beach.  
*September 25* — Bill Shreeve, Steve Smith, Mark Smith.

**Hornblower Cruises:** 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.  
*September 26* — West of 5.  
*October 3* — Z-Bop.  
*November 7* — The Bayou Brothers.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*September 26* — Smokin' Joe Kubek & Benois King.  
*September 28* — Fear, Agent Orange, Dr. Know.  
*October 1* — Lagwagon and MxPx.  
*October 3* — James.  
*October 4* — Mindless Self Indulgence.  
*October 8* — Yngwie Malmsteen.  
*October 10* — Santogold.  
*October 11* — Chris Cagle.  
*October 12* — The Kings of Leon.  
*October 13* — Gavin DeGraw.  
*October 14* — White Lion.  
*October 16* — Jorge Celedón & Jimmy Zambrano.  
*October 17* — Led Zepagain.  
*October 18* — Marisela.  
*October 19* — Streetlight Manifesto.  
*October 20* — Tech N9ne.  
*October 21* — VNV Nation.  
*October 23* — Alison Moyet.  
*October 25* — Bayside.  
*October 28* — Matt Nathanson.  
*October 29* — Umphrey's McGee.  
*October 30* — Apocalyptica.  
*October 31* — Jack's Mannequin.  
*November 1* — The Damned.  
*November 2* — Cobra Starship.  
*November 5* — Ingrid Michaelson.  
*November 6* — The Expendables.  
*November 8* — Los Enanos Verdes.  
*November 12* — Joe Satriani.  
*November 14* — The Kottonmouth Kings.  
*November 14* — Melissa Ferrick.  
*November 15* — Mason Jennings.  
*November 16* — Hanson.  
*November 16* — Matt Wertz and Everybody Else.  
*November 17* — Matisyahu.  
*November 17* — Jay Brannan.  
*November 19* — The Misfits.  
*November 21* — Scars on Broadway.  
*November 23* — GWAR.  
*November 24* — Ben Kenney.  
*November 29* — The Sisters of Mercy.  
*November 30* — Bell Biv DeVoe.  
*December 4* — Five Finger Death Punch.  
*December 11* — Los Lobos.  
*January 25* — Ramon Ayala.

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **The Peter Puppig Band**  
Song: **"Sea Journey"** (from the CD *Sea Journey*)  
Heard By: **Richard Gutierrez**, Pomona, CA



Richard

It was basically a mix of styles. It was all instrumental with mostly a Latin feel. There was some Brazilian stuff in there, some African rhythms, but the main voice was the flamenco guitar. It's basically based all around his guitar. The rhythm section was really supporting the flamenco-guitar voicings. It was groovy; it was danceable; it was upbeat. A lot of the songs on the album are covers that people already know, so it's just a fun, light, and easy listen. It was not overly complicated; they kept it pretty simple, but they had nice melodies. I could imagine hearing that at a Latin-jazz festival; it's nice on the ears. This album would be best accompanied by a nice glass of California chardonnay.

*February 7* — Badfish.  
*February 21* — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.

**Humphrey's Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*September 27* — Rockola.  
*September 29* — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.  
*October 10* — Federal Funk.  
*October 27* — The Robin Henkel Band.

**Humphrey's by the Bay:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*September 25* — Kenny G.  
*September 26* — Seal.  
*September 28* — Etta James & the

## SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **The Shake Ups**  
Song: **"Can't Stop the Signal"** (from the CD *Breathing the Flood*)  
Heard By: **"Waffles,"** Normal Heights



Waffles

I thought it sounded like the B-52s mixed with Gravy Train but with a dude singing; it's like they were trying to mix surf rock with girl-punk. It was like Blondie with the Creepy Creeps. It was all right, if you're into that type of thing. It was pretty good. It's not my style of music. I typically like Devo, Sublime — Sublime is my favorite band ever, actually. I could see that on the radio. My friend's band is terrible, and they're getting a lot of airplay around here. One of the lyrics was "coming to terms with my inner fool," and I thought that was great. I can see them being good live. When I hear that, I picture a beach party with a bunch of B-52-looking chicks.

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Music Editor, As I Hear It, San Diego *Reader*, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803

Artist: **Lindsay Hail**  
Song: **"Hibernate"** (from the CD *Into My Soul*)  
Heard By: **Mollie Hodge**, North Park



Mollie

I think that it was very melodic, and I really liked it. I really hope they make it big because I was really into it; I felt their vibe. They kind of reminded me of Evanescence but in a very different way. At first they reminded me of them, but then as it got more into it, they reminded me more of a slower version of Siouxsie and the Banshees. I think they're talented. I couldn't really understand what she was singing half of the time, so I would read the lyrics. I imagine they would play the Radio Room or even Lestat's or Kadan. It's also really good music to just sit and chill to. If anyone's ever feeling really down, I'd recommend listening to that.

Roots Band.  
*October 2* — David Byrne.  
*October 3* — America.  
*October 5* — Cecilio & Kaponó.  
*October 9* — Duffy.  
*October 19* — Gordon Lightfoot.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
*September 25* — Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band.  
*September 26* — Rock Kandy.  
*September 27* — Ghost Riders and the King Fish Turner Band.  
*September 29* — Doug Allen.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
*October 29* — Anna Troy, Nathan James, Olivia Pierson.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*September 25* — Firefly.  
*September 26* — Innovation.  
*September 26* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

*September 27* — Old School.  
*September 27* — Hot Rod Lincoln.  
*October 2* — Metro.  
*October 3* — Firefly.  
*October 3* — The Heroes.  
*October 4* — The Shockwaves.  
*October 4* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
*October 5* — Innovation.  
*October 9* — The Jones Revival.  
*October 10* — Innovation.  
*October 10* — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.  
*October 11* — The Sandbox.  
*October 11* — Hot Rod Lincoln.  
*October 16* — Firefly.  
*October 17* — The Heroes.  
*October 17* — The Fabulous Pelicans.  
*October 18* — Federal Funk.  
*October 23* — Firefly.  
*October 24* — Innovation.  
*October 24* — Metro.  
*October 25* — Innovation.  
*October 25* — Old School.  
*October 30* — The Jones Revival.  
*October 31* — The Fabulous Pelicans.

**Mandeville Auditorium at** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.  
*October 20* — Laurie Anderson.

**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.  
*October 11* — Fleetwood Max.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.  
*September 25* — The Stilettoes.  
*September 26* — 4 Way Street.  
*September 27* — Harmony Road.  
*September 30* — Gene Warren.

**Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel:** 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.  
*September 27* — Joey & the Sting Rays.

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

**Petco Park:** 100 Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-795-5000.  
*November 4* — Madonna.

**Qualcomm Stadium:** 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.  
*October 24* — Great White.

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

**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.  
*September 26* — Playhouse Disney Live!  
*October 5* — Panic at the Disco and Dashboard Confessional.  
*October 7* — Neil Diamond.  
*November 8* — Carrie Underwood.  
*December 1* — Celtic Thunder.  
*December 21* — The Cheetah Girls.

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church:** 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas.  
*September 27* — “Tribute to Woody Guthrie.”

**Seaport Village:** 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.  
*September 28* — Nova.

**Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.  
*September 25* — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.  
*September 28* — Orquesta Primo.  
*September 30* — Charlie Chavez y Su Afro Truco.

**Smith Recital Hall** at 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-5200.  
*September 27* — Namâd Ensemble.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
*September 27* — Chasing Claymores.  
*October 3* — Shiny Toy Guns.  
*October 10* — Flight to Athena.  
*October 11* — Kataklysm and Dying Fetus.  
*October 12* — Every Time I Die and Revolution Mother.  
*October 15* — Norma Jean and Haste the Day.  
*October 16* — Anberlin and Scary Kids Scaring Kids.  
*October 17* — The Academy Is....  
*October 19* — Conor Oberst & the Mystic Valley Band.  
*October 24* — Chiodos and Silverstein.  
*October 25* — Bleeding Through.  
*October 31* — All Time Low and Mayday Parade.  
*November 1* — Suicide Silence and Emmure.  
*November 2* — Maylene & the Sons of Disaster.  
*November 5* — Hawthorne Heights.  
*November 8* — DragonForce, Turisas, Powerglove.  
*November 14* — Minus the Bear and Annuals.  
*November 15* — Ludo.  
*November 16* — Underoath and Saosin.  
*November 20* — Portugal. The Man and Earl Greyhound.

*November 22* — The Faceless, Born of Osiris, Abigail Williams.  
*November 26* — Shwayze and Tyga.  
*November 29* — Pierce the Veil and Breathe Carolina.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.  
*September 26* — The Paul Ingram Quartet.

**Spreckels Theatre:** 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.  
*October 9* — Sara Bareilles.  
*October 12* — Julieta Venegas.  
*November 1* — Ray Lamontagne.  
*November 8* — Citizen Cope.

**Theatrx:** 155 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-735-2491.  
*October 17* — Dennis Jones.

**Tiki House:** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.  
*September 25* — The Road Dogs.  
*September 26* — Meld.  
*September 27* — Stoney Dudes.  
*September 30* — Trent Hancock.

**Tina's Night Club:** 1956 54th Street, College Area, 619-263-0258.  
*September 28* — Willovealot.

**Tio Leo's Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
*September 26* — The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash.  
*September 27* — The Kneehighs.  
*October 25* — The Farmers.  
*November 1* — Dave the Butcher and U.S. Drag.

**Tio Leo's Mira Mesa:** 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa, 858-695-1461.  
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# Crasher

## YO HO, A PIRATE'S HAT FOR ME

by Josh Board

**I** got an invite to an '80s party and figured that'd wrap up these decade-themed events. I assumed nobody would have a '90s-themed party; I'm not even sure how I'd dress for something like that.

The '80s bash was in Pacific Beach, and I was told to dress up or be denied entrance.

Growing up, everyone told me that I resembled Judge Reinhold, best known for his '80s roles in *Beverly Hills Cop* and *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*. I figured the only way anyone would guess who I was trying to be was if I wore the pirate hat Reinhold wore in *Fast Times*.

Despite my pirate hat and fast-food shirt, my girlfriend said nobody would know who I was.

When I walked into the party, it was quiet. I knew they'd be screening '80s flicks, but I didn't think the crowd would be sitting around the TV watching them. They were watching *Repo Man*, one of the few '80s movies I hadn't seen.

One guy told me that he was at the premiere of that



movie when it came out. He started to tell me about it, but someone told us to quiet down so he could hear the movie.

A woman came over and asked me what the deal was with the pirate hat. I said,

**"They had these Asian guys in a car who talked like Howard Cosell through a big speaker."**

"Okay, well, my girlfriend said nobody would know who I was, so let me say his catchphrase from *Fast Times*: 'I shall serve no fries before their time.'"

Everyone looked confused. I said another line from the

film, and a guy said, "Oh, yeah. You're that dude. Uh, from that

movie...with Sean Penn." I looked at my girlfriend, pleased that I was proving her wrong, that someone knew who I was supposed to be. She said, "Yeah, well, that's one person out of the ten standing here.



Top right: Jesse, left; Bottom right: 6'9" guy

And you had to say the name of the movie."

I saw a crowd in the backyard and figured it would be better to talk to people out there and not worry about having to be quiet for the people watching *Repo Man*.

I approached a guy who was about 6'9" and asked him if he played basketball. "No. I ran track-and-field in high school." I said, "The basketball coach there must've been pissed."

I told him about a guy I once met at a party who was

about his height. When I asked that guy if he played basketball, he said, "Why, because I'm tall and black?" I said, "Uh, yeah." He laughed and then told me that he played college ball. I told him how I'd read in Wilt Chamberlain's biography that Wilt hated when people asked him that or clichés, like "How's the weather up there?" The guy smiled and said, "I realize people probably don't normally see a guy my height, so they ask those questions. It doesn't bother me much. Sometimes I'll joke about it. If someone asks if I play basketball, I say, 'No, I'm a jockey.' A few times, people believed me."

When we talked about his high school track team, he mentioned someone on his team winning a silver medal in the hurdles at the Sydney Olympics. "He also made it to the Olympics in Atlanta. Remember, the one that was bombed?" I said, "Yeah, why? Did he bomb them?"

As I was walking away to talk to others, he told me the guy's name was Mark Career. I wondered if I should Google it.

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I also wondered if he was saying his name was Mark and something about his career and I just didn't hear him properly. I wasn't concerned enough to ask him to clarify.

I heard a few people talking about a Bauhaus concert. I told them that I thought that band was overrated, and we had a small debate about it. Someone mentioned seeing New Order in concert and how horrible it was. I asked if they'd assembled any '80s songs for the party and was told they'd be sticking with '80s movies.

We talked about our favorite '80s films. Someone mentioned *Breakfast Club*. One guy said, "I just don't think it's realistic. Would those guys all have become friends?" There was a disagreement as to whether or not *Pretty in Pink* was any good. We all agreed, however, that *Ferris Bueller* ruled. Someone else mentioned *Valley Girl* and how weird Nicolas Cage was in that. I asked, "Why is it that when people talk about '80s movies it's always the John Hughes-type films? Nobody men-

tions a scary movie such as *Poltergeist*. Or adventures such as *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Nobody mentions classics like *Raging Bull*."

Someone said, "I think that was a '70s movie." I replied, "I think it's 1980. But, my point is, for some reason, '80s films have just come to mean those romantic comedies that John Hughes did."

I told them that I just saw *Say Anything* a few years back for the first time and that I thought it was overrated. They all loved it and told me I was crazy. A woman mentioned another '80s movie John Cusack was in with a kid trying to collect money for his newspaper route. The kid followed Cusack around saying, "I want my two dollars." We all remembered the scene but couldn't remember the name of the movie. Someone said, "It couldn't have been very good if you guys can't remember the title." Another guy said, "No, it was great. They had these Asian guys in a car who talked like Howard Cosell through a big speaker. They'd challenge other cars to races." Someone

responded sarcastically, "Oh, yeah, that sounds great. You really sold it."

I went back inside to grab a Coke. They had food set out, but my girlfriend and I had eaten dinner. I grabbed a few carrots anyway.

I met some people talking in the kitchen. Jesse, who lived there, told me about Vertigo Surfboards, a local company that makes custom boards. Another guy, who seemed as if he'd had a lot to drink, tried to tell me more about the company, but I could barely understand him.

We went into the garage so I could see some of the boards. They pointed out one that was made of

aluminum. I asked if that was common and was told that it's not. They explained that the aluminum is woven in with the fiberglass.

I said, "This may be a stupid question, but do you surf?"

They all told me that they did surf, and I said, "I just wonder if there is anyone who makes surfboards but doesn't surf."

Jesse said, "Yeah, there are. They're in China."

*Repo Man* was still playing in the living room. The crowd watched quietly. One guy, who'd had a lot to drink, would occasionally

slur something such as, "Oh, yeah, this is a good part. Watch this."

I went out to the backyard to talk to the tall dude again.

He told me about his recent high school reunion on the *Queen Mary* and about the people in high school who were popular but now seemed like losers. He added that he was happy to reconnect with his friends.

He told me that the cops showed up because

the party got too rowdy. I thought about the crowd inside and said, "We don't have to worry about that happening here." ■

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# Recession Bleus

Everybody's hurting in this economy except the fortunate few vulture capitalists and hedge traders who got the big tax breaks. But it's a mighty plunge from a stylish stainless spoon to a grease-stained tin fork. If in better times you learned to love truffles and cabernet, then burgers and tacos and canned beer probably won't provide enough pleasure to soothe your frazzled soul.

Happy-hour grazing at a wine bar with decent eats can be the foodie's parachute — if not a CEO's golden parachute, at least one serviceable enough to waft you down easy if your bank balance is blowin' in the wind.

A recommendation a few weeks ago from posse newbie Inta sent us to Hillcrest's Café Bleu, which has replaced the similar Crush. Inta was outta town, so our group consisted of the Lynnester; long, tall Ben-the-Stew; and rejoining us after long exile in a horribly boring Bay Area suburb, the much-missed Mark.

Despite its name, Bleu is physically a study in red, with unbroken, unornamented dark-red walls, except for the bar area along one side of the front, which is illuminated by twinkling blue lights left over from Crush. It's a long rectangular room with dark-painted wooden floors and naked wooden tables, and the lack of soft surfaces makes the room a bit echoey, but not so noisy you'd need to shout. Classic jazz plays softly in the background.

If you're at leisure to get there early (or if you call to reserve them), you may snag coveted seats at one of two mini-lounges: a big, plush couch near the front, which faces a table and two chairs; and, better yet, a parallel pair of chaise longues at the back, with a small table between them. Asking the waiter to peel you a grape would probably be pushing it. You certainly wouldn't ask the waiter we had for that — there was something a touch graceless there, a hint of pressure to order up, eat up, and get out, though nobody was waiting for our table.

The dark secret about happy hour, our waiter made amply clear, is that you not only have to arrive before 6:00 p.m., but your order has to reach the kitchen by that witching hour or your gown will turn to rags, your eating posse into mice, and you'll have to pay at least 25 percent more. We barely squeaked by.

Our choices varied from brilliant to just okay. None were awful, all were fun, and in aggregate we enjoyed our meal hugely — nibbling this, tasting that, gulping the other, while sampling interesting wines from a very smart, mainly affordable list that offers the chance to try most choices in half-glasses.

The appetizer knockout is the wild mushroom vol-au-vent, a buttery, crackling puff-pastry case containing wild mushrooms sautéed with garlic,



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herbs, and white wine, finished with cream sauce, truffle oil, and Parmesan. What makes the dish is that the mushrooms are really wild. No, they don't take their tops off, but they're not confined to supermarket "wild" varieties like portobello and shiitake. Here, the mixture included a generous portion of costly, succulent fresh cèpes (aka porcini) in long, thin slices. With their deep, suave flavor, these may just be the third-best mushroom variety in the world (after truffles and morels). There were plenty of them to savor in the memorable tart.

A charcuterie plate (none of it made in-house) also proved satisfying, offering slices of French *saucisson sec* (like a milder salami) and *saucisson a l'ail* (garlic sausage) along with deliciously rich rillettes (meat cooked slowly in fat until tender, then shredded), with tasty herbed French-bread croutons, huge, tart caper berries, and coarse-grain mustard. (At sister restaurant Market Street Café and French Bakery in San Marcos, the sausages are made by a local artisan.) We didn't try the cheese plate (with honeycomb), but it, too, is clearly a winner: The choices from at least seven international cheeses are listed on a blackboard over the bar, and they're interesting and a natural for a wine bar.

An assortment called "Olives, Almonds, and Dates" offers savory marinated green picholine olives, candied Marcona almonds, and Medjool dates stuffed with pecorino cheese and wrapped

in applewood bacon. Problem, though, is the bacon was dried out, the dates withered with heat rather than plumped with the stuffing, and the cheese not gooey enough to compensate for the dryness. This doesn't compare to the juicy chorizo-Mornay stuffed dates at Whisknadle — it's more like a suburban hostess's chic update of rumaki.

A salad of heirloom tomatoes with Italian water-buffalo mozzarella and prosciutto was rewarding. The garnet-colored tomato slices (perhaps one of those near-black, juicy varieties like Cherokee, or a Russian heirloom like Black Prince) were marinated in garlic and olive oil, served with pale-green chive olive oil and balsamic reduction, and both the cheese and prosciutto were fine. For me, a garnish of cantaloupe and honeydew balls slightly diminished the impact, their simple fruity sweetness stealing the stage from the dark, subtle impact of ripe seasonal tomatoes.

The corn chowder with lump crab was a disappointment. In late August, we all expected a blast of sun-drenched sweet corn, but the thin colloid was also thin in flavor. It just wasn't corny enough. For that matter, it wasn't quite crabby enough either, with merely a spoonful of the meat as a garnish in the center.

An onion tart was also a letdown, given my expectations, although many people like it very much, judging from other reviews and blogs. However,

## REVIEW NAOMI WISE

### Café Bleu

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**PICK HITS:** Mushroom vol-au-vent; heirloom tomato salad; charcuterie plate; cheese plate; vanilla beef short ribs. Other good bets: fried calamari; duck "two ways"; pasta Provençal with wild mushrooms.

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I ordered it imagining something along the lines of André Soltner's fabled onion tart at New York's Lutèce — a reputed marvel of rich custard, deeply caramelized sweet onion shreds, and light, buttery pastry. This was more of a schematic diagram: a useless pile of frisée lounged along one side of the plate like a discarded green fright wig, and in the center, some phyllo sheets were topped with lightly caramelized sautéed onions and red pepper strips, surrounded by black niçoise olives and some puffs of pesto. This was less like Lutèce, more like one of those ten-minute recipes that get published in cooking magazines' "fast and desperate" recipe

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sections. My friends didn't have Soltner's creation on their minds as I did, but they didn't much cotton to this shortcut version either.

If we'd been intent on eating only from the happy-hour menu, we could have filled up on more substantial starters — fried calamari (which chef Stephen Clickner handles expertly, assuming he's using the same recipe he did when he was opening chef at Soleil @k a few years ago), sautéed mussels, pepper steak brochettes. And there were more salads to try, too — a Caesar, of course, and particularly, "Salade Bleu," with an iceberg wedge, bleu-cheese dressing, heirloom tomatoes, and Point Reyes bleu-cheese crumbles. Couldn't be bad.

Had we stayed wholly with happy-hour noshing (before the bell tolled for us at 6:00 p.m.), we could have gotten away for about \$25 per person, including beverages. But time ran out, so we moved on to the regular menu for a few more grazes and then a couple of entrées — which included the house masterpiece. This drove up the bill to about \$50 each, all told, about the same as at the latest spate of "neighborhood restaurants" I've reviewed. (In this case, the extra dishes were necessary because it's my job to taste a lot of things, and the doggie bags afford helpful scrutiny of the leftovers under the mass spectrometer, aka a bright kitchen light.) You can easily split the price difference, eating the best and skipping the rest. And let me point you to the Sunday supper ritual, an ever-changing three-course prix-fixe meal with several choices for each course, for \$25 (plus \$17 for matched wines). Sheesh, what a deal!

Our non-"happy" grazes were a plate of canapés and an ahi tartare. Indeed, both left us somewhat unhappy. I ordered the ahi hoping for something like the visceral roundhouse-right that hit me with this dish at Molly's a few weeks earlier, where the fish was superb and the dressing drove me to delirium. Here it featured ordinary raw tuna chunks in an unremarkable fusion dressing (sesame, sweet soy, ginger, simple syrup). The canapés, presented on a Gallic triple-tier server, consisted of the "chef's selection" of bite-size hors d'oeuvres. Six bites, nearly \$2 a bite. That night's selection: two tiny Manila clams, lightly dressed nothingness. Two little baked poufs of lump crab, pleasing. Two tablespoonfuls of duck confit in some very sweet dressing. Nice confit, 86 the sauce. After our dinner, I read somebody else's review (a respectable pro), noting that the two-way duck entrée (breast and confit) was classic and good, by which I hope the reviewer meant that the skin on the confit was ultra-crisp and the meat moist. (Too often, locally, it's the opposite, with soggy skin and dry flesh.)

For entrées, zeroing in on the "Bistro Specialties," I chose bouillabaisse, just to be mean, since the failure rate on this dish

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is ridiculously high in San Diego. I probably overemphasize authenticity in my view of this dish, so if you don't care, just skim all this stuff. Café Bleu's version is a minimalist sketch of the Provençal classic, rather than the Technicolor live-action version — although it's not terrible by any means. In Marseilles, a bouillabaisse is made from the day's by-catch and trash fish off the fishing docks on the Mediterranean, including a fair amount of net-bruised crustaceans that aren't quite pretty enough for restaurants to feature on their entrée plates. In San Diego, what you're likely to get instead are whatever entrée fish species are in the restaurant's fridge. At Café Bleu, where the chef buys fresh fish daily, you'll get what he wants to use up before tomorrow's fish comes in — and that includes species that have no relation to the sea life of the Mediterranean.

You receive a bowl containing poached pieces of a white fish species (the catch of the day), one single jumbo shrimp, one little scallop, a few mussels and Manila clams, and a pink hunk of mild-flavored Atlantic farm-raised salmon. (Salmon is a cold-water fish, so you'd never find it in an authentic bouillabaisse.) Having all the seafood precooked separately is a great

idea, guaranteeing that each species is done just as much as it should be, not overcooked in the broth as so often happens. Riding across the bowl, like a Sherpa rope-bridge over the Dudh Khosi River, is a long, lightly toasted halved baguette, with a pile of rouille (red pepper aioli) in the center.

The waiter poured on the golden broth from a teapot — the standard fish-stock/tomato/fennel broth, a little light in flavor. Mark pinned it down: "I don't taste any crustacean shells contributing their flavors to this fish stock, or any saffron." Classic bouillabaisse usually includes shellfish shells to enrich the stock — not only more shrimps, but typically a clutch of langoustines — spare parts in the stock, best parts in the soup. In the U.S., many chefs substitute Maine lobster "culls" for pricey langoustine. (Missing a claw, about \$6 a pound wholesale on this coast — wrong ocean, but a good substitution. Who could object to Maine lobster in anything?) "I agree," the chef told me later. "It's the downside of being such a small place. If I'm gonna keep the price-point down, I don't have the ability to bring items in just for one dish." Facing our bouillabaisse, the posse looked upon it and then, almost regrettably, broke the Sherpa baguette-bridge so that the rouille part of the crouton melted into the broth, as it should. It was more bouillabaisse lite than the authentic

thing, but it was decent eating.

Our other entrée was brilliant. As soon as the waiter set down the beef short ribs, Lynne's fine nose — from all the way across the table — could detect the vanilla bean that went into the marinade. The meat had been marinated in vanilla, black pepper, and wine, then braised to a fall-off-the-bone state before the sauce was reduced and the whole megillah plated over a scrumptious creamy mixture of celery-root purée and mashed potatoes. The vanilla raises it from comforting to sexy. This masterpiece, by the way, costs just \$19.50.

Given the fabulosity of the mushroom vol-au-vent, I took another look at the entrée menu to see where the cèpes might appear again. Wild mushrooms are present in chicken and mushroom orecchiette (\$14.50) and in pasta Provençal (\$13.50). These look like good bets for gently priced entrées with silver-spoon flavors. A trout dish also includes wild mushrooms, but not the cèpes.

At the start, the happy-hour prices seduced us into a round of \$5 cocktails — could I possibly resist a "perfect margarita" for that price? Well, it was highly imperfect, lackluster and dull, tasting like a bar mix or too much simple syrup (boiled down sugar-water). Ben tried the Mojito, and it was so sweet he couldn't stand it, and neither could the rest of us. He switched to the Cambria viognier (\$5 happy-hour price, and they did

take the spurned Mojito off the bill). When the rest of us took a sampling sip, we realized that the wines were way better than the cocktails. From then on, we switched to various tastes of the grape. The half-glass option allows plenty of room to play at minimal risk. If you're looking for serious, high-quality reds with character, two choices leap out: a Heitz cabernet ('02) and a Châteauneuf-du-Pape ('04).

We didn't really want dessert, but when Lynne spotted profiteroles on the menu, we decided to gamble on them — Lynne hopefully, me cynically. Profiteroles are mini-cream puffs, easy to make well, even easier to make badly. Here, we suspected that the batter was overbeaten, as the texture was slightly tough and streaky. The puffs were filled with house-made vanilla, *dulce de leche*, and ultra-rich dark chocolate ice creams, dressed at table with flaming chocolate-rum sauce. Being a bit "PC"-inhibited, I let Ben and Mark make all the puns about "flaming." Back from godforsaken Fairfield, Mark seemed overwhelmed with gratitude for a decent meal. Or maybe he was just happy to be back in the posse again, down where a friend is a friend.

## ABOUT THE CHEF

When I interviewed him at Soleil @k downtown, where he was opening chef, chef Stephen Clickner disclosed that, growing up in a small town in Pennsylvania, he'd spent his

high school summers working in restaurants. Once he got a chance to cook on the line, he realized that this was what he wanted to do for his living. He formally apprenticed for three years under a European-trained chef at a Five Diamond Westin resort at Hilton Head in South Carolina, continued on to work there after graduating, and then to work at the Westin in New Orleans. After a brief stint at Postrio in San Francisco, he hired on with cb5, a corporate food-consulting group that contracts with hotel chains to develop menus and recipes and, in some cases, to actually run the hotel restaurants. For a while, he worked at Rice for them; when cb5 sold Rice back to the hotel, he took a year off to regroup, then returned to the hotel scene to work at Soleil @k at the Marriott.

"When I left the Marriott," he said, "I took some time off because my son was born, and I spent about six months with him and my wife. I'd never had a son before — first time! I don't know what I'm doing! But then I had to go to work again to make some money. I ended up at a place in San Marcos called Market Street Café. I met the owner, and we talked for three or four hours, and I saw his vision, his goal, the direction he was going in, and I wanted to be a part of it. I worked up there for a few months, and we started looking for another property to open, and we found Crush for sale. So we ended up buying it,

and we revamped the whole menu.

"It is a big change to go from doing hotel restaurants to a pair of bistros, but it was refreshing. In a hotel, so many other things are involved that the chef is hardly involved in the food — he's involved in the menu planning, the ordering, the paperwork, the payroll; he doesn't spend a lot of time in the kitchen. I wanted to find a place where I could actually cook again. I love it. It reminds me of why I actually started cooking in the first place."

I asked if he did the pastries or had a specialist. "We trained somebody to do that," he said. "We hired someone who's still in culinary school, Elizabeth, and she has been one of the best people — so committed, such a strong workhorse, dedicated, and she's got the right temperament. If the food isn't right, she redoes it. So glad to find somebody like that."

"Our philosophy at Café Bleu is fresh, good food — with the opportunity to spend a little money or a lot of money. We want to get the freshest products we can. The presentations are simple, but the techniques are spot-on, and that's where we push our sous-chefs and line chefs to worry about the cooking.... We get the freshest fish we can, nothing frozen. We buy from local farmers [through Mocerri produce company]. Almost everything we make here, we make from scratch — the ice cream, pastries, sauces, soups." ■



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# Ribs and Guilt

*These babies melt in the mouth. Sauce is sweet, almost winey.*

**J**erry Toliver's a big guy. He's a rock drummer and tennis coach, and he looks like a young James Brown with a headband. So I'm not surprised he's put away a plate of rib tips and potato salad and mac 'n' cheese in no time flat. His buddy Jerome has downed half a slab of baby back ribs with two cobs of corn. He needs his Wheaties as well: the guy's a tae kwon do karate instructor and also a tennis coach.

So I guess they can work off all these calories. Me, I feel a bit guilty coming in here — like, cholesterol central. But I've passed by the sign that says "Baby Back Jack's Barbecue" in red neon above green window canopies a dozen times and longed to try it.

Thank the Lord it's Friday. Sign on the door says they close at 10:00 p.m. most days but not till 11:00 on Fridays and Saturdays. I ask somebody the time. "Just after ten," he says. Great. Look through the window. Busy. I swing in, up to the counter. Not quite sure what to have. Happens this guy Matt — he says he's from Kansas City — is just picking up his to-go order. Kansas City! Barbecue Central, right?

"So what-all are you having?" I ask, like mere mortal to mountaintop guru.

"This is my first time here," Matt says. "So I always start a new place with pork rib tips. They have more fat. Harder to screw up. I like it with fat. They're more tender."

Hmm. Sounds like a good plan. Truth is, though, I've never really understood what all these different ribs are. "Baby back"? From the back of baby porkers? "Spare" ribs? Pigs say,

"Here, have these, I don't need 'em, they're spare"? Didn't Eve come from one of Adam's "spare" ribs? Matt has gone, so it's too late to ask him. O'Neil, the guy working the counter, is too busy, and besides, I can tell he wants me to order.

Basically, the choice is simple. Baby back ribs, pork rib tips, "beefy" ribs, chicken, sandwiches, burgers, and salads. Each category starts at around \$6–\$7 and heads upward. A quarter-rack of baby backs with four bones — and two sides — runs \$7.99. The half (6–7 bones) is \$11.99, and the full (10–12 bones) is \$18.99.

Pork rib tips, which have gristle "bone," are \$7.99 for the 6–7 "bone" dinner (also with two sides) or \$10.99 for the 10–12 "bone" dinner. Beef ribs run from \$6.99 (for one bone) to \$12.99 (3 bones) to \$18.99 (5 bones). 'Course, beef bones are gi-normous compared with piglets' riblets.

I'm sure the sandwiches would be good. Like, BBQ pulled pork or chicken (\$6.99) or beef (\$7.99) sandwiches. Then they have burgers, from \$6–\$8. A Cobb salad runs \$6.99, and chicken Caesar, \$7.99. Hmm...

Oh, right. I notice O'Neil. "While we're young!" he's saying to himself.

Hokay. "Six to seven bone pork rib tips," I say. Man of decision.

"Sides?"

Lordy. Baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, cornbread, right down to sweet potato fries and onion rings. You pay \$1 extra for those last two.

I go for corn on the cob and cornbread, pay

my money, then head for a table. I look around. Sea-green walls, shiny rounded Formica tables. Nice. That's when I meet Jerry and Jerome. And at the next table, there's this family. Boy and girl and, turns out, their aunt and uncle. They're all chowing into baby back ribs and corn and yakking away. I swear. There's something primitive-social about gnawing into bones together. Pretty soon the girl, Ajanae, is telling me about how she often goes to court with her dad. "He's the top defense attorney in San Diego," she says. "Thomas P. Matthews. I hear his speeches." She critiques his speeches. She's nine. Jesse, her eight-year-old brother, is a baseball talent. "He's already known as 'Triple-Play Matthews,'" says Consuelo, his aunt.

Oh, man. My ribs have been sitting here five whole minutes. Guilty as charged, your honor. Nattering too much, got caught up in things. I hate missing the hot and steamy moment they arrive. But I gouge into them, and tender? These babies melt in the mouth, just as Matt said they would. Sauce is sweet, almost winey. I don't get through the corn. I don't get through the cornbread. Heck, I still have a couple of ribs staring up at me when I quit, and they start closing down the store. Gent who comes and politely tells me the end is nigh, turns out, is Jack. Hey! So there is a real Jack. He offers to put my stuff in a box.



Jack's Barbecue

"In the box, Jack?" I almost say.

Complaints? Only one. He doesn't have one of those split oil-drum cookers searing ribs outside like they do down at Croom's in Chula Vista, where you see the smoke, you inhale the sweet smell of the ribs from a mile away, and half the pleasure is following your nose to the source. Apart from that, hey, I'm hooked.

And cholesterol guilt? Not tonight. I get to the bus stop at Richmond and *whack!?* The night's last downtown bus has, like, gawn. So, great. Now I can walk these ribs off, all the way through Hillcrest to catch the last 120 at Fourth. ■

**The Place:** Jack's Barbecue, 1290 University Avenue (at Richmond), Hillcrest, 619-574-1644

**Type of Food:** Barbecue

**Prices:** Quarter-rack baby back ribs (4 bones, choice of 2 sides, including baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, cornbread), \$7.99 (sweet potato fries, \$1 extra); half (6–7 bones), \$11.99; full (10–12 bones), \$18.99; pork rib tips, \$7.99 (6–7 bones, 2 sides); \$10.99 (10–12 bones); beef ribs \$6.99 (1 bone); \$12.99 (3 bones); \$18.99 (5 bones); BBQ pulled pork or chicken sandwich, \$6.99; beef sandwich, \$7.99; hamburger, fries, \$5.99; Cobb salad, \$6.99; chicken Caesar, \$7.99

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## BEACHES

**Adobe El Restaurante** 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-550-1000. Adobe offers California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with locally farmed vegetables — try the fine, venturesome chipotle lobster bisque, tender roasted salmon, delightful dessert sampler. The resort is amidst a host of science and technology institutes and UCSD, and its kitchen sometimes must serve too many masters — dedicated diners, hotel guests (including tots), conferencing technocrats, plus the usual parties and banquets. Hence, some of the food is a touch detuned to suit cautious and/or inattentive eaters. California wines exclusively, enough by the glass, most bottles over \$40. Full bar. No cell phones in dining room. Long trek from validated self-parking to restaurant; mobility impaired should call for directions to valet parking or to arrange lift by shuttle-tram from lot. Lacto-vegetarians easily accommodated to order. Resort casual, a bit dressy on weekends. Three meals daily (including Sunday brunch, when

rugrats eat free). Moderately expensive. — N.W.

**Bare Back Grill** 4640 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from Prime NZ Angus to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Broken Yolk Café** 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg Broken Yolk Café Special comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — \$19.99. My advice: split a four-egger. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**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.

**Fairouz Café and Gallery** 3166 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful

Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

**Great Moon Buffet** 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**JRDN** 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. It's a day at the beach: Befitting a restaurant digging its feet into the sand, the food here is fresh, fun, and unfussy, featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats (including truly tasty spice-rubbed steaks), organic/local produce, and a separate sushi bar. The dishes cover the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. The chic interior, relaxed atmosphere, and great grazing draw an exuberant, youngish crowd. Creative cocktails are part of the charm, along with a venturesome wine list with plenty by the glass. Tables (reservable) on the heated beachfront patio could easily become a summertime lifestyle. Validated valet parking. Just one lacto-vegetarian entrée, but vegetable sides plus salads fill in amply. Bread available by request only. Lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Entrées expensive. — N.W.

**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.

**La Jolla Brew House** 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multigenerational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**La Jolla Rancherita** 7404 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-5877. Most of the year this modest eatery serves a standard border-Mexican menu (*antojito* combos, a few typical entrées) running toward the mild side

but with a wider, more interesting assortment of fresh salads than most of its ilk. (Hey, it's La Jolla!) But when local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that gets them live and does them right — and you don't have to put up with a frat party or tourist scene. The good-size, juicy critters (at least a pound each) are halved and gently grilled (not abused by the usual lardy deep fry), and come with two melted butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. The lobsters aren't on the written menu but are treated as specials. Call before you go to make sure they're on hand that day. Full bar. Moderate. — N.W.

**Latin Chef** 1142 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-8810. In a tiny, cheerful (and noisy) storefront with a small street patio, you'll find Peruvian and Chinese-Peruvian cuisine carefully cooked with rare, authentic ingredients, including *chanchitos* (special toasted corn kernels) to nibble instead of bread. The ceviches are brightly refreshing, and in *papas huancainas*, potatoes are treated to a suave golden cheese sauce. The outstanding *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) are impeccably seasoned; for a perfect Peruvian flavor, ask for the *aji verde* (green hot sauce) for dipping. *Lomo saltado* (sauteed beef, veggies, and fries) is made with tender sirloin. *Aji de gallina* (spicy chicken) is a family recipe that's deliberately detuned for kiddies; the hot salsas (the medium-hot green or the hotter red one) will perk it up. *Chaufas*, Chinese fried rice dishes, are popular with local Peruvians. No alcohol; BYO in a paper bag or try *chicha morada*, a refreshing sweet drink made with purple corn. Friendly, articulate owner is happy to explain the cuisine and culture. Difficult street parking. Three vegetarian entrées plus several meatless appetizers. Reservations vital. Dinner weekdays, lunch and dinner weekends. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Mardi Gras Café** 3185 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season.

Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for take-out. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Michele Coulon Pastries** 7556-D Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of the Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — N.W.

**Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli** 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. 'Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible mommys East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner ("serious" breakfasts daily except Tuesday and Thursday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

## BAJA

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**El Cid** Lopez Mateos #993, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the Specialties section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sir-

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**Fonda Roberto's** Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard, next to CESUN Universidad), Baja, 664-686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach" Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterey cheese, all swimming in a chocolate mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos de Moctezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camaron seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Vegetarian upon request. Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Lonchería La Poca Lucha** Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Baja. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies

bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

**Alambre's Mexican Grill** 756 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharon de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in Maggie's sauce. Specialty is

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the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Alexander's** 3391 30th Street, North Park, 619-281-2539. The southern part of North Park needed a good neighborhood Italian restaurant. The son of the owners of Point's Loma's Old Venice has provided one, with a menu abbreviated from that of the mother-ship, including plenty of seafood and

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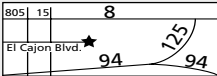
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many Greek-influenced dishes. The new restaurant still cleaves to its parent's old San Diego ways (e.g., ingredients aren't impressive, and all entrées come with the same veggie medley), but the competent kitchen turns out some delicious dishes, especially pastas (try the linguine de Kathleen), specials, and reasonably thin-crust, interesting pizzas. The interior is bright, white, and very loud; the roofed and heated back patio is dimly lit and quieter. Wine, sangria, beer. Take-out orders accepted by phone. Reservations advised. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

**The Better Half Bistro** 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-9340. "Explore — don't bore!" is the unspoken motto of world-traveled chef John

Kennedy (a veteran of the kitchens of Thomas Keller, Charlie Trotter, and Daniel Boulud) at this civilized little haven for fearless foodies. The globe provides Kennedy's flavor palette, while his techniques are rigorously French. The seasonal menu ranges from frog legs to antelope and includes that rarity, a housemade charcuterie platter (right down to the mustard). Sunday brunches include house-smoked bacon and an outrageous "Monte Cristo" of beer-battered fried bread filled with pork and duck confit with foie gras butter. But that's just the start of the creative ethic here: Phone 24 hours ahead, and he'll cook you just about whatever you want. A Chef's Whim tasting menu is aimed at the growing crowd of regulars — like *omakase* at a sushi bar, it's designed not by the night but for the individual, to please each diner's particular palate. The restaurant is named for its vast array of wines by the half bottle (lots of great French choices) assembled by owner-sommelier Zubin Desai. Or bring your own prized bottle

— corkage is minimal. Vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free meals on request. Two shallow steps up into dining room, but heated dining courtyard is wheelchair accessible. Reservations a must. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Bite Bistro and Wine Bar** 1417 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Chef-owner Chris Walsh, long-time culinary saint of Hillcrest, cooks up the inventive California tapas he's known for at this lively, local spot. The flavors are Mediterranean-influenced with original touches. The top of the hit list includes a foie gras crème brûlée; luscious poached oysters with truffle-chive butter; and witty foie gras medallions with tropical fruit and pine-nut brittle (Perigord meets Dollywood). Grilled Japanese eggplant with beet carpaccio, lamb meatballs, steak frites, and berry sabayon are nothing to sneeze at, either. Bring friends to share with. An eclectic international wine list offers loads by the glass and bottlings at a wide price range, but don't miss the fragrant, seductive cocktail of prosecco

with rose syrup. Tuesday nights, bargain-priced (\$20) prix fixe dinner. Wines half off on Mondays. Grazing dinners Wednesday through Monday; open weekends until 11 p.m. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they add up. — *N.W.*

**Bleu Bohème** 4090 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Restaurateur Philippe Beltran's classic French bistro, *tres chic* but informal and quite noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, French-in-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire — dishes like Burgundian escargots (perfect), a lightened coq au vin (nice) and Mediterranean bouillabaisse (nearly fatally compromised by wrong-tasting cold-water species like salmon and halibut). But in this restaurant-starved, fashion-conscious part of town, many patrons adore the joint. (*Chacun à son goût.*) And at the end you can feast on an air-light soufflé glacé au Grand-Marnier, almost making the dinner "worth a detour," as they say in *The Michelin Guide*. Smart, mainly French wine list includes wide choice of tasty, affordable "food wines," with lots by the glass and half bottle; full bar with creative martinis. Small parking lot, sidewalk patio seating in fair weather. Lunch and dinner daily. High moderate. — *N.W.*

**Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant** 5580 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Here you'll find a full range of engaging traditional Korean dishes as well as tabletop gas-fired barbecue featuring Coleman Natural grass-fed beef and premium Berkshire pork. (There's also a sushi bar.) Dinners include plenty of *pan chan*, small plates of savory relishes that make the meal special, furnishing an ever-changing array of piquant flavors. Aside from the BBQ meats (which you should order last, to leave table room until you're ready to turn pure carnivore), some tasty treats include simmered black cod in hot and spicy sauce (dinner item #7), miso soup with pork (dinner item #4), stone pot rice, bibimbap (dinner item #22), mandoo dumplings (casserole item #13). Few vegetarian choices. Bar items include Asian beers, sake, soju. Can get noisy. Dinner reser-

vations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner, moderate prices, with special prix fixe BBQ and Korean dinners available for groups. — *N.W.*

**Busalacchi's Ristorante** 3683 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux-marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari steak bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

**Café One Three** 4107 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-260-1311. This is the neighborhood café that every neighborhood wants. It's small but smartly decorated and offers a heated outdoor dining patio to escape the noisy interior in good weather. The fare is a light, healthy, seasonally changing menu of interesting dishes with flavors drawn from all over the globe and featuring mainly locally grown produce. The tortilla soup is just right, and the savory beef-less meat loaf (of turkey, pork, and veal) is probably tastier than Mom's, and certainly lighter. At least two vegan entrées and plenty for lacto-vegetarians. A glassed pastry case reveals the dessert chef's daily array. The California wine list offers plenty of affordable bottles and glasses, like a true bistro (with half-price bottles Wednesday and Sunday nights). Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; three meals Saturday; brunch only on Sunday. Moderate, with inexpensive early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.*

**Cantina Mayahuel** 2934 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Here, you're in a Latino-chic world, but don't be afraid to order simple things, like shrimp or beef tacos. Larry Auman, the owner-chef-artist, makes you feel you're in Mexico City or Veracruz with his masks and yellow-wash walls and those awesome, interesting tacos. The Caesar salad is wonderful, too. Try it with mahimahi or shrimp. Also look for specials like Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef) or Yucatán seafood stew with salsa, habanero, and ginger on black beans and rice. For all the folk-industrial glamour, we're talking Latin-American comfort food. This cantina is what San Diego should be: bicultural. Bring both languages. Open noon to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant** 3671 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. — *N.W.*

**City Delicatessen** 555 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checkered tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowing red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Waitstaff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tablesides jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Darband Fifth Avenue Grill** 1556 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. Khoresht Bademjan is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. Barg is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cu-



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**DeMedici** 815 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**European Market & Deli** 4135 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and bechamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Extraordinary Desserts — Bankers Hill** 2929 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Georges on Fifth** 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit-bited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W.*

**The Guild Restaurant and Lounge** 1805 Newton Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-564-7584. A succinct menu features worldwide cuisine served in "small plates" to share with friends in this artistic, bohemian, out-of-the-way spot where other chefs are often spotted snacking. International boutique wines and sakes, most available by the glass and half-glass, plus creative *shoju* (strong rice wine) cocktails. Reservations advisable for dinner any evening. Call for directions; restaurant is south of where freeway ramps bisect the barrio. Calm-to-lively sound

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**Harbor House** 831 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned “haute” preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Hawthorn's Restaurant** 2895 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-1688. When this long-standing Banker's Hill restaurant moved to spiffy (if quite noisy) new digs here, the change proved positive in every way. Menu choices are now fewer but better, with superior ingredients including

varied and seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. The kitchen now does more from scratch, and you can taste all these improvements on the plate. The fare is Mediterranean-American with Mexican touches. Most desserts outsourced. Wide-ranging wine list, full bar, corkage a reasonable \$15. Reservations recommended, especially on weekends. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Islander Grill** 3645 Park Boulevard, North Park, 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy ipot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Jayne's Gastropub** 4677 30th Street, North Park, 619-563-1011. You'll find great appetizers for sharing here — not pub grub, but fine, sophisticated southern-European treats like savory hummus, tasty fried calamari, and Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Main courses run to comfort food and are rather a matter of taste — the

younger drinking crowd eats 'em up, while seasoned gastronomes aren't always as enthusiastic. Either way, it's a hip, nabe hangout for those who can handle ear-busting noise. In good weather, seating on the back patio relieves the sonic overload. Full bar with excellent wine and beer choices. One vegan entrée, one vegetarian-adaptable pasta. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Appetizer dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Pierre's Place** 1404 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-727-4700. Guys swirl pizza dough like they were in Cirque du Soleil. Other kids run back and forth cooking, serving. Who'd guess they're all homeless teens who live and study here at the Toussaint Center? This eatery's new, smart, a mix of quarry stone, blond wood, sea-green chairs, red walls, brown leather couches, and full bookshelves. Food's good, too. You might say nouvelle Italian-Californian. Think California Pizza meets Father Joe. Interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini* (nice and squelchy with provolone, red peppers, pesto), and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham *capicola*, provolone). The “vanillages” gelato, with bits of apple pie, ain't half bad either. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Puerto la Boca** 2060 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — freerange and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp *la boca*. Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ooquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — *N.W.*

**Sausage King** 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who run this place do. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest

ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from homemade liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sidebar Deli** 225 Cedar Street, Downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is “Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others.” It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food** 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Golden Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county. Sister Pee Wee says her lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens, and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Weekdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m., Sunday closed. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Starlite** 3175 India Street, Little Italy, 619-358-9766. No pedestrian pub grub at this lounge — nearly all the major staffers are protégés of now-departed Michael Stebner, conduit of the Alice Waters's ethos of local and natural. Chefs hang out here off duty. The seasonal menu of California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages (do try the house-made sausage plate!), and local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat-iron steak are knockouts, and for dessert let your inner child commune with your outer adult over the irresistible toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Short, smart, merciful wine list with French and California wines at way-below-average markups, scanty by the glass. Full bar with creative cocktails. About seven lacto-vegetarian dishes, one for vegans. Age 21 and up

only. Free parking lot attached. Dinner nightly, moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Strip Club** 340 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantism. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinner nightly, open until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Venissimo Cheese** 754 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don't ask for Velveta here. Everything else, they've got: 60-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around \$30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky *Epousses Berthaut*, or the beautifully tangy *Schloss*. Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit — it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Yakitori Yakyudori** 3739 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-4189. Yakitori are the Japanese equivalent of satay or mini-kebabs — little grilled skewers of grilled or fried goodies, each marinated and/or garnished to flatter its nature. Making a meal of them is as much fun as eating Spanish tapas — but more exotic. A highlight here is *kawasu* (chicken-skin salad, divinely tender and unrecognizable in its dressing). Tender fried tofu, skewered pork with

*shiso*, chicken heart, and octopus fritters are among the standouts — but all variations of the less-challenging beef skewers are wonderful, too. Posters on the wall list the “top tens” of Japanese and American clients, and between them they'll guide you to the best dishes. Arrive early, preferably on a weeknight. No reservations, small restaurant fills up fast. Happy hour weeknights 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with discounts on drinks and appetizers. About six vegan dishes (if you discard bonito flakes) plus salads, tofu, rice. Gets noisy as night progresses. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

## NORTH INLAND

**Buca di Beppo — Mira Mesa** 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. 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. Try the *penne 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.*

**Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant** 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. “Revels,” as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several “stuffed” dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W.*



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**Crab Hut** 4646 Convey Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, bare-bones eatery, specializing in Louisian-oid fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Whatever you order, you'll have a great time suckin' da heads and getting smeared with red sauce (bibs are provided and needed). But this isn't N'awlins—instead of seasoning by the boil alone, the crabs and crawfish are drenched in thick, spicy sauces (“medium” means “cayenne-loaded”). And the light, tasty seafood gumbo with crisp veggies is more Asian than Cajun. Check the hanging board near the back for the specials and current crawfish condition. Live season runs from November through spring. Fried catfish filet and shrimp with lemon-pepper sauce are particularly savory. No reservations, no veggies, near-est dessert at yogurt store next door. Crowded parking lot; come early on weeknights. No alcohol; no BYO. Lunch and dinner on weekends; weekdays, late lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**A Delight of France** 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Satur-

day; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**The French Market Grille** 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M.

**Hunan** 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrees. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

## NORTH COASTAL

**Americana** 1454 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring worldwide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a “Roman breakfast” of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M.

**The Bird House Grill** 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — “Iskender” means “Alexander.” Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The Shepherd's Salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy.

Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**California Pizza Kitchen — Carmel Valley** 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-675-4424. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Knockout Pizza** 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Market Restaurant and Bar** 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Market occupies an odd location, way out in the boonies of far-east Del Mar, but it's worth seeking out. The menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs chef-owner Carl Schroeder (formerly at Arterra) finds at the local produce market (Chino Farms) and from the nearby seas. Despite the ambitious food and prices, vibes are neighborhood restaurant — people are having a good time here, and so will you. For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good, with no letdown. At our visit, boneless

beef shortribs, North Atlantic monkfish, bluenose bass, and venison chops were all imaginative, with perfectly sized portions and intriguing sides. Appetizers may include celery-root soup, Maine lobster salad, bleu-cheese soufflé, and a strudel of forest mushrooms and artichokes, all of them scrumptious — but the menu could be completely different when you visit, so be prepared. This is truly seasonal, local cuisine, and hurry for that. Dinner nightly. Reservations essential. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W.

**El Q'ero** 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepeszy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru.



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**St. Germain's Café** 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn café potatoes or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American

classics (including some veggie choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Tip Top Meats** 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big

John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Trattoria Positano** 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — N.W.

SOUTH BAY

**Asian Noodle** 1430 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You've got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It's an outpost

of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family's Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi, (Mr. Ma's "Mi" — noodles). Yes, MaMi's a little bland, but it's filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Chez Loma French Bistro** 1132 Loma Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0661. Occupying a charming, cozy historic cottage a few blocks from the Del, this very French bistro has ceased its previous descent into decay, thanks to a change of owners in late 2005. They've introduced more careful cooking, fresher ingredients, more accommodating service. You'll still find all the classics of French bourgeois cuisine on the menu along with lighter, more modern dishes such as salmon crusted with horseradish. Don't miss the heart-warming Normandy-style onion soup flavored with apple cider. An adventurous wine list with interesting regional French bottles at modest markups adds to the pleasures. Three different three-course prix-fixe dinners (at varying prices) all offer good value, especially the early-bird super-bargain menu (\$24.95) available 4-6 p.m. nightly (all evening on Tuesdays). On Wednesdays, most wines are half price. Ground-floor dining room wheelchair accessible; specify when reserving. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. A la carte expensive. — N.W.

**China Super Buffet** 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It's an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Miguel's Cocina — Coronado** 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-

437-4237. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

**Mistral** 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado, 619-424-4000. Not just for tourists, but a lovely getaway for locals, the luxurious dining room with its wraparound windows on the bay is one of the most romantic spots in town with comfortable banquette seating, a view from every table, and an atmosphere that's quietly festive, not formal. The light, elegant, healthful Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Combinations can be witty and a bit whimsical. An excellent wine list at very reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. (If you want a tasting dinner with matching wines, speak to the knowledgeable, trustworthy sommelier.) Inexpensive validated valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Reserve a few nights ahead, as many dinners here are sold out or special events. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — N.W.

EAST COUNTY

**The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon** 27413 Highway 76, Julian, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Open Saturday and

Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Paipa's Oasis** 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gamble through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B.

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Julian, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. ("With syrup" breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Trattoria Antica** 5654 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-9919. This is the Italian cooking of joy. New York expats, especially, will rejoice to discover fabulous food and warm hospitality to equal their Manhattan favorites — in a La Mesa strip mall. The indulgent, ambitious, full-flavored dishes are made with uncompromised Italian ingredients (e.g., San Daniele prosciutto, imported fontina cheese) and the Sicilian-born chef knows just what to do with them. This is *abbondanza* — not just abundance in portion size, but in the soul-felt appreciation of the pleasure of life. Wine (with lots of interesting Italian bottlings) and beer. Reservations strongly advised. Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive. — N.W.

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By **spooks69** 11:07 p.m., Sept. 8

Royal India, Downtown

Indian cuisine is my favorite of all the cuisines in the whole wide world. I have tried Indian food all over the world. Since I am living in San Diego, I have tried all the Indian restaurants in the Gaslamp and neighboring areas. When Royal India opened last year, I thought it was going to be just another Indian restaurant, but I was really impressed after tasting their food. I have been a regular at Royal India ever since. I read Naomi Wise's editorial and was truly disappointed and could not disagree more with some of the contents. Chicken Tikka Masala is one of my favorite dishes at Royal India, and in the past two years I have never been disappointed with any of their dishes. The food at Royal India is as authentic as it gets. Good job Royal India. FYI: NAOMI, SAMOSA IS NEVER BAKED IN ANY OF THE RESTAURANTS; IT'S ALWAYS FRIED.  
By **johnndevin** 12:34 p.m., Sept. 10

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By **bradleyk** 1:08 p.m., Sept. 11

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## Got Smart

*These filmmakers have always been commercial. They have simply never been avaricious.*

Perception that the Coen brothers are running a little low on inspiration, albeit still nowhere near empty, will not now need to be radically revised. Remake: *The Ladykillers*. Book adaptation: *No Country for Old Men*. And their latest effort, *Burn after Reading*, even though an original, is at a glance a revisitation of their favored stupidity theme. Back to the well once more. Much, even so, may be said in their defense.

The first thing to be said is that, no matter in how many ways and how many guises they have visited it (*Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski*, that one above all, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the secondhand *Ladykillers*, at least the Llewellyn Moss protagonist in *No Country...*), the stupidity theme remains timeless and timely in a country where George W. Bush can have twice — twice! — been elected President, and where the worst aspersion that can be cast on a Democratic aspirant to the office is “elitist.” A thinking man might suppose that a competing Republican aspirant who owns seven

or eight houses could be tagged a kind of elitist, too. But after all, a poor man has an easier time in identifying with, or envying, the rich man than a bonehead has in identifying with or envying the egghead. It takes less imagination. It takes no more than, to put a fine point on it, stupidity.

The next thing to be said is that, although no overt politics emerge, the placement of the stupidity theme within the Washington, D.C., intelligence community is highly strategic, calculating, revitalizing, resonating, and, well, intelligent. (The memorable line from the original *Manchurian Candidate* swims up from the depths: “Intelligence officer! Stupidity officer is more like it.”) True to form, true as ever to their innate artfulness and integrity, the Coens do not permit themselves the luxury and convenience of a mouthpiece on screen.

The character railing against the “morons” and “idiots” of the world, almost invariably “fucking morons” and “fucking idiots,” is a mid-level CIA analyst (John Malkovich) who, out of concern over his alcohol intake,



*Burn after Reading*

has been shoved off “the Balkans desk” and, in effect, out the door, whereupon he sets to work desultorily on an incendiary memoir, fastidiously pronounced “memwah,” in between drinks and daytime TV game shows. We might recall that the anti-Hollywood railing in *Barton Fink*, to whatever extent the Coens would have agreed with it, was put in the mouth of a sanctimonious

swellhead.

The agent’s flinty wife (Tilda Swinton) is meanwhile letting her hair down and pulling her knickers off for a tightly wound, twitchy T-man (George Clooney) who prides himself on never having fired his weapon in twenty years of “personal protection” service, and who, unbeknownst to the CIA man’s wife but not to his own wife, is

a serial philanderer. (Both wives, while not the tiniest bit nurturing by nature, are professionally involved with children: pediatrician and kiddie-lit author.) In furtive preparation for divorce, the CIA wife prudently copies her husband’s computer files onto a CD, inchoate memoir included, which finds its way, via the capacious purse of her attorney’s receptionist, to the

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locker-room floor in a Hardbodies Fitness Center. One of the cheerful trainers there (Brad Pitt) can't make heads or tails of the "secret shit" on it, but he feels sure that a Good Samaritan, indistinguishable from a blackmailer, would be due a reward for its return. Failing that, his conspiratorial co-worker (Frances McDormand), in hopes of financing four separate cosmetic surgeries to "reinvent" herself, is prepared to peddle the disc to the Russian Embassy: "I told Mr. Krapkin I might be stopping by." (True words spoken: McDormand's body is manifestly "not a phony-baloney Hollywood body.") The stupidity theme has thus been interlaced with themes of deception, discontentment, self-delusion, double lives. The film, if I need to make it plainer, is a comedy, but a pretty deep one.

Another thing to be said for the Coens is that, however repetitive the theme, there is no slacking off in technique and execution. The fast hour and a half is consistently, unisistently funny, with only a rare lapse in taste (a homemade marital aid, a couple of splashes of Scorsese-esque gore) and never really a lapse in tone. And although the regular and reliable Roger Deakins has been replaced with Emmanuel Lubezki (*Children of Men*, most noteworthy), the cinematography doesn't suffer, with its crystal-clear air, its fine-line focus, and its scythe-like camerawork, angling slightly upwards, attacking from all sides, intermittently cutting a path in a spurt of purposeful fluidity. Gratuitous beautiful shot: straight up into a falling rain from the neck-wrenching viewpoint of the CIA man when thwarted by a changed lock on his front stoop.

The Coens continue, too, to put to good use actors whom I thought priorly I disliked. One of these, Clooney, has become as tried-and-true a Coen repertory player as John Turturro or Steve Buscemi ever was (and seems, alas, to be no more). But another one, Pitt, is new to the team — though if I remember right, he had been attached to an earlier Coen project, a war film, that never came to fruition — and he has been entrusted with the brunt of the *de rigueur* hair humor, a flaxen streak in his whisk-broom bristles. It would not be intended as any sort of insult to say that he is completely credible as a birdbrain, conventionally amusing when boogeying to his inaudible iPod, but uniquely amusing when striving to be properly huggemugger, narrowing his eyes and dropping into *sotto voce* confidentiality. Pretty much the same could be said for the bilious Malkovich — the prior dislike, the newness to the team — except he has no hair and instead rubs his head as sensuously as any bowling ball was rubbed in *The Big Lebowski*. McDormand and Swinton, along with Richard Jenkins, David Rasche, J.K. Simmons, J.R. Horne, and Jeffrey DeMunn, I have no difficulty liking.

The final thing to be said (not that there aren't more things that could be said) is that, after reaching the top of Mount Oscar with *No Country for Old Men*, and in spite of the blinding Star Power of Clooney and Pitt, the Coens are still the Coens. Joel and Ethan, co-writers and co-directors. Box-office receipts to the contrary, these filmmakers have always been commercial. They have simply never been avaricious. Never been panderers, never sellouts. If they have been held back in public acceptance, the reasons in large part would be because it's abundantly clear that regardless how stupid their characters, they themselves are smarties. (Elitists, if you must.) They are not the Farrelly brothers. Dumb as their dumbbells. *Burn after Reading* typically offers the viewer no one to identify with, apart, that is, from the unseen Coens. (Notice, for instance, that while the Clooney character has a fascination with flooring, the Coens' camera disdains to follow his interest.) It divides its time democratically among all the main cast members, granting no special favors to Pitt and Clooney, who incidentally spend no more than a split second together. And, a lesson applied from *No Country for Old Men*, it perversely allows major developments to transpire offscreen. All of that shouldn't prevent its popularity. It should merely limit it.

P.S. Happy fifty-first birthday to Ethan this coming Sunday, September 21. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

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past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SDRReader.com.

**The African Queen** — An abnormally hairy, scratching, apish Bogart and a normally haughty Hepburn appear to thrive and purr and scarcely conceal their delight amid the purported annoyances of the Congo wilderness, of the First World War, and of each other's company. James Agee's script seems somewhat trampled-on, as though it were regarded as no more than a functional performing-platform for the two dazzling stars. Directed by John Huston. 1951.


★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/18 THROUGH 20, 7:30 P.M.)

**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; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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tedious, too. An introspective hit man ("I'd like to meet someone, but it's tough when you live out of a suitcase") trains a pick-pocket as his successor, and moons over a beautiful mute pharmacist, on his last big job before retirement. The Pang Brothers' English-language remake of their own 1999 action film has a bluish image that turns human flesh into fish flesh. Nicolas Cage, Shahkrit Yamnarm, Charlie Yeung. 2008.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**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

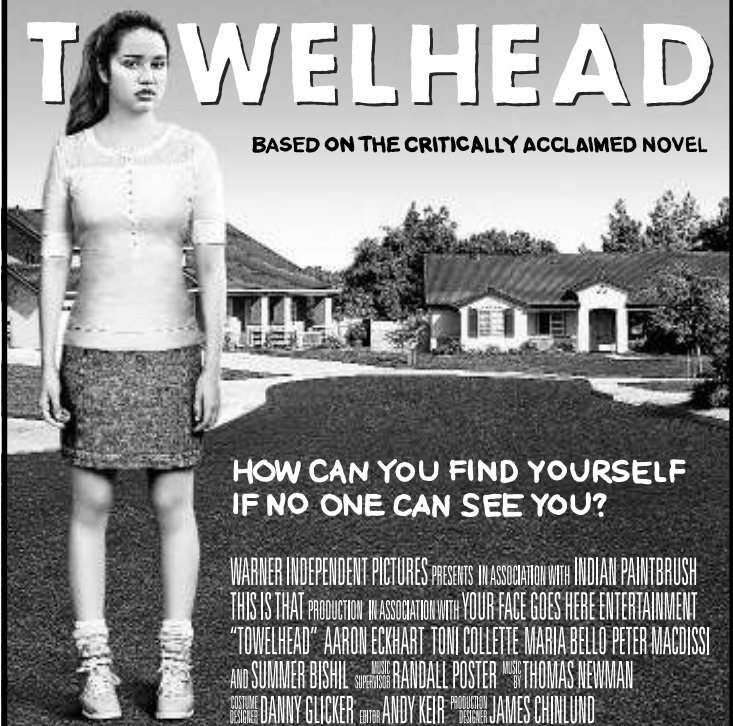
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● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

**Burn after Reading** — Reviewed this issue. With George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, and John Malkovich; written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen.  
★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; 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; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18, TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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



Righteous Kill

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 mu-

sic alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker — banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s

manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al

Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan’s lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can’t trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008.  
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; 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; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Flow** — Documentary by Irena Salina on the world’s dwindling supply of water. (KEN, 9/19 THROUGH 25)

**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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

**Ghost Town** — Supernatural comedy starring Ricky Gervais, Greg Kinnear, and Téa Leoni, directed by David Koepf. (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 VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/19)

**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 in-

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genuine, 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. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Hancock** — Two ideas prevail. The first may be summed up in the term “anti-superhero,” or if you prefer it, “super-anti-hero.” The hero, that is to say, possesses the full complement of comic-book superpowers, yet he boozes round the clock, goes days without shaving, dresses like a slob if not a bum (rejecting the conventional superhero’s uniform as fit for a “homo”), is surly, rude, profane. Why he bestirs himself to pursue criminals is not apparent, but he never worries about collateral damage in the course of that pursuit, knocking down freeway signs, piling up cop cars, taking chunks out of skyscrapers, racking up a \$9 million repair bill in just the film’s opening chase scene. The personality, in short, of an above-the-law pro athlete or rock star. The second idea, a late turn of plot, cannot be divulged. Then again, it is not really worth divulging. Nothing more, for that matter, is really worth divulging, if only because of the decision — the bad idea — the anti-idea — to sign up Peter Berg as the director, bringing to this juvenile fantasy the same *cinéma-vérité* affectations he brought to the ripped-from-the-headlines terrorist thriller, *The Kingdom*, or to the football docudrama, *Friday Night Lights*, the same jiggly, wavery, zoomy camerawork, the same pushy, tight, tunnel-vision closeups. To put a movie in his hands is to put it in very shaky hands indeed. Never mind a special-effects blockbuster, Peter Berg could not be entrusted to shoot a child’s birthday party. Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron. 2008. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Hellboy II: The Golden Army** — A black mark on the record of director Guillermo del Toro, whose record, which started out so clean with *Cronos* in his native Mexico and *Mimic* in the Hollywood system, looks now a bit ink-stained: *Blade II*, the first and second *Hellboy*, and nothing else that comes close to those first two. If the panegyricized *Pan’s Labyrinth* (immediately preceding) was itself overly clogged in its visuals, his present production has a lot more money, more graphic design, more CGI, more costumes, more makeup, etc., with which to be clogged. To try, amid the congestion, to pick out evidence of his personal obsessions with subterranean realms and creepy-crawly life forms has become a joyless, though not a fruitless, exercise. The pivotal scene in the movie, irksomely jokey already, is without doubt the drunken duet between the titular sunburned hero and his aquamarine sidekick, Abe, a lachrymose sing-along to Barry Manilow’s “Can’t Smile without You.” (The red man is having troubles with his combustible new bride — “I would give my life for her, but she also wants me to do the dishes” — and the blue man has a crush on a flaxen-haired, powder-faced fairy princess, the sister of a netherworld insurrectionist scheming to overthrow humanity.) Some sorts of viewers — the immature, the tasteless, the silly — will possibly see this scene as the highlight, but the more seasoned are sure to feel it disqualifies the movie from its subsequent ponderings of the destruction of mankind, the eternal tug-of-war between self-interest and the commonweal, and the would-be wrenching death scene at the climax. They are likely to feel further that it disqualifies the movie from subsequent sequels. With Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Luke Goss, and Anna Walton. 2008. ● (GASLAMP 15)

**The House Bunny** — Bimbo comedy about an evictee from the Playboy Mansion (a frisky Anna Faris) who becomes house mother to the misfits of Zeta Sorority, helpfully dumbing them down. Admittedly, the anti-intellectualism is balanced by an attempt at smartening up the bimbo, but there is, in every sense, nothing to it. With

Emma Stone, Kat Dennings, Colin Hanks, Beverly D’Angelo, and Hugh Hefner; directed by Fred Wolf. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Igor** — Computer-animated monster comedy, with the voices of John Cusack, Steve Buscemi, and Sean Hayes, directed by Anthony Leondis. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; 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; FROM 9/19)

**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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Lakeview Terrace** — Racial thriller directed by Neil LaBute, with Samuel L. Jackson, Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/19)

**Maldeamores** — Three-part Puerto Rican film whose title translates *Lovesickness*, co-directed by Carlos Ruiz Ruiz and Mariem Pérez Riera. (MISSION VALLEY 7, 9/19 THROUGH 25)

**Mamma Mia!** — The Catherine Johnson stage musical brought to the screen under its stage director, Phyllida Lloyd: a romantic-comic bauble about a scheduled wedding on a Greek island, to which the bride-

to-be, unknown to her mother, has invited the three men who are sole candidates to be her biological father. (All three prove to be remarkably uncurious and acquiescent guys.) But that’s a mere pretext for the players at short intervals to warble tunes from the ABBA songbook. Among the things that might be said about the movie are (a) that ABBA, infectious though they can be, are not exactly the Beatles, as witness the latter’s similar use in *Across the Universe*; (b) that another and better wedding movie, *Muriel’s Wedding*, had already successfully plundered the ABBA songbook, without asking its cast to do the singing; (c) that this cast for the most part are not singers (Pierce Brosnan in full throat looks as if his head’s about to ex-

plode), although no apologies need be made for Meryl Streep, who, besides her lusty belting, supplements her usual emotion-plumbing with some peppy physicality; (d) that the natural settings, clearly, brightly, sunnily photographed, somewhat temper the inherent campiness; and (e) that this tempering, in a work of such fragile artifice, is not necessarily a good thing. To get down to a couple of specifics, the “Super Trouper” number on the eve of the wedding is a definite high point, and despite the shortage of competition for high points, the closing credits are well worth hanging on for, providing two higher points in the form of encores — twin peaks, if you please — with Streep and her bosom buddies (the blissfully confident

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**Bangkok Dangerous** (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:55) 8:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:55, 8:00, 10:35; **Burn after Reading** (R) Fri. (12:10, 12:40, 2:40, 3:10, 5:05) 7:10, 7:45, 9:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 12:40, 2:40, 3:10) 5:05, 7:10, 7:45, 9:35, 10:10; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:20) 6:55, 10:15; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 7:00, 9:30; **Igor** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:05) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 6:50; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri. (12:20, 12:50, 2:45, 4:35, 5:15) 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 12:50, 2:45) 4:35, 5:15, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 9:45; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:50) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:50, 7:55, 10:30; **The Family That Preys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 7:05, 9:55; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25

### SANTEE

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
**The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun.; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sun.; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



**Ligaw Liham** (PG-13) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:30 8:30 10:45; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) (12:30

3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Igor** (PG) (12:00 2:15) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) (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) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **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) 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (11:00 1:30 3:45) 6:15; **Bangkok Dangerous** (R) (3:30) 8:15 10:30; **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) 8:30 10:45; **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) (11:00 1:15) 6:00; **Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.  
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#### Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)  
**Burn after Reading** (R); **The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **The Family That Preys** (PG-13); **Ghost Town** (PG-13); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **Igor** (PG-13); **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13); **My Best Friend's Girl** (R); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Traitor** (PG-13); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **The Women** (PG-13)

#### Palm Promenade 24

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**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); **Fly Me to the Moon** (G); **Ghost Town** (PG-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **The House Bunny** (PG-13); **Igor** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13); **Mirrors** (R); **My Best Friend's Girl** (R); **Pineapple Express** (R); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **The Women** (PG-13)

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#### South Bay Drive In

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#### Plaza Bonita 14

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**Burn after Reading** (R) Fri. (12:15, 1:50, 3:25, 5:00) 6:40, 7:40, 9:40, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:50, 3:25) 5:00, 6:40, 7:40, 9:40, 10:40; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 9:45; **Death Race** (R) Fri. (12:35, 4:30) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:30, 7:55, 10:30; **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:00) 6:55, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:00, 6:55, 9:50; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 7:30, 10:05; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 6:45, 9:25; **Igor** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) Fri. (12:05, 1:20, 2:40, 3:55, 5:15) 7:00, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 1:20, 2:40, 3:55) 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri. (12:25, 1:40, 3:10, 4:40) 6:50, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 1:40, 3:10) 4:40, 6:50, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35; **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, 3:20) 7:05, 10:00; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri. (3:40) 7:25, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 7:25, 10:10

FALLBROOK

**River Village 6**  
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**Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Mamma Mia** (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:00 9:30 \*No 7:00 pm Wed. & Thu.; **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 9:45; **Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.  
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POWAY

**Poway 10**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



**Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Igor** (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:30; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Burn after Reading** (R) (11:30 2:15) 4:30 7:30 10:00; **Righteous Kill** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **The Women** (PG-13) (10:00 1:00) 4:15 7:00 10:00; **Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys** (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:00 9:45 \*No 11:00 am Sat. & Sun. \*No 7:00 pm Wed. & Thu.; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00 12:00 2:00 4:00) 6:00 \*No 6:00 pm Wed.; **Traitor** (PG-13) 8:00 10:30 \*No 8:00 pm Wed.; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45 \*No 6:15 & 8:30 pm Wed.; **Tropic Thunder** (R) (11:45 2:15) 4:45 7:15 10:00; **Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.  
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VISTA

**Vista Village**  
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**Burn after Reading** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 12:45, 2:10, 3:05, 4:35, 5:25) 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:15; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (4:00) 7:15, 10:30; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:05; **Igor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35, 4:45) 7:05, 9:20; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:40); **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00) 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:25, 2:20, 3:00, 4:50, 5:35) 7:30, 8:10, 10:00, 10:40; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:20, 2:05, 3:00, 4:40, 5:30) 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **The Family That Preys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:10; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10

NORTH COASTAL  
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**Plaza Camino Real**  
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**Burn after Reading** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55 Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50; **Igor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:20 Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00

DEL MAR

**Del Mar Highlands 8**  
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



**Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Igor** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:30; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; **Righteous Kill** (R) (12:00 2:15) 4:45 7:30 10:00; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00 12:00 2:00 4:00) 6:00; **Traitor** (PG-13) 8:15 10:45; **The House Bunny** (PG-13) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:00 9:45 \*No 7:00 pm Wed. & Thu.; **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.  
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**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  
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ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)  
**The Dark Knight** (PG-13); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13)

LA COSTA

**La Costa 6**  
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



**Igor** (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:30 9:45; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Burn after Reading** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Righteous Kill** (R) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **The Women** (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:15 10:00; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (10:00 12:00 2:15) 4:30 \*No 10:00 am Sat. & Sun.; **Tropic Thunder** (R) 7:00 9:45 \*No 7:00 pm Wed. & Thu.; **Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.  
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

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★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 9/19; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Man on Wire** — Filmmaker James Marsh takes a novel approach to the topic of the World Trade Center, a caper documentary (to coin a genre) on the forty-five-minute funambulist stunt undertaken in 1974 by the Frenchman Philippe Petit, walking a tightwire between the Twin Towers. The events of 9/11 are never mentioned, but they’re an irrepressible subtext in the found footage of the site before and during construction, and in the cloak-and-dagger planning and execution of the covert assault on the Towers. One still photo of the wirewalker poised in midair even captures an overhead jet — at a safe clearance — in the same frame. Because so much of the film consists of present-day talking heads (interwoven with black-and-white reenactments and authentic archive footage), there’s something a bit coy about the omission. Certainly the enormity of the later crime needn’t be introduced in mitigation of Petit’s mischief. But the disappearance of the Towers from the face of the earth would serve to underscore the singularity, the unrepeatability, of the stunt. Perhaps that goes literally without saying. And yet, if the Towers meant so much to Petit from the first moment he learned of the project (surptitiously ripping a page out of a maga-

zine at the dentist’s office), then it would be only natural to solicit from him something in the way of an elegy. The documentary’s function as a caper thriller, meanwhile, is on balance a success. The narrative information doesn’t always come in the best order or fullest form, and it comes with a good many interruptions and side trips, but the details of the operation will often, for one reason or another, boggle the mind. And although the undimmed history, along with the manifest survival of the talking heads, would seem to put a low ceiling on the suspense, anyone with the slightest touch of acrophobia will not, at the climax, be able to keep palms dry. 2008.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/19)

**Mirrors** — It begins (after a pre-credits throat-slit) with a promising setting, a burned-out department store of charred mannequins and hallucinogenic mirrors. It proceeds, however, into repellence, incoherence, and tedium. With Kiefer Sutherland, Paula Patton, Amy Smart, and Jason Flemyng; directed by Alexandre Aja. 2008.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**Mister Foo** — The journey to manhood of a young Scottish voyeur who stumbles upon a dead ringer for his dead Mummy, only nearer his own age — an uninvolving and unconvincing Oedipal kink fest. The cartoon credits sequence, jammed in tardily and abruptly, creates the false expectation of something larkish, something perhaps starring Michael Crawford and Judy Geeson *circa* 1968. With Jamie Bell, Sophia Myles, Ciarán Hinds, and Claire Forlani; directed by David Mackenzie. 2008.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/19)

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** — As if this “franchise” were not already junked up (and joked up) enough, it now adds Asian martial arts, Shangri-La,

computer-animated yetis, a snowy avalanche in place of a sandstorm, a three-headed dragon, a terra-cotta army, and more. Will the thrills ever commence? With Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello (taking over the Rachel Weisz role, British accent and all), Luke Ford, John Hannah, Jet Li, Michelle Yeoh, and Isabella Leong; directed by Rob Cohen. 2008.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**My Best Friend’s Girl** — Romantic comedy with Kate Hudson, Dane Cook, Jason Biggs, and Alec Baldwin, directed by Howard Deutch.

(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 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/19)

**Pineapple Express** — A buddy comedy, a stoner comedy, a crime comedy from the House of Apatow, about a user and his dealer — best friends — on the run from the mob. As the two dopers, James Franco mimics the classic symptoms with dedication, while Seth Rogen is content to be Seth Rogen or else powerless to be otherwise. The rampant violence and gruesomes mayhem are meant to be as full of merriment as, say, the puke on the computer printer or the English subtitle beneath the Asian thug, “Prepare to suck the cock of karma.” It might be interesting as a penal experiment (for you Apatow devotees, that has nothing to do with the penis) to compel anyone amused by such stuff to sit through, in succession, *George Washington*, *All the Real Girls*, *Undertow*, and *Snow Angels*. Those are the complete previous credits of the director, David Gordon Green, instantaneous

poster boy for the Indie Sellout. With Danny McBride, Gary Cole, Rosie Perez. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Pleasantville** — *Twilight Zone*-ish moralistic fantasy about two modern teens who are transported into the black-and-white world of a Fifties sitcom, and who succeed bit by bit, against stout resistance, in colorizing it. Let’s overlook the current cultural parochialism that equates black-and-white with the dull, the drab, the stunted, the repressed, the lifeless, the barren, while color signals the bold, the free, the daring, the rounded, the vivid, the vital. We must allow writer-director Gary Ross to lay down his own rules and set up his own symbols (though the contagion of color in Pleasantville, how and why it spreads through the community, remains a bit capricious); and the flowering of color in a colorless world seems a fair enough metaphor for the tapping of inner potential, the capacity for growth, the ability to change; and the intermixing of color and black-and-white in the same image, sometimes on the same face, is a technological marvel. In a movie, however, that purports to champion diversity, free expression, art, and the like, and to condemn narrowness, prejudice, censorship, and the like, it is hard to view the final and total extermination of black-and-white as any kind of unqualified triumph. Repression is repression, and the signs posted in store windows by the alarmed citizens of Pleasantville — “No coloreds allowed” — would not go down better if rewritten as “No blacks or whites.” The movie is never, even at its innocuous outset, all that clever and sparkly; and the positing of a Middle American utopia in which there are no problems whatsoever — in which, as an example, the local basketball team never loses a game nor misses a shot — suggests an unfamiliarity with actual sitcoms of the Fifties. Ross’s conception, from the first beady gleam in his eye, is strictly hypothetical and rigidly schematic, and the eventual harvest of his absence of humor is an abundance of preachiness, self-righteousness, smugness. Color it *Piousville*. With Tobey Maguire, Reese Witherspoon, Joan Allen, William H. Macy, Jeff Daniels, J.T. Walsh. 1998.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/21, 2 P.M.)

**Reprise** — Norwegian film by the Danish-born newcomer, Joaquim Trier, traces the diverging literary careers of a pair of pissy-and-vinegary young friends in Oslo. One of them (the shallow Anders Danielsen Lie, with an institutional shaved head) has an earlier success, a mental meltdown, and a prominent girlfriend, while the other (the blond and robust Espen Klouman-Hoiner) comes on later but stronger, and would hardly be caught dead in the company of his girlfriend. Trier lays out these paths in an exuberantly youthy style — scrambled timeline, biographical digressions, hypothetical alternatives, know-it-all narrator — such that you might think to look around to see whether there’s not a swelling Norwegian New Wave. (Lifted snippets of Georges Delerue’s music for Godard’s *Contempt* — the same snippets lifted by Scorsese in *Casino* — call to mind another New Wave.) Much of the exuberance settles down as the film rolls along, and the people come to seem, despite the all-over pasty color, quite flesh-and-blood, quite real. Which is not to say interesting or compelling, other than to themselves. 2007.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/22, 6:30 P.M.)

**Righteous Kill** — Robert De Niro and Al Pacino share a lot more screen time than in *Heat*, though they’re both thirteen years droopier as past-retirement-age homicide detectives on the case of a cop serial killer (not a serial cop killer), a plot of transparent tricksiness. Jon Avnet’s main directorial idea is, one at a time, to spread the faces across the screen like pizza dough: big stars equal big heads. With Carla Gugino, John Leguizamo, Donnie Wahlberg, Brian Dennehy, and 50 Cent. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-

SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Sex and the City** — The big-screen resuscitation of the defunct HBO series (1998-2004) runs, or better say sashays, two hours and twenty minutes. That’s a lot of clothes and accessories, a lot of accompanying pop songs, a lot of chatty first-person narration, a lot of superficiality, a lot of vacuity. Maybe it would help if you had followed these four bosom buddies — the stringy Sarah Jessica Parker, the Amazonian Kim Cattrall, the pop-eyed Kristin Davis, the pinched Cynthia Nixon — throughout their six seasons of looking for love. To be sure, there’s not much looking anymore, and yet not much relating, either: the men, now that they’ve been landed, are little more than accessories themselves. Tempetuous developments do occur: one of the buddies neglects to wax her pubes, one of them poops her pants, one of them packs on a spare bicycle tire, and the remaining one dyes her hair. (Symptoms of bigger things, but even so.) Maybe, on the other hand, it would be better to follow these buddies no further. Written and directed by Michael Patrick King. 2008.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**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 Ferrara shows her experience. With Alexis Bledel, Amber Tamblyn, Blythe Danner. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12)

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** — Or in the order the words appear on screen and in the ads, *Star the Clone Wars Wars*. It fills in events on the timeline between parts two and three of the second cycle in George Lucas’s space saga. If, from this remove, that’s still of concern to anyone. Under the guiding hand of Dave Filoni, the full computer animation, as opposed to the extensive but partial computer animation in the aforesaid cycle, nudges the action ever farther into the universe of the video game. If, again, that’s of any concern. Best let the zealots fight it out. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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)

**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 sup-

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### Burn After Reading 2008

*Burn After Reading*, with all the stars — Clooney, Pitt, Malkovich, Swinton, Jenkins, Marvel — made a lot of us in the filled theater crack up quite a bit. There were mixed reviews on this one. This is your typical nut-case movie, where most of the actors act like total space cadets. I really think most of us didn't get it. Stupid? You be the judge.... If you care to spend the money to watch Brad Pitt act like a total doofus and look the part too, then be my guest.

By **richinsd** 11:02 a.m., Sept. 14, 2008

### The Women 2008

This was easily the most boring, unoriginal movie I have seen in quite some time. I'll sum it up real quick for you: Woman has husband. Husband has affair with another woman. Woman gets mad and wants a divorce. Woman forgives man and they live happily ever after. How many times is Hollywood going to put out the same story over and over and over again? Even then, at least they could try to make it original. There was nothing funny, exciting, or remotely interesting about this movie. The only caveat this movie had was that it had an entirely female cast...the first time I can recall seeing this before. I kept scouring the background for male extras but could not find a single one. The one plus that this movie had going for it was its great ensemble cast of Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Candice Bergen, Cloris Leachman, Eva Mendez, and Bette Midler. You would think that with all these great actresses that they would somehow salvage such a boring story and shoddy directing, right? Right? Wrong. The lone star was probably Bening, although her performance was mediocre at best. The only laugh I got out of this movie was in the final childbirth seen with Debra Messing channeling some of her Grace character from the days of *Will and Grace*. When all else fails, throw in a childbirth scene for some easy laughs. Like I have never seen this before in any other movie. My advice: Don't waste your time. Unless, of course, you like watching women sit around and complain about their relationships. There is nothing empowering about this movie for women. In the end, the message is that it is okay for someone to cheat on their spouse. What kind of moral is that for a story?

By **spooks69** 10:42 p.m., Sept. 14, 2008

### Get Smart 2008

Duhn'kin, before you head-off to harshly retort any comedy, you must first have these basic human traits: (a) a sense of humor, (b) a personality, and (c) an active cranial-synapse. You have none.

By **chrgblitz** 8:21 a.m., Sept. 11, 2008

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port) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophilic infant. Or where a handy heroin addict will turn up dead at just the moment when you need a body in order to stage a *faux* murder, and you can count on no one noticing the discrepancies between the autopsy cadaver and the supposed 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)

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**Towelhead** — Alan Ball's adaptation of Alicia Erian's novel on the sexual awakening of an Arab-American girl (Summer Bishil), with Aaron Eckhart, Toni Collette, Maria Bello.  
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/19)

**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;  
FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14;  
LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VAL-  
LEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14;  
POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Transiberian** — 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 Noriega, Kate Mara, and Ben Kingsley.

★ (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



## The Women

Nick Nolte has his moments as a wizened Vietnam-vet advisor, the company's guide to the Heart of Darkness), back home in Hollywood, where a heavily disguised Tom Cruise models a bald dome, bushy chest and arms, a bumpy nose, and a padded middle as a Harvey Weinsteinian bullying studio boss. (Funny notion: his everyday tough talk goes beyond anything ever heard by a cutthroat Asian heroin dealer and hostage taker.) If nothing else, the raging megalomania serves as a full-coverage mask for the actor's chronic overacting. Similarly, the gut-spilling, blood-squirting gore in the movie — at least the gore in the movie-within-the-movie — is made more palatable by the satire. Through it, you can have a retrospective laugh at the pretensions and pieties of *Apocalypse Now*, *Platoon*, *Rambo*, *Saving Private Ryan*, what-you-will. With Steve Coogan, Danny McBride, Matthew McConaughey. 2008.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR  
HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18;  
GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA  
COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION  
MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY  
RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA

BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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* —

*I'm this, you're that, he or she's the other —*

has not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the dryasdust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor: "One evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend's art gallery." The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontentment and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pick-me-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. With Javier Bardem, Patricia Clarkson, Kevin Dunn, Chris Messina. 2008.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**WALL-E** — Relentlessly sentimental science fiction about a cute anthropomorphized “male” robot — a rattlesnapper contraption of binoculars atop tank treads — programmed to pick up garbage on an evacuated Earth in the 28th Century (his name is an acronym of Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth-Class), all alone on the planet but for the company of an indestructible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped “fembot,” whom he follows up to a mother ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like humans. Rather remarkable for any movie are the long stretches of nonverbal narrative, reminiscent of the opening and closing stretches of *2001*. (Other allusions to the Kubrick classic — the musical snippet from *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, the unblinking red eye of HAL-9000 — suggest the emulation is entirely conscious.) No less remarkable, in the context of a Disney computer cartoon, are the distinctive whiffs of post-apocalyptic and dystopian melancholy. The happy ending pretty much ruins it. If the film wanted full credit for evoking those feelings, the best ending it could have held out would be hopeful, not happy. With the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Women** — Update and opening-up of the old Clare Boothe Luce play, memorably put on screen by George Cukor in 1939 (unmemorably by David Miller in 1956), still an all-female cast despite countless scenes in the street, in a department store, in a restaurant, in a hospital — it gets a bit ridiculous. The luster, even overlooking the wan photography, is lacking. Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, and Eva Mendes (the first two hog most of the screen time) hardly match the incandescence of Joan Crawford alone, never mind the added lumens of Norma Shearer, Rosalind Russell, Joan Fontaine, and Paulette Goddard. And the checklist of feminist talking points gives it a rather grim and driven agenda. Where went the humor? Cloris Leachman, Debi Mazar, Candice Bergen, Bette Midler, Carrie Fisher; written and directed by Diane English. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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On Victoria Petrovich’s set for *The Good Body* at the Rep, shiny panels reflect clouds and pale blue skies. Projected slides take us from America to Brazil, Africa, and Afghanistan. Standing on small pedestals, six female mannequins face front, their size-two bodies tattooed with blue patterns. A beige Ab Rollerball, waiting to crunch another six-pack, sits on a raked, blue-and-white-checked stage. Eve Ensler’s monologues examine women’s obsession with beauty — that launch-a-thousand-ships look that millions spend trillions to approximate.

## REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

Petrovich’s slender mannequins comment on the mindlessness of pursuing a platonic ideal: they’re headless.

Ensler’s famous for her *Vagina Monologues*, which led to V-Day (a global movement to end violence against women) and enabled Ensler to travel the world. She interviewed ethnically diverse women about their bodies. Most agreed that the one thing they would change was their weight. “Maybe I identify with these women,” Ensler said in an interview, “because I have bought into the idea that if my stomach were flat, then I would be good, and I would be safe...accepted, admired, important, loved.” Instead she has felt the opposite, “and my stomach is the carrier, the pouch, for all that self-hatred.”

In 1978, Susan Sontag published *Illness as*

*Metaphor*, a still-important book about how people judge the infirm by their illness: disease reveals psychological failings; defects of character can bring about disease. In the 19th Century, people with TB were deemed “fallen” and punished for sins unnamed. To this day, faulty immune systems can incite negative speculations about the mental — and moral — health of the sufferer.

Ensler shifts Sontag’s thesis from illness to the body as metaphor. Each imperfect body part becomes an outward sign, says Ensler, “that you are born wrong and bad.” And that you can always tell “good” people because they look “good.”

*The Good Body* attacks that attitude. Tormented by her stomach (“my most serious committed relationship”), a character named Eve (i.e., Ensler) encounters 11 international women who have been able, or are still trying, to feel at home in their bodies. The subject and Ensler’s findings aren’t necessarily new (Naomi Wolf’s 1991 *Beauty Myth: How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women* takes a more in-depth look). What give the show its freshness are Ensler’s humor, a soul-bearing openness, and a splendid production at the San Diego Rep.

To open its 33rd season, the Rep has cast three of its most beloved actors: Carole Foreman, Deanna Driscoll, and Linda Libby — and they cut loose.



Linda Libby, DeAnna Driscoll, Carole Foreman in *The Good Body*

**The Good Body**, by Eve Ensler

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When Tom first sees Helen in a crowded self-serve restaurant, she looks safe to him. He's sort of/sort of not going with Jeannie, a coworker. And Helen's a very large woman. So, there's no fear of sitting with her because, well, how could Jeannie object to someone definitely not his "type"?

But then, as he picks at a salad and she eats a foot-long wedge of pizza, Tom and Helen open up, share, laugh. Helen sees attractive qualities in Tom, possibly — dare she consider it? — a heart-meld. And she isn't what he expected at all (whatever that is). Helen's a librarian who loves Alistair MacLean war movies: maybe because his characters go headlong — where only "eagles dare" — into forbidden territory.

Author Neil LaBute always cuts to the chase, be it a screenplay (*The Company of Men*) or a theater piece (*The Mercy Seat*, an unflinching take on 9/11). LaBute's *Fat Pig*, now in a tight, thought-provoking production at OnStage Playhouse, is the second in his trilogy of plays about America's obsession with beauty — the one size few can fit. Unlike *The Good Body*'s personal monologues, LaBute dramatizes the obsession from the outside. To change attitudes toward beauty, he suggests throughout, you must also change the eye of the beholder.

Against his wishes, Tom falls headlong for Helen. He's never felt as comfortable, as trusting, as elated. But come on, you can almost hear him say, he's a svelte Montague, and she's...a Capulet. As they grow closer, he moves her more and more indoors, away from the public eye. After they've been together for a while, most often in darkness, his company has a beach party. Should he invite Helen?

As Tom and Helen, Brendan Cavalier and Carla Nell do touching tandem work, much of it in unspoken looks and gestures. Nell plays Helen as if she's already read the script: been there, done that, even got the T-shirt. But she'll reach for the gold despite all warnings. Cavalier unites Tom's fears and honesty with revealing nervous ticks. His head and heart are miles apart.

Ryan Ross plays Tom's cynical office mate, the fat,

pigheaded Carter, with slick deliveries and convincing misogyny. Carter says, "You date all these gals and act like you're Mr. Sensitive...but you get bored or cornered or feel a touch nervous and you drop 'em like they were *old produce*." As jilted Jeannie, a smoldering Jenna Dawsey gets the comeback. Men, she says, are just "baby boys who run around in nice clothes." And "all they really want to do is breast-feed for the rest of their days." ■

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### All's Well That Ends Well

Most of Shakespeare's romantic comedies begin with an arranged marriage: the female's father chooses for her. But what if the golden slipper were on the other foot? What if the woman — Helena in *All's Well* — were free to name her mate with the King's blessing? And what if her intended — rich young Bertram — flat refuses enforced wedlock and would rather go to war than marry beneath his station? In effect, Shakespeare takes a social given of the time and dumps it on its ear. Helena persists; Bertram flees (and becomes a lying womanizer); then she *really* persists. At the Old Globe, director Darko Tresnjak relocates the play in Victorian times, which allows Linda Cho to dress the cast in cold, formal charcoals, the soldiers in bright red and black. Tresnjak counters the stiff-upper-lip surface with bawdy touches, including a frontal view of Michelangelo's Goliath-sized statue *David* upstage (and upstaging all below). As Bertram and Helena, Graham Hamilton and Kimberly Parker Greene are adequate. The fun's in the secondary roles: Jim Winker's crotchety King ("wrapped in dismal thinkings"), Kandis ChapPELL, Charles Janasz, and music-voiced Celeste Ciulla. Bruce Turk is special as Parolles who, like Helena, becomes a threat to the male-dominated social order. Over the years, audiences and critics have had a

"problem" with the play. But I never have. Its perplexities are much more lifelike than most of the happy-enders (how many weddings have you attended where people whisper, "Give it six months" and are being optimistic?). All may be well that ends well, but at the ending of *All's Well*, Helena and Bertram have only just begun.

### Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

### Boomers

Lamb's Players Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows. In this salute to the Baby Boom generation, when a guy sings a snippet from "Big Girls Don't Cry" a woman counters with "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To," as if Lesley Gore wrote the song in response to the Four Seasons. Now in its fourth — fifth? — version, *Boomers* has grown a great deal since it premiered in 1993. It's added social dimensions (the original was mostly about middle-class whites), more period details, and a much better understanding of one's later years (gained from experience: authors Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington are now 15 years older). Ostensibly the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to 1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of "name that tune" in fast-forward. Boomers in the audience gulp "oh's" of recognition when a musical fragment triggers memories. One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie's Aretha-strong voice do all of "Respect" or Keith Jefferson all of "I Heard It through the Grapevine"). One could also wish that the characters weren't so one-note (Bill Doyle's hippie must express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads's direction and the four-piece backup band. You won't learn why the pump don't work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you're of a certain era, *Boomers* will time-machine you back in a lively manner. 619-437-0600.

### Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 30.

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### 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.



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LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 1:45 P.M. TUESDAYS, 1:45 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21.

### The Drowsy Chaperone

Broadway\*San Diego hosts a touring production of the Tony Award-winning musical comedy about the uproarious wedding of a celebrity bride.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 858-570-1100. TUESDAY, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M.

### 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. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. 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 THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SUN-

DAYS, 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 8.

### Irving Berlin’s I Love a Piano

The Welk Resort Theatre presents a musical celebration of the great American composer of “Blue Skies,” “There’s No Business Like Show Business,” “Puttin’ on the Ritz,” and hundreds more. Sha Newman directed and choreographed.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. THURSDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1:45 P.M. TUESDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 1:45 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 9.

### The Italian Straw Hat

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents the world premiere of a new musical adaptation — book and lyrics by John Strand, music by Dennis McCarthy — based on the classic farce by Eugene Labiche. Stefan Novinski directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO. 714-708-5555. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2:30 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2:30 AND 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

### 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.

### Memphis

Although it felt born full grown to those it blew away, when rock ’n’ roll first hit the scene, it 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, who fought an off-beat crusade for the music he called “red, hot, and blue.” He died of heart failure at 42 — the Elvis of deejays. Joe DiPietro and David Bryan’s *Memphis* pays a double tribute: to the Phillips-like deejays whose hearts ran ahead of the times and to the city

of Elvis, B.B. King, and Johnny Cash. At the La Jolla Playhouse, Chad Kimball plays Huey Calhoun (i.e., Phillips), a white hipster eager to midwife black music to the world. In his first scene, Kimball establishes not only Huey’s idiosyncrasies but also his bone-honest sincerity. Kimball rocks every tune and moves as if he’s SDG&E’s power grid. His performance is (a word misused these days to praise trivial things) awesome. Huey falls for Felicia, a talented African-American singer. Their taboo love’s on a collision course with the blues. The at-times-choppy script could stress Felicia’s struggle more (to break a barrier you sometimes have to break your heart), but Montego Glover does such standout renditions of her songs that the production truncates applause — for fear of extending the running time by ten minutes? *Memphis* has many potential showstoppers (the first act could use a trim, but which of Byran’s rafter-shakers do you cut?). DiPietro’s book fights a battle between the actual and Broadway expectations. 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 wave-the-banner-high uplift and Phillips’s exit to oblivion (why not give Huey a belated wake; that way, you get both). The book stumbles here and there, but overall the excellent production’s hugely entertaining. The first 20 minutes are so hot, in fact, if the performers kicked them up just a smidge more they’d create a fire hazard.

### Critic’s pick.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, UCSD. 858-550-1010. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

### The Merry Wives of Windsor

Shakespeare on short notice: legend has it that Queen Elizabeth wanted a play featuring Falstaff in love. The Bard had, the legend says, two weeks to write the five-act comedy. The script takes longer than his others to get going. And once it does, it’s mostly setups and punch lines. Shakespeare used a fascinating shortcut, however: he didn’t have time to develop characters, so he gave them distinct voices and turned the stage into a Babel of warped idioms. For

the Old Globe, director Paul Mullins reset the play in the Old West. Ralph Funicello’s versatile, stained-wood set becomes a dusty street, a dance-hall saloon, and a moonlit forest (okay, the relocation doesn’t work 100 percent). Denitsa Bliznakova’s multilayered costumes make the transition from buckram to buckskin with ease. If the production has a concept, it would be “*Merry Wives* is goofy. We’re honoring that. Enjoy.” Mullins’s large cast communicates the fun of doing one farcical lick after another. As Falstaff, Eric Hoffman’s opening night was, at best, okay. Hoffman pushed for emotional breadth almost to the point of straining his voice (plus, Falstaff relishes language as much as he does capons; Hoffman gave his words more utilitarian deliveries). Some individuals shine. Katie MacNichol and Celeste Ciulla, as the merry mistresses Ford and Page, bookend the show with schemes and class (a favorite bit: at one point they adopt a 19th-Century melodramatic style and 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.

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### National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play “Emotional Sympathy,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,”

with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRIDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

### Night Sky

Some of San Diego’s better theater groups don’t have permanent 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 the mind of “Anna Aphasia”: 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.

MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, UCSD. 858-534-4574. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2:30 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21.

### Nine

Starlight presents the Arthur Kopit (book) and Maury Yeston (music and lyrics) musical based on Federico Fellini’s autobiographical movie *8½*.

STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE, SOUTH PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-544-7827. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

### No Exit

Diversionsary 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. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. 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 illumines the works of Tintoretto and Caravaggio: amid darkness the lovers glow. Stage pictures resemble paintings. Some echo each other, as when Juliet’s hand reaches down for Romeo, from the balcony and from the tomb. But Seer breaks the picture frame, so to speak, when Romeo and Juliet address speeches to the audience. If the choice was meant to endear them to us, they don’t need it (I can’t think of anyone audiences could care more about). And including us in their private thoughts breaks their tragic isolation. The night I caught the show, Graham Hamilton — and the production overall — settled in about a third of the way through. At first Hamilton dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later he hit his accents and began to mean what Romeo meant. Heather Wood not only expresses Juliet’s youth and intelligence, she has a naturally melodic voice that only rings false when she tries to add melody to it. The production offers strong visuals, and the

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**DEPUTY SHERIFF** and Deputy Sheriff Detentions/Courts. San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Hiring for two types of positions; take one exam, apply for either or both! Exam Dates: Saturday, September 20, 2008 7:30am arrival or Wednesday, September 24, 5:30pm arrival: Sheriff's Administrative Center, 9621 Ridgeway Court, San Diego, CA 92123. Space is limited. Registration by email or phone is required prior to the test at recruit@sdsheriff.org. Applications Must Be Completed Online at www.joinSDSHERIFF.net and the application printout brought to the test site. Applicants arriving without a completed application will be turned away. Detention/Courts: \$39,796-\$61,608 annual salary, plus benefits. 18-year-olds eligible to apply! Deputy Sheriff: \$49,704-\$71,099 current annual salary, plus benefits. U.S. citizen or applied for citizenship; 20-1/2 years old. High school graduate or G.E.D. required. Valid California Driver's License prior to appointment. Effective oral and written communication in English. EOE. Additional test dates: 858-974-2000.

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Reader Pop Quiz

This week’s questions

- 1. Name one creature of the sea that, according to Matthew Alice, will eat its own gonads.
- 2. In this week’s “City Lights,” what punishment was ultimately meted out after arrest and interrogation by Chinese police to Jacob Blumenfeld and his associates for hoisting a “Free Tibet” banner at the Beijing Olympics?
- 3. In “Off the Cuff,” a high school teacher gets mad at a student, loses control, kicks the student’s stool over, and throws a coffee cup across the floor. Where did this happen?
- 4. Local singer-songwriter Josh Damigo played a show in Santa Barbara, he tells Jay Allen Sanford, and afterwards was complimented by a complete stranger. He later realized it was what famous ‘70s and ‘80s rocker?
- 5. As related in Dave Good’s “Of Note,” the Wedding Present once released how many singles in one year, tying a U.K. record with whom?
- 6. Naomi Wise samples the bouillabaisse served at Hillcrest’s Café Bleu and likens the baguette placed across the bowl to a rope bridge over what Nepalese river?
- 7. What is the name for the form of aerial advertising that requires five airplanes and simulates typewriting in the sky? (It’s explained in “Best Buys.”)
- 8. Give the address of “the Yard,” downtown’s makeshift outdoor concert venue built with about \$120 of plywood and some donated carpet.
- 9. As explained in this week’s cover story, what type of visa is it that allows an alien with a sponsor (e.g., employer, university) to stay in the U.S. for two years as an “exchange visitor”?
- 10. Playwright Eve Ensler traveled the world and interviewed a diverse group of women about their bodies. Jeff Smith says most of them agreed that the one thing they wished they could change about it was what?

Last week’s Answers

- 1. “Our songs.” (p. 104)
- 2. 17,000. (p. 26)
- 3. \$100,000,000. (p. 8)
- 4. Fifty. (p. 88)
- 5. Chi. (p. 20)
- 6. Lol Tolhurst of the Cure. (p. 82)
- 7. Burlington. (p. 23)
- 8. A wrestling mask. (p. 111)
- 9. The honeybee. (p. 14)
- 10. Dewey Phillips. (p. 129)

Congratulations to last week’s winners: Gordon Kanteena, Natanael Roberts, and Leroy Vega

**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@sddreader.com](mailto:Quiz@sddreader.com); or deliver to 1703 India Street in Little Italy (we have an after-hours mail slot).

Typo Patrol Results

Issue of September 11, 2008

Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds

p.26 Edco *should be* EDCO

Monkee Business

p.90 Monkees single *should be* Monkees' single  
**Madelyn Truett (San Carlos) \$20**

Autism at the Eye of the Storm

p.10 too, the absence *should be* too: the absence

Sheep and Goats

p.18 human body *should be* human body."  
**Karen Guarnotta (San Diego) \$20**

Restaurant listings

p.120 SDGE *should be* SDG&E

Movie listings

p.126 Fly Me to The Moon *should be* Fly Me to the Moon

p.126-127 Burn After Reading/Burn after Reading  
*inconsistencies*

**Brian Slipper (Del Mar) \$30**

T.G.I.F.

p.167 something, anything else *should be* something, anything, else  
p.167 Obama *should be* Osama

**Herb Spark (San Diego) \$20**

For Six Buckeroos

p.114 French fries *should be* french fries

“Ghetto” Is Not an Adjective

p.60 over-priced *should be* overpriced

Event listings

p.66 zils *should be* zills  
p.66 contradance *should be* contra dance  
p.68 re-enactments *should be* reenactments  
p.70 underway *should be* under way  
p.78 world-views *should be* worldviews

**Charles Elster (San Diego) \$70**

Sheep and Goats

p.18 my Father's *should be* My Father's

City Lights-Behind the Story

p.8 court battled *should be* court battle

What the Chef Eats

p.120 ounce *should be* oz

Restaurant listings

p.121 inbetween *should be* in between

p.121 jalapeno *should be* jalapeño

T.G.I.F.

p.167 likeminded *should be* like-minded

p.167 Ghandi's *should be* Gandhi's

**Linda Cox (San Diego) \$70**

Event listings

p.73 Balboa Park Visitors' Center *should be* Balboa Park Visitors Center

p.78 5k walk *should be* 5K walk

p.81 early- to mid-20th Century pieces *should be* early- to mid-20th-century pieces

p.81 F major *should be* F Major

**Don Reckles \$40**

The Red Zone

p.16 off season *should be* off-season

Event listings

p.66 Garcia Bernal *should be* García Bernal

p.69 Gracias Molinas *should be* Gracia Molina

p.75 anejo *should be* añejo

Restaurant listings

p.116 Bucca *should be* Buca

p.121 étoufés *should be* étouffées

Theater Directory

p.132 Teatro Mascara Magica *should be* Teatro Máscara Mágica

**Dustin Homen (Lemon Grove) \$70**

Unforgettable

p.48 iron works *should be* ironworks

Event listings

p.66 Mary Devlin call *should be* Mary Devlin calls

p.66 Que *should be* Qué

p.69 southern-most *should be* southernmost

Picture Story

p.154 mussel roasts, concerts *should be* mussel roasts and concerts

**Armin Moths (San Diego) \$50**

Sheep and Goats

p.18 “"...for you." *should be* “"...for you.”"

“Ghetto” Is Not an Adjective

p.60 first-hand *should be* firsthand

Events listings

p.68 Puppet Productions present *should be* Puppet Productions presents

p.68 Fighter *should be* fighter

Club Crawler

p.88 Tapedeck Mountain *should be* Tape Deck Mountain

p.88 Jane and the Whalesharks *should be* Janu and the Whalesharks

Music listings

p.92 Café Lamaze *should be* Café La Maze

p.104 September 19s *should be* September 19

Restaurant listings

p.118 Certified *agnus should be* Certified *Agnus*

p.118 frou-frou *should be* froufrou

p.118 “finds;" *should be* “finds”;

p.119 ‘bag’ “ *should be* ‘bag’"

p.120 crepes *should be* crêpes

**Karelyn Kimokeo (El Cajon) \$130**

Restaurant listings

p.120 East Buffet *should be* Super Buffet (*name changed*)

**Teresa Roberts \$10**

Puzzle results

*Results were wrong*

**Clinton Smith (La Mesa) \$10**

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2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.  
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.  
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Across

- 1. Goes here and there
- 6. Give \_\_\_\_ on the back
- 10. It's nothing at all
- 14. Sound from a feeder
- 15. Mozart's "\_\_\_\_ fan tutte"
- 16. In a chemistry joke, it's what a female has that a male lacks
- 17. Brazil's \_\_\_\_ Alegre
- 18. Jabba the \_\_\_\_ of "Stars Wars"
- 19. "Six Feet Under" character
- 20. With 28-, 38-, 46- and 54-Across, Stephen Colbert's comment on a 2008 presidential candidate
- 23. In the past

- 24. Pal
- 25. Cruise on film
- 28. See 20-Across
- 33. \_\_\_\_-cone
- 34. Pair
- 35. Paid \_\_\_\_ to society
- 36. In the blink \_\_\_\_ eye
- 38. See 20-Across
- 41. Eye doctor's concern
- 42. Instruction for casual dress
- 44. Old Eur. domain
- 45. Early hrs.
- 46. See 20-Across
- 51. Consumed
- 52. Chinese "way"
- 53. Lobbying grp.
- 54. See 20-Across
- 60. #1 hit for Van Halen
- 63. 1997 Peter Fonda title role
- 64. G with a sax
- 65. Cookie with a diameter of 1.75 inches
- 66. Vardalas and Long
- 67. Best and Ferber
- 68. Flex
- 69. Ilk
- 70. Actress Witherspoon

### Down

- 1. Proof of purchase: Abbr.
- 2. Eager student's cry
- 3. Suffix with billion
- 4. Character in "The Wind in the Willows"
- 5. Surgeon's request
- 6. In need of a massage
- 7. Demonstrate displeasure
- 8. Breathing woe
- 9. "Venus of Urbino" painter
- 10. Oomph
- 11. Slice of history
- 12. Spoil

- 13. It's next to nothing
- 21. "Sing to the \_\_\_\_ new song": Isaiah
- 22. Univ. sports org.
- 25. Morgue ID
- 26. "I don't see why not"
- 27. Rations (out)
- 28. Hoofing it
- 29. Detest
- 30. Rubber ducky's spot
- 31. Commotion
- 32. Law degs.
- 33. Skater Henie
- 37. "Henry & June" role
- 39. Ocean State coll.
- 40. News hr.
- 43. 911 responders
- 47. Certain Louisianans
- 48. "It Takes a Thief" rapper
- 49. Pillager
- 50. Give in
- 54. MP3 player
- 55. Get wind of
- 56. Place for eggs
- 57. Sister of Prince Charles
- 58. Actresses Balin and Claire
- 59. The Big Board: Abbr.

- 60. Position
- 61. Suffix with script
- 62. Chess pieces

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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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### SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER 4 PUZZLE:

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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

**Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 14.** "Did anyone miss 9-11 answers?"  
**Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 13.** "Amy and the Count meet Beck tomorrow. Film at eleven."  
**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 13.** "It's not a tumor!"  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 13.** "Cool the earth, ride your bike."  
**George Jackson, Oceanside, 13.** "Curbside Cafe in Vista - best food around."  
**Ron Meyer, Santee, 13.** "That was an easy one!"  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 13.**  
**Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 13.** "So this is how 50 feels!"

**Julie Osburn, North Park, 13.** "One cannot think well if one has not dined well."  
**John Rosenbach, Escondido, 13.**  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 13.** "Mea Culpa. Everybody gets a pass this week."  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 13.** "Thanks for the answers!"  
**Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 13.** "www.oktober-festelcajon.com. October 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12."  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 13.** "Ban-ish the beach booze ban!"  
**Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 12.** "Kevin, Pepe, and me - big Charger fans. Peace."  
**Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 12.** "Help a guy out - take a taxi."

**Anna Cornett, Mission Hills, 12.** "I wail at the waul."  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 12.** "Barack and roll."  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 12.** "Doh! Happy anniversary to Paula!"  
**C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 12.** "What can I say? Answers easier, not as fun."  
**Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 12.** "Hi Kiki!"  
**Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 12.** "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."  
**Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 11.** "Hey Ski, I'm still a winner!"  
☛ **John L. Drehner, North Park, 11.** "You can listen to A.M. radio at night."  
**Janet Goff, Cardiff, 11.** "Sarah...who?"  
**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 11.** "Happy first birthday Delilah Rose Walker."

**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 11.** "What the heck? Are you planning to give a shirt to everybody?"  
**Anna McCutcheon, Down-town, 11.** "www.paintwithdan.com"  
**Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 11.** "Janis Gorham - you are truly the love of my life."  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 11.** "Many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip."  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 11.** "Puzzle title: Time Warp, or Oops, Look Out Below!"  
**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 11.** "Was Chicken Little a quack?"  
**Lisa Torresscano, Spring Valley, 11.** "Thanks for the help!"  
**Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 11.**  
**Karen Davies, San Carlos, 11.** "Can I get the Reader in Vegas?"  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 10.**  
**Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 10.** "You missed me last week!"

**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 10.** "Amaze your friends; knit plastic bags into shopping bags!"  
**Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 10.** "I checked, the solution printed is correct."  
**Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 10.** "Another shout out to the Swanksta."  
**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 10.**  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 10.**  
**Dave Small, San Carlos, 10.** "Can o' corn. Thanks!"  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 9.** "Time to chill."  
**Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 9.** "Happiness is a choice! Don't worry be happy!"  
**Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 9.** "Able was I ere I saw Elba (or vice versa)."  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 9.** "9-11-01, never forget! And thanks for the answer. Lol!"  
**Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 9.**

**Leslie Chase, Campo, 9.** "Oops!"  
**Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 9.** "Shark attack, shark attack, get outta the water and don't look back!"  
**Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 9.** ☛ **Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 9.** "I'm at a loss for words!"  
**Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 9.** "Hair you go again superstars!"  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 9.** "Thanks for the solution in advance."  
**Dave Washington, La Jolla, 9.** "The end is near."  
**Jessica Romero, Chula Vista, 9.** "Bear, you are the pho king."

## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

**H. J. Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 9.** "Celebrate 88 years of women's suffrage in the USA."  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 9.** "Uh oh, Ken made a boo boo!"  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 9.** "Go Chargers!"  
**Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 8.** "I've got 3 T-shirts. How many you got?"  
**Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 8.** Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 8.  
**Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 8.** "Is Geni Halliwell now an old Spice Girl?"  
**David Castillo, Bay Park, 8.** "A pig with lipstick..."  
**Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 8.** "...is still a pig!"  
**Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 8.** "It's time for a vacation."  
**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 8.** "The alcoholic deli manager knows that his liver's worse."  
**Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 8.** "Easy!"  
**Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 8.** "This is a joke, right?"  
**Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 8.** "Thanks for the answers. Do I still get a T-shirt?"  
**W. Hodgson, Escondido, 8.** "100% correct 75% of the time - 100% far right all the time."  
**Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 8.**  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 8.** "I wish I had noticed this first."  
☛ **Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 8.** www.factcheck.org. Also, hi Bodo!"  
**Barbara Neill, Santee, 8.**  
**Jeff Smith, University City, 8.** "Bravo, Eddie Spaghettilo!"  
**Eddie Spaghettilo, Coronado, 8.** "143UNIT15! Quiero besarte...entremedias sus dedos gordos del pie! CIUM21."  
**Marie Turock, North Park, 8.** **Kelley Wilson, Santee, 8.** "Happy 30th birthday, Vanessa!"  
**Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 8.** "Register as anything, but vote Obama."  
**Shirley E Bolden, College Area, 8.** "Stay focused in spite of your age."  
**Phil Cashman, University City, 8.**  
**Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 8.** "Danielle - Good luck at Oberlin!"  
**Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 8.** "You misspelled my name last week!"  
**Martha Klages, Encanto, 8.** "Sorry to see the Valley House go."  
**Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 8.** "I sliced my right thumb today — OUCH!"  
**Marc Rutter, University Heights, 8.** "Hey, Lilly, we're worth six bucks!"  
**Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 7.**  
**Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 7.** "T.R.: Wanna cuddle?"  
**Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 7.** "Kurtie, you are a prince!"  
**Jim Koziol, UTC, 7.** "Hey Lukie, score a goal!"  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 7.** "Oops, the answers were staring us in the face!"  
**Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 7.** "If you miss this one, there's no hope for you!"

**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 7.** "I didn't peek, honest."  
**Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 7.** **Kuhn Stead, Santee, 7.** **Jeff Van De Moere, Banker's Hill, 7.** "Amateur night at the Reader...bravo!"  
**Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 7.** **Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 7.** "Har mar du? Kristine och Elliott."  
**Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 7.** **William Cushing, RB, 7.** "Hi Ron. Thanks for checking."  
**Barry Newman, Escondido, 7.** **Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 7.** "Ban-shee, Buster, Wicket and Stripey: I miss you cat buddies!"  
**Jennifer Rabner, Escondido, 7.** **Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 7.** "Angelou's poem 'On the Pulse of Morning' is worthy reading."  
**Rudy E Stegmann, Santee, 7.** "Hello to Steve and Paolo, my favorite La Jollans."  
**Bill Stevens, Bay Park, 7.** "Solum potestis prohibere ignes silvarum."  
**Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 7.** **Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 7.** "Bobby and Michael, good luck at Florence Elementary."  
**Bob Werner, Bay Park, 7.** "Dreams do come true."  
**Mike Adkins, Santee, 6.** **Sheila Agahan-Price, Ocean-side, 6.** "Who really worked it?"  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 6.** "G is for getting giggles. Thanks for the help."  
**Brian W Beadle, Clairemont, 6.** "The Federal Reserve is a privately owned entity. Dissolve it!"  
**Brian W. Beach, Santee, 6.** **Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 6.** **Ben Brainard, Santee, 6.** **Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 6.**  
**E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 6.** "Mirko - how are things at Mid-way?"  
**Max Calhoun, Vista, 6.** "For better hallway vision."  
**Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 6.** "What a no brainer!"  
**Maria Coda, Oceanside, 6.** "Hi Al!"  
**Doug Coffin, Santee, 6.** **Dan Collins, Santee, 6.** **Laura Conshafter, Santee, 6.** **Matt Dene, Santee, 6.** **J. DeWitt, Santee, 6.** **Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 6.** **Kathleene Evans, Santee, 6.** **Mark Franc, Santee, 6.** **Tim Glover, Santee, 6.** **Andy Harrison, Santee, 6.** **L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 6.** **Mark Hill, Santee, 6.** **Jim Hutchings, Santee, 6.** **EM Hutchings, Santee, 6.** ☛ **Patrick Koegel, North Park, 6.** "Oops Reader mag., who had one too many?"  
**Gary Kuske, Santee, 6.** **Bill Love, Santee, 6.** **Melissa Menard, Escondido, 6.** "Solution to this week's puzzle in this week's Reader! Ha!"  
**Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6.** "Do I really have to fill in all the boxes?"  
**Linda Millsberg, Santee, 6.** **Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 6.** "I don't deserve this - bacon - but I'll take it!"  
**Shirley Stafford, Carlsbad, 6.**

**Donnie Nelson, Santee, 6.** "Good show!"  
**Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 6.** "Heartland Lions, ""We Serve.""  
**Nathan Petty, Santee, 6.** "Oops!"  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 6.** "Not hard when they give you the answers."  
**Stacy Tool, Santee, 6.** **Woody Weaver, Santee, 6.** **Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 6.** "Wish I'd noticed the solution before I did the puzzle!"  
**Warren Winters, Santee, 6.** **Mary Woodbury, Santee, 6.** "Fun!"  
**Ivan Yanev, Santee, 6.** **Stephen Young, Santee, 6.** **Dan Baggett, North Park, 6.** "Happy August! XOXO Will."  
**A. T. Certik, Bonita, 6.** **Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 6.** "Dentists rule!"  
**Andre Desilets, Downtown, 6.** **Harry Engel, La Jolla, 6.** **Rand Feura, Santee, 6.** "On to Mount Laguna."  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 6.** "173 days and counting"  
**Mercer Kepler, Clairemont, 6.** "Thanks, Dave."  
**Ronald Long, San Diego, 6.** "Go PSU!"  
**Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 6.** "Challenge your third grade with Penrose tiles."  
**Alan Richards, San Diego, 6.** "BAPS? You can always tell the last word filled in."  
**Dennis Roth, Santee, 6.** **Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 6.** "Raise your hands if you remember filmstrips!"  
**Tom Somich, Clairemont, 6.** "I think I was gypped last week!"  
**Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 6.** **Tom White, University City, 6.** **Don Albee, Santee, 5.** **Doretha Albee, Santee, 5.** **Bud Anderson, Santee, 5.** "Same day answers?"  
**Bruce Bell, South Park, 5.** "Hi Monkey."  
**Pat Bennett, Escondido, 5.** **Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 5.** **Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 5.** **Neal Brown, Santee, 5.** **Margaret Buckner, Santee, 5.** **John Bullock, Santee, 5.** **Chris Byzewski, Linda Vista, 5.** **Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 5.** "Where were the real answers to last week's puzzle?"  
**Glen and Tesi Chavira-Courmoyer, Chula Vista, 5.** "A new streak begins! Happy belated birthday, Gail."  
**Tim Dene, Santee, 5.** **Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 5.** **Traci Doddy, Gaslamp, 5.** "Everything is energy."  
**Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 5.** **G. Doyle, Santee, 5.** **Ed Edwards, Santee, 5.** **Heather Ellsworth, Santee, 5.** **Kathleen Fowler, Santee, 5.** **Marie Grace, College Area, 5.** "Welcome to San Diego, Sasha!"  
**Hugh Hagues, Santee, 5.** **Marilynn Harrington, Santee, 5.**  
**M. Jordan, Santee, 5.** ☛ **Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 5.** "For some reason this one was very easy."  
**James La France, Escondido, 5.** "Missed last week's."  
**Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 5.** "Mom, I hope your vacation will be fun."

**Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 5.** **Monty Landy, Santee, 5.** **Angie Longoria, Santee, 5.** **Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 5.** **Rick Marin, Santee, 5.** **Erin Marin, Santee, 5.** **Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 5.** "Nice of you."  
**Heber Moore, Santee, 5.** **Kevin Moreau, Santee, 5.** **James C Nelson, El Cajon, 5.** **Charles Overdorf, Santee, 5.** **Eugene Padua, Santee, 5.** **Bill Pischke, Ramona, 5.** "This puzzle sure seemed easy."  
**Connie Rittichier, Poway, 5.** **Randy Schimpf, Santee, 5.** **Gillian Schulman, Cardiff, 5.** **J. Schwendinger, Santee, 5.** **Diane Sengir, Downtown, 5.** "Ode to best acupuncture: I rang Wang in Pacific Beach!"  
**M. Sherritt, Santee, 5.** **Ron Shields, Santee, 5.** **Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 5.** ☛ **Gayle Squire, Santee, 5.** **Edward J Swain, Downtown, 5.** "Omnia vincit amor."  
**Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 5.** "Eschew obfuscation."  
**Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 5.** "Thanks for the answers!"  
**Ronald A Weim, Chula Vista, 5.** "Answers are below!"  
**Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 5.** **Lee Woodbury, Santee, 5.** **Jerry S Anders, Scripps Ranch, 5.** "H.L. Menchen was right."  
**Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 5.** "I'm on vacation. Yeah, yeah! Rat-a-tat-tat. I will be back."  
**Carlos Cruz, Mira Mesa, 5.** "My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you."  
**Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 5.** "Goodbye, Bubba."  
**Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 5.** "Puzzle me this, oh great caped crossader."  
**Anne Hinton, , 5.** "Too many Ls in Hullabaloo?"  
**Marc Lanotte, San Marcos, 5.** "If you will it, Dude, it is no dream."  
**Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 5.** "Poo Poo Head, I am tired of carrying the team."  
**Kevin McNearney, Santee, 5.** **Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 5.** "Can you handle it this week, dear?"  
**Eric Ople, La Jolla, 5.** "Hey there Maniquis clan - rock on B.O.B. Go team USA!"  
**Tony Radna, Hillcrest, 5.** "What's the difference between snowmen and snowwomen? Snowballs."  
**Carol Simpson, Pacific Beach, 5.** "Thanks for the answers!"  
**Tom Stam, Lakeside, 5.** "I need a new T-shirt."  
**Marisa Torres, San Marcos, 5.** "Noni uses frozen meatballs."  
**Geoff Shimotsu, Ocean Beach, 5.** "Solonet, how is work? We love Belize!"  
**Ran Abernathy, Santee, 4.** "Same day answers?"  
**Rick Austin, Santee, 4.** **Roy Bailey, Santee, 4.** **Derek Besand, Santee, 4.** **Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 4.** **Loren Broadstone, Santee, 4.** **Dave Capehart, Santee, 4.** **Jill Dickens, Santee, 4.** **Mike Downey, Santee, 4.** **Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 4.** **Eduardo Emett, Santee, 4.** **Manny Espino, Santee, 4.** **Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 4.** **Emma Friemuth, Santee, 4.**

**Gina Glover, Santee, 4.** **Mike Gross, Santee, 4.** **Sandra Groves, Bonita, 4.** "What!"  
**Ward Harrington, Santee, 4.** **Ricky Hartpence, Santee, 4.** **Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 4.** **LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 4.** **Billy Horton, Santee, 4.** "Interesting, got to bottom of puzzle and found all answers."  
**Eric Jespersen, Santee, 4.** **Sara Khwaja, Poway, 4.** "Hello! This week's answers? Just trying!"  
**Eben Maat, Santee, 4.** **Donald Millsberg, Santee, 4.** **Ken Milne, Santee, 4.** **Deborah Moore, Santee, 4.** **David Papworth, Santee, 4.** **Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 4.** **Dalia Reynolds, Solana Beach, 4.** "Great smile, Brian."  
**Don Romero, Ramona, 4.** "Hi beautiful Mei Ling! See you after finals."  
**Richard Rose, Santee, 4.** **John Shultz, Santee, 4.** **Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 4.** **Nathan Squire, Santee, 4.** **Matt Taylor, Santee, 4.** **Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 4.** **Sue Worthen, Santee, 4.** **Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 4.** "Does this week count?"  
**Craig Hollinger, Santee, 4.** ☛ **David Kuntze, El Cajon, 4.** "Can we all just get along?"  
**Claudia Nordquest, Carmel Mtn., 4.** "Please, please, please vote for Prop.2."  
**Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 4.** "I did the puzzle before I looked at the answer."  
**J. Breckenridge, Santee, 3.** **Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 3.** "Pinky. A thorough investigation is warranted. Know your rights. The Brain."  
**Carol Kuske, Santee, 3.** **Juan Mercado, El Cajon, 3.** "Don't trust to mistakes, but someone is probably getting fired."  
**Glen Patricio, Mira Mesa, 3.** **Peter Ackhoff, Rancho Penasquitos, 3.** "Luke, I mean Adam, I am your father."  
**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 3.** "I want a T-shirt for my beloved husband T."  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 3.** "Give my babe a T-shirt already. I luv O."  
**Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 3.** **Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 3.** "Oops!"  
**Chicago Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 3.** "Da Bears! Da Bulls! Da Black-hawks! Da Sox! Cubs suck!"  
**Philip Heinz, Escondido, 3.** **Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 3.** "Hiromi rocks Billy."  
**Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 3.** "Lol! This was a hard one!"  
**Mark E Jones, Clairemont, 3.** **Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 3.** **Phil Nichols, Escondido, 3.** "Help Lancel!"  
**Elizabeth Rainbalt, Mission Valley, 3.** "Happy 5th birthday, Carolyn West!"  
**D. Schick, Oceanside, 3.** "I'd rather be RV-ing!"  
**Erin Yeager, Carlsbad, 3.** "Archaeologists will date any old thing."  
**Eddie Muraira, San Diego, 2.** "The Ace of Spades! Sanchez rules, Clauson drools!"  
**Jeff Smith, Santee, 2.** **Steve Burger, Rancho Penasquitos, 2.** "Sho' got the boogie."

☛ **Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 2.** "Mere mortals know not of their design. Love's the answer."  
**Susan Hill, Ocean Beach, 2.** "Visit www.realtyexpertgroup.com."  
**Denis Montano, Mira Mesa, 2.** "Depot is full of ratzzz."  
**Anna L Skalak, University City, 2.** "Is waul a real word?"  
**Larry Hartpence, Santee, 1.** ☛ **Grandma Karen Adams/Rodgers, Hillcrest, 1.** "I love all my family with all my heart."  
☛ **Greg Arimura, San Diego, 1.** "Pray for snow!"  
**Greg Arimura, San Diego, 1.** **Susan Blake, San Diego, 1.** "Enjoy each day."  
**Barbara Blake, Point Loma, 1.** "Hi Shawn and Kirit."  
☛ **Sunshine Blake, Cortez Hill, 1.** **Dwayne Collier, Lakeside, 1.** "I love my Melanie."  
**Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 1.** "Don't ever fracture a tibia."  
☛ **Kerry Cook, Bay Park, 1.** "Jake ur awesome! Love Mom."  
**Daniel Day, Pacific Beach, 1.** "Who's running this dog and pony show?"  
**Danny Day , Ocean Beach, 1.** "Stay out of O.B. tweakers!"  
**Bob Fehling, San Diego, 1.** "Where have all the flowers gone?"  
**John Ronald Flanders, , 1.** "I look forward to your puzzle every week. Thank you."  
☛ **Brian Guess, Pacific Beach, 1.** "That was a give me - literally."  
☛ **Lance Harberson, Escondido, 1.** "I know, I know! I still want a T-shirt."  
**Vladimir Christian Ikovlev, Escondido, 1.** "Lydia, just keep chill. God loves you."  
**Maxwell J., Chula Vista, 1.** "Daddy ca-mow-ka-ka-car cat duck."  
**S.J. Kalian, Poway, 1.** **Lorena Larson, San Diego, 1.** "For Dad."  
**Merv Lazo, Chula Vista, 1.** "I wish I was the fav."  
☛ **Jay Nunez, Encinitas, 1.** "Happy birthday Mikey, Kevin, and Kira."  
**D. Powell, Santee, 1.** "Thanks for the answers! Hi Matt, we miss you. Large please."  
**John Prince, Serra Mesa, 1.** "Trees are the answer. Oil gets you wars."  
**Beth Pucillo, Lakeside, 1.** "Easi-est puzzle ever - answers right here."  
**Dennis Rees, Alpine, 1.** "Wauls?"  
**Michael Schoppmeyer, Clairemont, 1.** "Kiss my grits!"  
**Mark Schulze, San Diego, 1.** **Ken Smith, San Carlos, 1.** "I'm not unknown anymore!"  
**Barry Tidmore, National City, 1.** "Higher taxes, bigger government equals Obama"  
**Brian Tilley, Clairemont, 1.** "I love Maggie Carter with all my heart!"  
**Scott Tuley, El Cajon, 1.** **Jennifer Wesson, Paradise Hills, 1.** "Close the wiindow!"  
**Nancy Zart, San Diego, 1.** "Too easy!"

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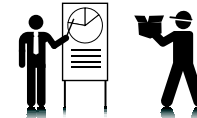


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Marilyn Moreno  
Student  
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Yes. In fourth grade I had this old teacher named Mrs. Donovan. She would ridicule lots of people in the class after reading stories they wrote. It seemed like she did it to me the worst. I always loved writing stories, and I stopped after that. I doubted myself. Now, in college, I write and teachers say they like it. Oh, and one time during kickball, I was on first base and forgot to run. She pulled me out of the game, which was humiliating.



Leo Mederos  
Waiter  
Chula Vista

My teachers never humiliated me. But I saw one once in 11th grade that kind of freaked me out. He got mad at a student and kicked his stool over. He then took an empty coffee cup and threw it across the floor. The thing slid under our desks. It was in Imperial County, and the teacher's name was...



Jade West  
Waitress  
Downtown

I grew up in Long Beach, and I had a teacher that was always ragging on me. I was a Chatty Cathy, and he'd always embarrass me. The worst was when he said I had a crush on this boy that sat next to me. When you're that age, you hate things like that. And besides that, I didn't have a crush on him.



Nikki Garvin  
Waitress  
Downtown

In third grade for summer school. My mom was a teacher, and I had her then. We were painting shirts and I accidentally rubbed one of them against my face and had blue all over. Other kids started doing it. We called it "Smurf Day." I'm sure I had other teachers that embarrassed me, too. But that day, my mom really laid into me.



Emily Parker  
Student  
Vista

I had teachers that I embarrassed. Oh, wait, there's one time a teacher humiliated me. Well, it was more of a general embarrassment. My dad had really long hair. He picked me up from school, and the teacher looked over, thinking that was my mom, and said, "Tell your mom I said hi." That was really awkward.



Juli Russell  
Waitress  
San Marcos

It seems the few times I was humiliated or embarrassed were in kindergarten. This was in Mission Viejo. One time [the teacher] yelled at me for calling her "Mom." I remember crying on a few different occasions. One time was when we had to make these things with construction paper, and you lace it with yarn. I didn't do it right, and my teacher made me feel bad for doing it wrong.

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# SurfDIEGO

Name: Jack Turner

Age: 23

Occupation: Personal Trainer

Lives In: Jamul

Surfing: Scripps

Favorite Surf Movie: *Point Break*

Jack blamed his “surf karma” for his inability to catch a wave a couple weeks ago.

“So, last week I was out at Dog Beach, and I had been flirting with a girl in the car behind me. She parked and got out and I couldn’t find a spot. I didn’t want to miss talking to her, so I parked in a handicap spot. I got her number, but now I can’t catch a dang wave. It’s surf karma: do something wrong, the ocean knows. I always try to do something nice for the beach — pick up trash or clean up a mess, give back a little.”

Jack moved here in 2006 and takes advantage of easy coastal access. Originally from Virginia, he grew up taking frequent trips to the Atlantic.

“It’s not like I thought it was going to be [surfing in San Diego.] I thought, *Hey, I’m in good shape. I will be able to hop on a board and just take off surfing.* It looked so easy. My first day, June 9, 2006, I almost cracked a rib, got the wind knocked out of



me, and stepped on a huge piece of glass. That was two years ago. There was something so challenging about it, and I was already hooked, so I just kept trying. I finally have gotten to a point where I’m not a danger to anyone else in the water.”

Jack has seen some strange things in the water, but one sight, on a day out

in Cardiff last July, tops them all: “It was a pretty dead day, especially for midsummer, so I was just sitting on my board. All of a sudden I see a guy dressed like a down paddling out. The whole outfit: wig, face paint, jumper, rubber nose. He was alone and kept to himself. He went out, caught a few waves, came back in, and took off. I was

totally hypnotized by him. I didn’t have the guts to talk to him, but if he is reading this, man, you made my day!”

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— At the August Dog Brothers “Gathering of the Pack” in Southern California, it was “[A]nything goes,” according to one warrior (looking to fight with “blunted knives”). A Reuters reporter witnessed two men without padding beat each other with heavy sticks and two others fight with electrically charged knives. The latter duel ended when, during a wrestling hold, one slipped a hand free and planted a 1000-volt surge in his opponent. Said one fighter, “I’ve never felt better than when I’m doing this.” Another: “Honestly, I wish I could find a church with the same spirit of support and love.”

**Government in Action**

— Florida’s nation-leading epidemic of mortgage fraud was facilitated by state regulators who permitted 2200 people with finance-crime records to become professional “loan originators,” part of the total of 10,000 with rap sheets allowed to work in the industry over an eight-year period, according to a July investigation by the *Miami Herald*.

— Two Cheers for Democracy: (1) Angela Tuttle was elected constable in Hancock County, Tenn., in August, simply because she showed up and voted. There were no candidates on the ballot, and thus her own write-in vote for herself carried the election, 1-0. (2) After Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s party retained control in India in the July elections, supporter (and Assam state legislator) Kishor Samrite decided to give traditional Hindu thanks for the victory. He sacrificed 200 goats and four buffaloes at a temple in Gauhati.

**Police Blotter**

— Paul Baldwin, 48, was ordered held on \$10,000 bail in Portsmouth, N.H., in May after his arrest for stealing a can of beer, which seems expensive except that it was Baldwin’s 152nd arrest. When a judge asked if he wanted a lawyer appointed for him, Baldwin said, “I don’t need a lawyer. I’ve been in this court more than you have.”

— Crimes From All Over: (1) A gentle armed robber was being sought in July in Poplar Bluff, Mo.; he took \$25 from a man at gunpoint, but

then hugged him before he left. (2) Arrested in Tampa in the span of 23 hours on July 1 and July 2: Mr. Telly Savalas Cheatam (grand theft auto) and Mr. Telly Savalas Wimbley (trespassing).

**Unclear on the Concept**

— (1) In July, St. Mary’s Airport on the Isles of Scilly (off the southwest coast of England) posted a vacancy announcement for air traffic controller that added, helpfully, that applications were available in alternative languages, “in larger text [or] Braille.” (2) Police were called to a home in Wichita, Kan., in June after two young men had been arguing over which was more deserving of the street name C-Thug. The fight ended when a woman old enough to be their mother came along and stabbed one of the “thugs.”

— Illinois requires all state employees to pass an annual ten-question, multiple-choice “ethics” test (whose format lends itself to simplistic answers that, for instance, most college students might handle easily). In January, state ethics officials declined to accept the passing grades of 65 South-

ern Illinois University professors because they finished “too quickly.” Asserted a reviewing state official, anyone who failed to spend at least ten minutes on the test was being unreasonable.

**Creme de la Weird**

— Charlie Van Wilkes Jr., 31, was arrested in Danielsville, Ga., in August and charged with possession of drugs and burglary tools. The arrest report noted that Wilkes had a “large lump in the front of his blue jeans, with wires running from inside his pants and hanging down dragging the ground” as he walked. Wilkes explained that he was wearing a “homemade vibrator” hooked to a battery. Wrote the officer, “[A] small motor had been removed from an item and placed inside a pill bottle, and then wrapped in a piece of pipe insulation before being placed inside [Wilkes’s] pants for a pleasurable sensation.”

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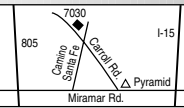
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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

Many years before *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf* appeared at San Diego's Fox Theatre, a little black girl named Paulette Williams lived in Trenton, New Jersey. Her father was a surgeon, her mother was a psychiatric social worker, she grew up in an integrated upper-middle-class neighborhood, went to Barnard College where she graduated with honors, and subsequently took an M.A. in American Studies at USC. After this deprived childhood and repressive education, truth was revealed to young Paulette by the Women's Studies Program at Sonoma State College.

Only in America, the land of opportunity, could a coddled, Ivy-League-trained, rich girl from suburban New Jersey achieve success by turning herself into an uneducated lower-class Zulu.

—"ENUF IS ENUF," *Jonathan Saville,*  
September 21, 1978

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

The 2000 oryx, antelope, deer, and buffalo at the Wild Animal Park have been entertaining some expensive little visitors of late.

Park curators estimate that the several hundred squirrels and rabbits are eating at least 5 percent of the \$17,000 worth of food pellets fed monthly to the exhibit animals.

Park guides who conduct tours along the Park's Wgasa Bush Line monorail more candidly put the food losses at 10 percent, or some \$1700 each month.

—CITY LIGHTS: "WHERE CAN I GET A GOOD PELLET AROUND HERE?" *Paul Krueger, September 22, 1983*

### Twenty Years Ago

Oooh! Michael Praetorius, you Christian banner carrier, you! You dental smasher, you ("Letters," September 15)!

Would that we could organize a sort of Christian police state. You write the laws, then you get to break the teeth of every noncompliant dimwit while proclaiming their degree of fecal overflow. Lord Jesus would love you for that, Michael.

And oh, by the way, the makers of *The Last Temptation of Christ* surely must want to thank you for losing your cool and single-handedly drumming up another couple of thousand dollars of box office for the movie. Good job, Michael!

—CITY LIGHTS: "ON A DENTAL PLAN," *Bernie Conrad,*  
Golden Hill, September 22, 1988

### Fifteen Years Ago

High over the Tijuana-Ensenada toll road, in the midst of bald, colorless hills, the orange stucco bridge of Real del Mar stands in anti-septic isolation. Square towers and a multitude

of purple flags give it the look of a fortress, as do its deserted roads that wind their way uphill through ghostly rows of auctioned, vacant lots. Yet this is not a remote secret barracks of the Mexican army nor the long-abandoned set of some gaudy science-fiction movie. This is merely the unfinished beginnings of what will be Baja's largest golf course.

—"BAJA BOOM TOWNS," *Lawrence Osborne,*  
September 23, 1993

### Ten Years Ago

You're at [www.tidalwave.net/~offwhite/](http://www.tidalwave.net/~offwhite/), Andrew's multi-faced picture comes up. Click here to enter the game. At the bottom, the four scores that tell you if you're going to last as long as Cunanan did on the run: your life expectancy, your money supply, how close the police are, and how high your fame's rocketing. You can spend money, hustle money, lie low, or live the glittering life, but everything you do has consequences.

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—CITY LIGHTS: "CUNANAN'S LAST LAUGH,"  
*Bill Manson, September 24, 1998*



San Diego Reader, September 24, 1998

### Five Years Ago

David and Michael Copley were both adopted by the late Jim Copley, owner of Copley Press and publisher of the *San Diego Union* and *Evening Tribune*. You probably know of David, now president of Copley Press, but it's unlikely you have heard of Michael. Therein lies the story.

—"ALL IN THE FAMILY," *Don McCullough,*  
September 18, 2003

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SINCE ONE OF MY EX-GIRLFRIEND'S IDEAS OF THE MOST FUN ONE COULD HAVE was to sprinkle red wine about my bedroom floor, I decided I needed to rent a carpet cleaner and turn my burgundy rug back to its original gray-ish.

Now, I must tell you that I've seen log cabins hung on Christmas trees that are larger than my apartment. Birds step from their holes, walk out on their little stick perch, point a wing, and laugh and mock my dinky place. As you can imagine, my bedroom has the square acreage of a Wheat Thin, so ten minutes after I got the rented cleaner home, I was finished.

If you ever rent a cleaner from a grocery store, you'll learn that the endeavor is a clever scam. What you get: a faulty cleaning machine. What you pay: if by accident, while using your rented carpet cleaner, you contract monkey pox, your medical bills will be cheaper than the rental. (Those S.O.B.s at Vons!)

So, there I was with a sparkling bedroom floor, ten minutes of perspiration in my armpits, and an incredibly expensive carpet cleaner I could use for the next 23 hours and 50 minutes. With cleaning wand still in hand, I turned to inspect the tile in my front room and kitchen. *Why the hell not?* I thought and removed all the furniture, bicycles, taxidermy supplies, teddy bears, and prosthetic limbs from the rooms and started to wash my tiles with the carpet cleaner.

Here's the thing: One of those contraptions puts out about 10,000 gallons, while its inadequate sucking device pulls in around three ounces. On a carpet, that's fine — it soaks in; but that thing's not built for tile. After cruising the cleaner around my kitchen floor like a midget Zamboni, I noticed I stood ankle deep in the world's smallest brown lake. And the cleaner's electrical cord sparked and bubbled because it was submerged.

I shrieked and made a diving lunge for the plug. After watching blue headlights blink on and off behind my eyelids and wondering why my mouth tasted like I was sucking a penny (thank you, Edison), I got the plug freed from its power source and safely out of water. I sat in the puddle, smelling of burnt hair, and I imagined the scroll-y thing beneath a news anchor's smiling face: "Moron Proves Theory of Natural Selection, Story at 11."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

HOLE IN THE WALL

FOX 8:00 P.M.

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PBS 8:00 P.M.

Someone please explain to me what in the hell it is about the Beatles that makes them the most popular band in history. This is a crock. When I'm emperor, I'll force Ringo to square off against Lemmy from Motörhead in a Thunderdome match. *TWO MEN ENTER! ONE MAN LEAVES!* Go for the chainsaw, Lemmy! Go for the chainsaw!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

THE HIPPO: AFRICA'S KING OF THE RIVER  
ANIMAL PLANET 8:00 P.M.

How fitting that this airs on Friday night while I'm in a bar stalking similar prey. I'm in my pith helmet. My pygmy guides point her out to me. She sits at the edge of the watering hole on her suffering barstool pouring a sugary drink into her gaping maw as a tiny bird picks at the bits of leftover fish between her teeth. I level my blunderbuss. So beautiful, yet so deadly.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

JEOPARDY!

ABC 7:00 P.M.

Alex Trebek's mustache lies in a small iron keep box at the bottom of a vault in my armament cellar, south wing, beneath the zebra stables. When I'm drunk on brandy, I take the lip decoration out and sniff it. Ah, the smell of power. You want it back, Canadian? Come and

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

Who wants to punch Chuck in the nose? Show of hands. Okay, looks like everyone who's ever seen the show, watched a preview, or heard of its premise. Obviously, there are too many people to line up and poke Chuck in the beak, but since I've got you all here, I'd like to show you the hair around my bellybutton; it kinda looks like Abraham Lincoln.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**60 MINUTES**

**CBS 7:00 P.M.**

The other day I saw little Halloween costumes of the *60 Minutes* anchors. Really, they were just dangerously long, gray, stick-on eyebrows. The only one that was different was Lesley Stahl's; along with the eyebrows,

hers came with a cheek scar, eye patch, and antlers. On the corner of each package was a starburst with the words "Now with 30 percent more cantankerousness...and a flask!"

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**HEROES**

**NBC 9:00 P.M.**

OH, SWEET MERCIFUL CORN ON THE COB, IT'S HERE! I'm going to lie spread-eagle and naked in front of the TV and hope that I'm impregnated by this show's awesomeness. Perhaps my chances would be better if I smear myself with ice cream. Would you like...nuts with that? (That's my sexy-talkin'. Gets you hot, doesn't it?)

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

**ABC 8:00 P.M.**

More reality game shows, that's

exactly what we need. Out of pure rebellion at this alarming trend, I'm going 180 degrees and stocking my house with guns, a red Ferrari, a friend with a multicolored helicopter, and a middle-aged homosexual in khaki shorts. Now, since this is my "reality," I invite ABC to write a show in which I solve crimes and dazzle young bikini-clad women with my Detroit Tigers baseball hat. What? There was a show like that already? SON OF A...! What about if I have a car that talks and drives itself? DAMMIT! Never mind!

**THE MENTALIST**

**CBS 9:00 P.M.**

This show should skip the pilots and premieres and jump straight to podcast. I'm sure all the actors and producers have their hopes up, but they shouldn't get too excited. They'll be



Hole in the Wall

scrubbing ovens and learning Spanish by the end of this season. "Consuela, donde esta el Easy Off?"

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**DAVID BLAINE: DIVE OF DEATH**

**ABC 9:00 P.M.**

Here's a fact all the David Blaine

haters won't like: his Speedo once untangled a rodeo rider from a ram-paging bull, pulled the rider to the safety of a blue plastic barrel, and then the Speedo sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." Say what you will about the man, but those tight polyester shorts are American heroes. Oh, say can you seeeeeeee...

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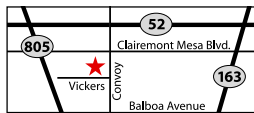
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**PACIFIC BEACH.** Garage sale. Saturday, 9/20, 8am-1pm. Kitchen, dressers, entertainment center, decor, collectibles, vacuum, china, tools, more. 1502 Monmouth Drive (off Foothill Boulevard).

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**SERRA MESA.** Estate/family sale. Furniture, heater, kitchenware, knick-knacks, toys, clothes, miscellaneous. Saturday, September 20, 8am-2pm. 3557 Angwin Drive. No early birds!

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS,** Neighborhood yard sale, Saturday 9/20/08, 8am-3pm. Southwest corner of Maryland and Golden Gate Drive, 92116. Furniture, kitchenware, clothes, etc. Lots of stuff.

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**COWBOY BOOTS,** Tony Lama, excellent, men's 8D as new \$50 firm. Filson cotton vest, new mens medium \$50 firm. Sheepskin coat, mens medium, good, \$100. 619-260-8482.

**DESK,** 6 drawers, 38"Wx78"L, and chair, \$50. Wedding dress, hat, shoes, size 8, \$50 all. Off-road tires, 18" and 21", 2 each, \$5 each. Table glass top, 36"Wx50"L, \$25. 858-277-7197.

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# T.G.I.F.

"I've got the Secret of the Universe. Want it?"

By John Brizzolara

Over halfway through September. I can't wait. I'm still stuck here in these dog days, maybe all of us are. My sentences are too long. I hear this from readers. On spell-check now I'm getting "Fragment." I'm hitting "Ignore Rule" right now. Got HBO on in background. *Starsky and Hutch*, the movie with, you know, that guy. And the other guy.

Gotta start looking for apartment this weekend. Made phone calls. Went to one. How come there's always a respectable-looking, elderly Asian couple looking much more eligible? I should go during the week, but it's a weekend thing. Right?

Studio. Mission Hills. \$750. Okay. Call. "You that guy...?"

Yeah. It's a garage. "Hey! Thank God for Friday, right?" Right.

National City. One bedroom. \$800. Means trolley. Kids every Friday. Oh yeah, I might have a roommate. See what he thinks. Good guy. Old, like me. I've got too many books. Is there such a thing? Yep.

Gabriel García Márquez wrote a whole book, *The Autumn of the Patriarch*. One sentence. Maybe 80,000 words. This is getting painful. My teeth hurt and I'm getting splinters somehow.

A World Fantasy Award-winning author, Richard Bowes, once told me my

style was "like an infant examining his toes and fingers." Loved the image if not the criticism.

Let's see, looking for an apartment, and the words Mission Hills bring me back to my old house on Curlew Street, the one my wife and I bought when we made the final move out here. It looked like the *Addams Family* house. That was my joke at the time. My friend Gerry, Rick Bowes's brother, called it "the Edifice Complex. Buy a house in California, fix it up, then get divorced." Hilarious. Whoever bought it painted it a very nice lime-green, I guess you'd call it. I'm writing them a letter.

Apropos of nothing (this, I'm told, is what columnists do), there is a urologist in Arkansas named John Brizzolara. I wrote him a letter and he didn't answer. I called his receptionist and she laughed, told me, "He figures you're from the bad side of the family." Okay.

I've got a lot of mosquitoes in the backyard where I'm living. I'm a hypochondriac, and I keep thinking about the West Nile virus and malaria. I've killed dozens, leaving bloody smears on the walls. I keep finding them and wiping them down, like Monk in that TV show. I'm going to call 888-551-INFO, this mosquito hotline. I require new and more ingenious methods, like mosquito-eating fish in the toilet bowl, maybe.

I'm watching too much TV. Well, not actually watching it. I've just got it on too much. It's like a lava lamp for me. I tell myself it helps me think, but really, it is distracting at times. I find myself having imaginary conversations with actors I've never met, like Timothy Hutton and Tony Shalhoub. "Hey, I loved you in *Turk 182* and *The Dark Half*," or "That line of yours in *Barton Fink* was great, man. 'Throw a rock in here and you'll hit a writer. Do me a favor, Fink, and throw it hard!' That was great, Tony. You got robbed at the Oscars." Is this a common thing? I don't do it out loud.

I should call my friend Cosmo. His mother was ill in Illinois last time we spoke but was getting better. Hey, Cosmo, by the time you read this we will probably have spoken, but I said a prayer just now, which got me thinking....

This is like one of my son's ideas: What if God is constantly editing our experience and erasing memories so that we're never quite positive that He exists. He does this intentionally in order to create, if not doubt, a certain creative tension in man's universe, without which nothing. This can't be an orig-



inal idea. Maybe the French Jesuit Teilhard said something like it. Philip K. Dick certainly hit on something similar and repeatedly, just not in those words. I actually called up the Specialist in the middle of the night recently and told her, "I've got the Secret of the Universe. Want it?" She's a great sport and said, "Sure." Not much else except, "I don't even know how the can opener works." Maybe that was another time.

Actually, I have to meet the Specialist now. At Whole Foods. I'm more in the mood for some Half Foods, but I've got to eat something. Their butterscotch tapioca is like crack cocaine. My other friend Rick says that. Not the fantasy writer.

How do you hit "Ignore Rule" and keep it ignoring the rules?

Any suggestions?

Any landlords out there?

I've got a job.

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