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Deepak Chopra

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Helping to recast Microsoft's image isn't Chopra's only cause these days. He recently dispatched an email to his fans attacking Alaska governor **Sarah Palin**, the GOP's vice presidential nominee: "Palin reinforces the overall message of the reactionary right, which has been in play since 1980, that social justice is liberal-radical, that minorities and immigrants, being different from 'us' pure American types, can be ignored, that progressivism takes too much effort and globalism is a foreign threat." In reference to Palin, he continued, "She can add mom to apple pie on her résumé, while blithely reversing forty years of feminist progress." In March 2000, a superior court jury rejected a claim by **Joyce Weaver** that Chopra fired her from her seminar-organizing job in 1995 after she alleged he and a colleague had sexually harassed her. "I look at these people as hyenas after my blood and marrow just because they think I have money," Chopra was quoted as saying at the time. Based on campaign-contribution records, Chopra was originally a **Hillary Clinton** backer, giving a total of \$4600 in 2007. On July 28 of this year, he gave **Barack Obama** the same amount.

Rich get richer Many are predicting that next year's state budget deficit will grow to \$7 billion, but that hasn't stopped the University of California from its habit of handing out big salaries to high-ranking executives. At their monthly



Angela Scioscia

meeting, held last Thursday in Irvine, the regents agreed to hire **Barbara E. Perry** as UCSD's director of government research relations, at an annual salary of \$192,000, plus a "coach-fare house-hunting trip," moving expenses, and a mortgage loan not to exceed \$1.33 million.

Perry has been director of the office of federal relations at the University of Washington, serving as the university's chief lobbyist. The regents also voted to approve a raise of \$59,800 for **Angela Scioscia**, bringing her annual salary to \$374,800; including other benefits and payments, her total yearly cash compensation will be \$487,240. Scioscia, an M.D., is UCSD's chief medical officer. ... Maybe the chaos on Wall Street is getting to the editors at *Forbes* magazine. How else to explain the publication's wacky com-

ments about the Chargers hanging on in San Diego, despite the widely shared belief that the team is almost surely destined for points north. "There is a good chance that **Dean Spanos**, who now runs the team for his father, **Alex**, will be able to negotiate a deal for a new stadium," claims *Forbes* in its annual football business roundup. "Dean is more liked by taxpayers than his father who, correctly or not, was perceived as greedy by local media. That means a new stadium in San Diego with a 50-50 split in private-public financing is possible. The Chargers also have more leverage with each passing season. The team can exit antiquated Qualcomm Stadium after the 2008 season by paying off the rest of their lease (annual rent is \$2.5 million), and the buyout price drops considerably after 2011."



Dean Spanos

Marriage scouting The battle between pro- and anti-gay-marriage forces continues. Among the latest to back Proposition 8, the proposed statewide ban on gay marriages, is **Robert Bolingbroke** of Rancho Santa Fe, who recently kicked in \$25,000. The former president and chief operating officer of bleach-maker Clorox Company, Bolingbroke now serves as a council commissioner with the San Diego-Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a group that lost its lease in San Diego's city-owned Balboa Park over its opposition to admission of gays. Bolingbroke signed the rebuttal to the argument against Prop 8 that appears in the state ballot pamphlet for the November election: "Your YES vote ensures that parents can teach their children about marriage according to their own values and beliefs without conflicting messages being forced on young children in public schools that gay marriage is okay." ... Employees of utility giant Semptra Energy have been pouring money into the reelection campaign of GOP congressman **Brian Bilbray**, who has collected a total of \$4750 from 19 individuals who gave \$250 each and identified themselves as working for the company. Donors included executive vice president **Jessie Knight**, former executive director of the San Diego chamber of commerce, and **Darcel Hulse**, Semptra's liquefied natural gas honcho. The Semptra Energy Employees Political Action Committee also favored Bilbray with \$5000; in the same period it gave South Bay's Democratic congressman **Bob Filner** only \$1000 and the GOP's **Darrell Issa** \$2500. On the presidential front, Democrats did better with Semptra workers: 6 of them gave a total of \$4250 to Republican **John McCain**, nothing compared to the 27 who came up with a total of \$16,900 for his Democratic rival **Barack Obama**.

— Matt Potter

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Gamy Banks

By Don Bauder

Are you entrusting your money to banking houses or sportin' houses? The United States is in its worst credit crisis

since the Great Depression, as shotgun marriages are arranged and financed by the government. Investment and commercial banks are regularly taking multibillion-dollar write-downs because of their gambling addictions. But the once-staid institutions continue another addiction: paying big money to get naming rights on pro sports facilities — a dubious marketing ploy for financial companies, which should be advertising their safety, not their sporting nature. Actually, in paying big bucks to put their names on sports facilities, financial institutions have been subliminally admitting that they are gamblers, not fiduciaries.

The New York Mets (baseball) are drawing up a 20-year, \$20 million-per-year deal with Citigroup, a hodgepodge of

financial institutions that is addicted to the same thing as the Mets are: errors. Elizabeth Ody of Kiplinger.com calls Citigroup "The Bad Boy of Finance." The company is involved in every kind of money manipulation "and



appears to have made big mistakes in most of them," she says. On September 10, U.S. Senate investigators charged that Citigroup and other Wall Street firms have been helping offshore hedge funds avoid U.S. taxes.

The New York Yankees have fleeced taxpayers to get a new stadium. Now Bank of America is finalizing a deal, said to be for \$20 million a year, by which the bank could post its

logo and signs all over the park. B of A bought the worst mortgage dog of all, Countrywide. The deal was originally considered a bargain, but now it looks questionable. Not having had enough, B of A then agreed to buy Wall Street's Merrill Lynch, which did the original financing on San Diego's downtown ballpark. B of A already has its name on the stadium in which the Carolina Panthers (football) play. It could become one of a few companies whose names are on more than one facility.

Of the 70 pro stadiums, ballparks, and arenas in the United States and Canada, 20 sport the names of financial institutions. That sum was 21 until last year. Subprime lender Ameriquest had the rights to the Texas Rangers' (baseball) field until 2034. In early 2006, Ameriquest settled a class-action suit with the attorneys general of 49 of the 50 states over allegations of predatory

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Road's End

By Ernie Grimm

Organizers of the semiannual Rosarito Ensenada Fun Bicycle Ride recently announced that the September 27 event would be their last. As with Baja tourism in general, participation in the ride has been declining. In April, it dipped below the 5000-rider mark, which organizer Gary Foster says is his break-even point. City officials and business leaders in Rosarito are scrambling to keep the lucrative event alive. They believe it is the latest victim of “bad and unfair” media coverage of Baja California.

Foster, a trim, clean-cut man of 43, sits in a coffee shop at a table overlooking Cass Street in Pacific Beach. Dressed in a blue surf-shop T-shirt and gray jogging pants, he speaks almost too softly to be heard over the hiss and gurgle of the cappuccino machine 20 feet to his right. “A guy

1980 was the first ride for which he advertised and charged admission.”

Dickson ran the Rosarito-to-Ensenada ride from 1980 to 2000. “I started working for him in 1989. I was on the rowing team at San Diego State, and we had to raise money for boats and oars, and one of the fund-raisers was handing out water at the bike ride. So I met Dave and started working for him part-time while at school. After I finished my undergrad, I stayed on for a while.”

A few years later, Foster went away to graduate school, then took a telecom job in Denver, which he held for five years. In the meantime, he recalls, “Dave Dickson retired, and he advertised at the end



Ride participants



Finish line in Ensenada

named Dave Dickson, who was leading tours for the youth hostels, discovered the route between Rosarito and Ensenada and found out it was exactly 50 miles. So he was kind of the founder of it. And

of 1999 that it was going to be the last ride. But in 2000 he sold it to two guys down in Ensenada, Guillermo Rodríguez and Alejandro Treviño. [Throughout the ride's history] we'd worked with

Guillermo Rodríguez. His business was printing T-shirts. During all those years, he printed the T-shirts for us. And because he was an Ensenada local, he always helped us with getting permits and overcoming any roadblocks with the government.”

Rodríguez and Treviño, Foster says, “are 50-50 partners in the Señor Frog's stores. They also own a newspaper in Ensenada, *El Vigía*. And [Rodríguez] has a boutique winery. Their interest in the ride was they didn't want to see it come to an end. They wanted to keep it alive because it was such a big influx of tourist revenue into Mexico, especially their hometown of Ensenada. So they bought everything from Dave, all the rights, the trademarks, and everything.”

Foster continues, “They ran it from 2000 until 2003. They got decent crowds, 6000, 7000, 8000 per event, but the business was failing.”

Foster left his telecom job and moved back to San Diego. One night, “I was grabbing dinner and catching up with Guillermo. He said, ‘We're having a lot of trouble with the business, and we know that Dave [Dickson] doesn't want to do it anymore. You are the only other guy in the U.S. who knows how to do it, so would you like to come work for us?’ And I said, ‘I don't want to work for you, but if you are

looking for a partner or you want to sell the business, I am interested.’ So I worked as a partner, and we set up two companies. One is in the U.S., Bicycling West. That is the one that I work for. And Bicycling West operates as basically an advertising firm. We do sports marketing, advertising in all media, from Internet to direct mail to bulk distribution of brochures. The second company is in Mexico, and it is called Paseo Ciclista Rosarito Ensenada. And that

company owns everything in Mexico, the intellectual property, the name of the event, the trademarks, the logos, all artwork; it gets the permits for the ride, posts the ride, collects the revenue, all that stuff. So the event pays Bicycling West. I bought in at 50 percent of each company.”

Foster won't divulge the amounts he paid to buy into the companies or how much money he's made from the two for-profit businesses. “This has been my only job for the

last five years. I've bought a house five blocks from the beach in PB, and I have four kids. My wife works too — we're a two-parents-working family. So I've done all right. Not as much as when I was a director in telecom. But it's also a lifestyle business. In

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lending and bait-and-switch tactics. Soon it closed all its branch offices and stopped taking loans. Then it quietly withdrew from the Rangers deal.

In San Diego, the naming rights of the football field belong to Qualcomm, a very good telecom company. The baseball stadium bears the name of Petco, supposedly a pet-supply retailer. But you might even call it a doggy financial concern. In 2000, two buyout firms bought Petco, then a publicly held company, and took it private. Then they brought it public again, and the insiders reaped fortunes in an economically meaningless move. Later, a competitor offered top money for the company but didn't want to retain Petco's brass. So in 2006, Petco was taken private a second time by the same firms, at a price well below what the competitor had offered. The buyout specialists have loaded the company with debt. Petco shareholders have been

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neutered — Wall Street's specialty.

Charlotte-based Wachovia Corporation is the fourth-largest U.S. banking chain. The Wachovia Center is home of the Philadelphia 76ers (basketball) and the Flyers (hockey). But Wachovia is flying low now; its loan portfolio is loaded with stinkers. Its stock has taken a beating.

KeyBank has its name on KeyArena in Seattle. The Seattle SuperSonics (basketball) are deserting for Oklahoma City. A women's pro team will still play in the arena. The bank is ailing as the result of the mortgage meltdown; as losses mount, it has sliced its dividend in half. But its stock has dropped by much more than half.

The Conseco Fieldhouse is home to the Indiana Pacers and Fever (men's and women's basketball). Stephen Hilbert, a former encyclopedia salesman, built Conseco by buying small insurance companies, adding a casino along the way. Hilbert had a grand lifestyle, paying himself \$119.4 million in 1997. He couldn't resist buying Green Tree Financial, whose head, Lawrence Coss,

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paid himself \$106 million in 1996. The marriage of the profligate fellows was a disaster. Conseco went into bankruptcy in 2001, emerging after shedding \$6.6 billion in debt but not shedding its naming rights.

The Cincinnati Reds (baseball) play in Great American Ball Park. Great American Insurance is a unit of American Financial Group, a highly diversified money machine put together by Carl Lindner, formerly a close associate of junk-bond king Michael Milken, who went to the slammer for his predations. For years, American Financial employed lawyer Charles Keating as executive vice president. Yes, *that* Keating: the one known for the Keating Five scandal. Keating got dubious favors from five U.S. senators. One was John McCain.

The Detroit Tigers (baseball) play in Comerica Park, named for a bank that spent 158 years in Detroit, then last year moved its headquarters to Dallas. Downtown Detroit does that to people. In early September, Standard & Poor's cut its outlook on Comerica

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stock to negative, and now analysts are saying it may have to cut its dividend.

The Arizona Diamondbacks (baseball) play at Chase Field, formerly Bank One Ballpark. Bank One was purchased by JPMorgan Chase in 2004, and the ballpark was rechristened. Early this year, our country's financial policy makers proclaimed that the Dow Jones Industrial Average would plunge 2000 points if Wall Street's Bear Stearns went bankrupt. So the Federal Reserve threw in \$29 billion, and Bear was sold for a cheap price to JPMorgan Chase. Now JP has Bear's old woes: trillions of dollars in shaky derivatives.

Some financial institutions are doing better than the teams they represent. PNC Financial Services is doing well, thank you. The same cannot be said for the Pittsburgh Pirates (baseball) who play in PNC Park. Similarly, M&T Bank Corporation is doing fine. The bank's name is on the stadium in which the historically so-so Baltimore Ravens (football) play.

In one case, the bank and the team are both doing fine. Mellon Arena is home to the winning Pittsburgh Penguins (hockey). Bank of New York Mellon, partly because it manages money for rich folks, is doing well. Bank of New York was founded in 1784 by Alexander Hamilton. Mellon is the latecomer: it was founded in 1869.

TD Banknorth Garden in Boston is where the Celtics (basketball) and Bruins (hockey) play. The arena has had 34 names since construction was announced in 1993. It was FleetCenter when the rights were owned by Fleet

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Bank, which was then purchased by Bank of America. Then, one-day naming rights were auctioned on eBay, and there were some dandy names offered, such as Yankees Suck Center. In 2005, TD Banknorth, the American subsidiary of Toronto-Dominion Bank, purchased the rights.

Other foreign financial institutions pay to play the game. London's HSBC Holdings, the world's largest banking group, has its name on the Buffalo Sabres' (hockey) arena. Citizens Bank is a unit of Royal Bank of Scotland. Citizens Bank Park is where the Philadelphia Phillies (baseball) play. RBC Center is home of the Carolina Hurricanes (hockey). RBC is a division of Royal Bank of Canada. The New York Jets and Giants (foot-

ball) talked about selling naming rights to their new stadium to Allianz, a German financial firm once tied to the Nazis. New Yorkers screamed and the talks ended.

As the U.S. economy deleverages (sheds debt), financial institutions are consolidated, and many fail, foreign ownership will increase. But will financial institutions realize they should be advertising safety, not gaminess, and stop buying sports naming rights? I doubt it. ■

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telecom, I was working 60, 70, 80 hours a week and traveling. I had 80 employees and a \$41 million budget. But I never got to see my kids. Now I've been working a normal 40-hour week or less. In the middle of the day, if my ten-year-

old son says, 'Dad, I want to take a bike ride,' we hop on the bikes and take a ride. It's been nice. I'm going to miss that."

The business grew, Foster says, through 2006, "and then in 2007, the business fell off, and it was just not something we could overcome. We had been averaging 7500 people, but in the April 2008 ride, we just had, we had between 4900 and 5000."

Five thousand riders, each paying a \$35 entry fee is \$175,000. Seems like plenty of money, especially twice a year. But, Foster says, "Our event is a destination event. We are pulling people from the U.S., about 75 percent from the U.S., primarily coming from L.A., Orange County, and San Diego. When most people go across the border, they want to feel safe, and they want to feel that if something happens, they are going to get

the same level of care that they would get if they fell off their bike up here. So what we have done, ever since I worked for Dave, we've always provided life-flight helicopters and airplanes to bring people up. So if someone has a critical injury on the course, we can actually pick them up right on the course in Mexico by helicopter, come across, touch down at Brown Field and clear customs, and bring them right to a hospital here in the U.S."

Asked if they have ever had to use that service, Foster answers, "Almost every event we have, something happens. Cycling is the most dangerous sport of all the popular sports."

Foster also hires U.S. paramedics to go down and be on call. And, because of Mexican law, they can't use volunteers to staff any aspect of the ride. "So at the water stops, people handing out T-shirts, people handing out numbers and registrations, they are all paid employees. In Mexico, you can't use someone as a volunteer the way you

can here."

On top of medical and staff costs — Foster won't divulge how much they are — there's a federal revenue tax on the registration fees. And the cities of Rosarito and Ensenada each charge a per-rider tax, a practice Foster describes as "a very counterproductive way of thinking. If you look at the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, the model they use is, every time they go to a new city, the city pays the company to bring the event to them because it generates tourism. So what happens is, Rock 'n' Roll doesn't have to make any money on participation because they are getting so much from the cities. But for us down there, we do it upside down. We go down there, we have to pay the city to put on the event. We have to buy the permits to put on the event. Every police officer that is stationed along the route, we have to pay his salary for the day. It adds up, and it's cost prohibitive."

Ron Raposa, public relations director for the City of Rosar-

ito, blames the demise of the bike ride on American media coverage of Baja, "including things like the recent cover story you ran in the *Reader*" ("Greetings from Tijuana," August 7).

Asked what the economic impact of the ride has been for Rosarito, Raposa doesn't have dollar figures but offers, "Well, we had 5000 to 7000 participants plus friends and family members that came down, that stayed in hotels and ate in restaurants and spent money in Rosarito and Ensenada twice a year and created a great deal of publicity for the area. It's a wonderful event with wonderful people. They never had a problem with anything down here, and we never had a problem with them. We'd like to see it continue, and we still hope that some way might be found. If it can't continue, we're going to miss it. There's no question about it. As for the exact economic impact, well, we get over a million visitors a year here, and we're starting to see a recovery in tourism this summer, so it's not going to kill us. But we're surely sad to see it go. It's extremely sad, and it truly is the result of bad and unfair U.S. media coverage, and I put the *Reader* cover story in that category. I can't say it any more sternly. Twenty-seven years, 375,000 participants, and never a single serious crime among them. But the U.S. media are simply scaring people away with biased, unbalanced, and unfair reporting." ■

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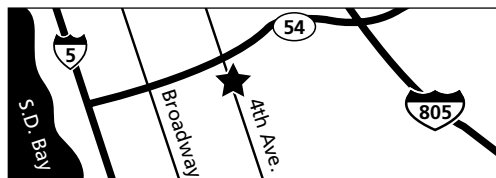


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Where Are The Bags?

I have spent at least a thousand hours in the ocean and have not seen a plastic shopping bag yet ("Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds," Cover Story, September 11). I bring my swimmer's goggles when the swell is small and poke around on the bottom when there is no surf. I see sand, rocks, normal ocean fauna. My diving friends have never reported ocean rocks covered with grocery bags in La Jolla or any other place.

Bill Manson, there may be good reasons why we should take care where we dispose of our bags, or may-

be we should not use them. Science used to be about facts and real studies. Please don't blemish it with false claims to make a statement about something you don't like. I want to see photos of these bags in the ocean. I've seen film of seals caught up in fishing tackle and nets but no bags. If the rocks were covered with shopping bags, we would have certainly seen film of it by now.

Richard Baker
via email

Bill Manson replies: Mr. Baker should watch the river mouths of the county and the many outfalls scattered around San Diego Bay. As for La Jolla, according to Captain Moore (featured in the story), plastic bags certainly get caught in the kelp but don't necessarily stay because of high-energy wave action. After being read the letter, Moore says, "It's nice that [Mr. Baker] has had a good experience and hasn't had his dive ruined by trash, but that's not the experience of many other people." For general evidence, he suggests checking

his website, algalita.com (look at the "trashed photo gallery").

And by the way, Moore reports from his latest survey (carried out early this year in the Central North Pacific) that the ratio of broken, degraded plastic pieces, so easily mistaken by fish for surface zooplankton, is soaring. He had previously measured degraded plastic pieces as outweighing plankton by 6 to 1. Now, he says, they outweigh plankton by 46 to 1.

Responsible

Re "Gray, Gray, Gray" (Letters).

This is in response again to Dale Anne Thompson, who on September 17 responded to my letter dated September 11, which is a response to hers dated August 7, regarding Lawrence Welk. You stated that I must be ashamed of Lawrence Welk, since I did not put my name at the end of my letter. This is in fact not true. I do not put my name on any of my submissions due to the fact that I do not want my abusive husband to know that I am still in the area, and I have to be careful. I do, however, accept your apology that you gave last week. Thank you.

Name Withheld
by Request
via email

The Ultimate Promo

In regard to the article

"Seasons Go" (Movie Review, September 4), by Duncan Shepherd. Without hesitation and question, I proceeded to view *The Dark Knight* on three separate occasions. Be aware that these three occasions were within no more than a two-week period. Shepherd firmly states how the movie would not have done so well without Heath Ledger's "prerelease death."

Did Shepherd even see the eminent spectacle that is *Batman Begins*? Even if the popularity didn't soar until it hit DVD. The *Hulk* and *Iron Man* combined (total of \$451 million) did not gross even close to what *The Dark Knight* did alone (\$504 million — missed it by \$53 million — ouch!). Enough said. Ledger, Bale, and Eckhart all reigned supreme on the big screen. I think I will go see it for my fourth time now, AMC Fashion Valley — 8:30 p.m. — who's with me?

Stephen Steigler
SDSU Student
Mission Beach

Got History?

Just a note to thank you for including "Unforgettable: Long-Ago San Diego" in the Reader. It's truly great! To have something, tiny as it is, to remind every out-of-state implant that's moved here of what this

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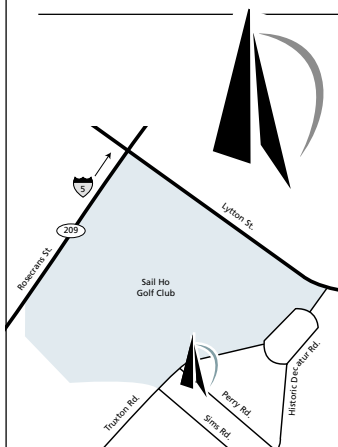
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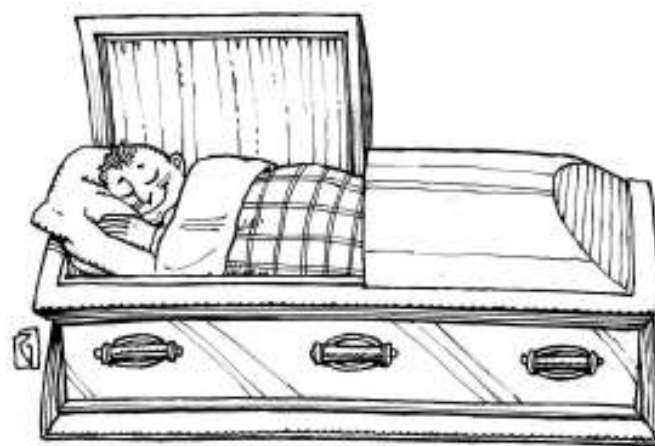
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Heymatt:

Sometimes I don't sleep for a couple of days. I have a friend who told me that I could die from lack of sleep. I can't believe that, but this friend is always throwing around facts and he sounds pretty knowledgeable. Is it really possible to die from lack of sleep?

— No Snorer, via email

Here's a little quiz, brought to you by the good folks at the Matthew Alice Rumba Academy and Research Emporium. What is the most common source of bad facts? Stuff just made up on the spot? No. Old wives' tales? Nope. Urban myths? Uh-uh. Mom? Close, but no deal. "Educated" big-mouth friends? You betcha. So, if you're on your toes (not likely, after 48 hours of sleep deprivation), you can predict our answer to your question.

A top-notch sleep researcher at UCSD has said he's never seen a report of anyone dying solely from a lack of sleep. That's not to say people haven't been so debilitated by sleep deprivation that they haven't done something stupid or risky and died as a result of their actions. One of the areas affected by sleep deprivation is the frontal lobe, responsible for good judgment and risk assessment, and studies have also shown that we're not really aware of our impairment, so we do dumb stuff. Like drive. Sleeplessness strains the brain, and nothing we do in that state is very efficient. Or smart. Even a loss of one night's sleep makes test subjects slower and less sharp even at simple things such as speaking and typing. Neurons misfire and we look like goofs.

When we sleep, we're pretty unresponsive to external stimuli, but our brains are ticking away like mad. Proteins are being regenerated to help boost pooped neurons; brain connections made during our waking hours are being edited and reorganized. As a result, lack of sleep limits how much information and how many skills a person can retain. Sleep-deprived test subjects also suffered from weakened immune systems. The number of white cells decreases, and the remaining cells are less active. Lab rats kept awake for two to six weeks all died, and their deaths were a result of wrecked immune systems.

But our brains are prepared for our crazy life patterns. MRI studies have shown that overworked, sleep-deprived brain areas will occasionally shut down, a state the professionals call "microsleep." While that area is chilling out, a backup area of the brain takes over. Of course, the backup is less efficient at the job and might be busy doing its own thing, so again our performance is poor.

For the record, the longest sleepless stretch was achieved by a high school student who managed to stay awake 11 days. He was pretty much a blubbering mess by the end of the experiment, but he didn't suffer any permanent damage, like death, say. But there are diseases that have sleeplessness as a symptom. A man suffering from Morvan's chorea chugged along for 27 dreamless days.

Our friends at UCSD have also looked at the question of the optimal number of sleep hours per night. They took the sleep and life histories of 1.1 million people and found that those who slept eight or more hours had an increased risk of dying within the study time. Seven hours was optimal. Even five hours rated higher than eight. But less than four hours a night again raised the risk of death. The professors had no clear explanation for why this should be true. So, No Snorer, from all the science so far, looks as if you can stay up a night or two and not keel over. But you'll probably look like a bumbling, stuttering fool for a while, until your brain recovers.

Hey, Matt:

Tell me about Tumco, the old mining town in east Imperial County. My friend says there's a vertical shaft out there that goes straight down 2000 feet, and the place is listed somewhere as the most dangerous mining site in the West. True? We're planning an adventure.

— Reluctant Explorer, North Park

Dang. More friend facts. An evil that must be stamped out. Anyway, about delightful Tumco... A rubble-strewn desert ghost town since 1914 or so. The best-looking features are the graveyards and the cyanide vats. Gold was discovered there about 1884, and the place boomed along under a variety of names (Gold Rock, Hedges) until all the mines finally became economically impractical early in the 20th Century. One of the last owners was the United Mines Co., ergo Tumco. At most, the population was 500 or so, but it had all the trappings of a juicy mining town, what with all the saloons, bar girls, company store, etc. They actually hauled a lot of gold out of the area for a while, and the Tumco mines were pretty famous. What the desert hasn't demolished, vandals have, so there's not much left but crumbling foundations and its niftiest, most adventurous feature, lots of open mine shafts. During its heyday, the mines themselves were no more dangerous than any others. Today, if you're not sharp, you could become part of the geology. That's about its only danger. Deepest mine shaft? About 1500 feet.

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Better Than I Think I Can Be

Sal Convento is chief instructor and owner of the United States Karate Academy in Point Loma (uskasandiego.com). He's single, 36 years old, a third-degree black belt, and world champion. I don't find any of that particularly unusual. What is unusual is how he got here.

During a telephone conversation, Convento tells me he has 161 students. Among them are "Tiny Tigers," three- and four-year-old kids. I ask, "How do you teach a three-year-old kid?"

Convento says, "A three-year-old kid is all about having fun. We do sparring. It's like flag football: we put belts on the side of their belts and kids pull out as many belts as fast as possible. Whoever gets all the belts out fastest wins. I have Tiny Tiger names for them, like this kid is Raging Bull and this kid is Superman and this kid is Batman. We put on music and announce their names like in a UFC fight. They love it."

"How many sessions a week for a typical student?"

"Depends on the program," Convento says. "Twice a week for the basic program. Leadership program has an unlimited number of classes. The Executive Black Belt program is tailored to the individual, with private lessons structured to get them a black belt in 21 months."

Convento also offers Boot Camp San Diego. One class runs from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Participants meet at the downtown convention center, warm up, jump rope, stretch, run, stair climb, "push-ups, pull-ups, medicine-ball workouts, abdominal workouts, and an array of body-weight exercises." This is followed by a reading circle, affirmations, mentoring...is it 7:00 a.m. yet?

I ask, "How many hours a day do you work?"

Convento laughs, "I start at six in the morning. After that, I'm teaching gold-medal training for our championships [World Tang Soo Do Karate Championships] — I weight-lift with those guys. Then I'll eat breakfast, and we'll do some sort of a reading. Then, I'm at the academy by 10:00 and work until 8:30."

"You're not married, obviously."

"I have a serious girlfriend," Convento says. "She's done one or two boot-camp sessions with me, and she likes it."

"How did you find karate?"

"My brother wanted to do martial arts. We

were living in Philadelphia. I began karate [at the Shin Karate Institute] when I was 13, started assisting in class a year later, got my black belt, and taught adult classes.

"I came from the Philippines [Convento arrived in New York during the spring of 1981]. I have six brothers and six sisters. I am the youngest. In the Philippines, we weren't rich and we weren't poor. We had a little land that had mango trees and coconut trees. My mom and dad worked in factories. When we came here we were not even middle class. My mom and dad couldn't work anymore and couldn't afford to send me to college.

"In the ninth grade, I saw a program on *Good Morning America* that talked about the Naval Academy and how it's this prestigious college and it's free once you're in as long as you serve in the military. So, it was, *Why don't I serve my country, fly for the Navy, and get a great education?*"

How did he do it? "I would think most kids — particularly the youngest of 13 children with elderly parents, immigrants all — wouldn't know about the Naval Academy, or if that kid did know, would think, *No way I can do that.*"

"I did have help," Convento says. "My counselor back in high school, he was, like, 'Sal, you can't go to that school. That school is tough. You've got to get a congressman, a senator, to nominate you. You've got to be really good, got to have a great SAT score.'"

"But, I didn't believe in any of that stuff. It was martial arts that made me say, 'Hey, if I can become grand champion in forms and sparring, and my teachers and instructors believe I can be better than I think I can, then...'"

"How long were you in the Navy?"

"From 1996 to 2006. I was a surface warfare officer." (Convento took part in missions flying aboard an EP-3 Orion over Iraq and Afghanistan. He became a wing naval aviator in 2001.)

"What would you like to be doing five years from now?"

"I want to buy my own building, focus on martial arts with ancillary things like a weight-lifting facility, a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, massage place, an acupuncture place, a chiropractic place, all in one building. The intent is to make you as perfect a warrior as you can possibly be. Eventually I want to have multiple studios in Southern California and throughout the U.S."

The Vegas Line

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Mission Hills not as big, but...

Posted September 18, 2008, 10:52 p.m.

This season Mission Hills (San Marcos) doesn't have the size or experience of last year's team that made it all the way to the Division II final. So far that hasn't mattered as the Grizzlies are off to a 2-0 start.

After a successful season in Division II last year, the Grizzlies are now in Division I. Realignment places them in an Avocado League that features fellow unbeaten La Costa Canyon and Escondido. This jump, however, doesn't seem to be a concern.

"I think it's a good step for our school, and I think we're ready for it," senior quarterback D.J. Zapata said.

Head coach Chris Hauser said the change in divisions won't be visible until the playoffs. He said that there is little difference between the top two divisions in the county.

"I think because of Helix and Oceanside in Division II and Lincoln on the verge and Eastlake dropping to Division II this year, they're pretty equal," Hauser said.

Mission Hills opened the season on Sept. 5 with a 27-14 home win over Temecula's Great Oak. But their biggest win thus far is their 26-14 win at San Marcos last Friday, a win that means bragging rights in their city.

Bonita Vista grounds Mission Bay

Posted September 20, 2008, 1:18 a.m.

Starting the season off with a game in Hawaii and a bye week, Bonita Vista has been somewhat of an unknown this season. After their 21-6 win at Mission Bay on Friday, the Barons can't hide anymore.

"We were outsized, we were outspeeded, we were outstrengthened, and our kids won. So that should tell you something," said Bonita Vista head coach Carl Parrick.

The Barons grounded the Buccaneers' spread offense that averaged 39 points in the first two games of the season. Mission Bay's only touchdown came from their defense, when Dillon Baxter intercepted a pass and took it 97 yards for a score in the fourth quarter.

"We had no rhythm and we certainly couldn't pass protect very well," said Mission Bay head coach Willie Matson.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Bonita Vista running back tandem of Ibrahim Hassan and Bryan Montreuil carved up Mission Bay's defense. Hassan carried the ball 24 times for 162 yards and Montreuil ran for 142 yards and two touchdowns.



Barons running back Ibrahim Hassan is caught from behind by a Mission Bay defender

"Me and Bryan just always go 100 percent; we always go hard. That's the one thing we keep pushing on each other," Hassan said.

Game of the week

Posted September 20, 2008, 3:07 a.m.

For a little more than a quarter Friday night at Simcox Field, Mira Mesa kept up with Oceanside's high-octane offense. For the rest of the game, the Pirates unleashed an aerial assault on the Marauders on their way to a 42-24 win, a win that leaves no doubt as to who is the top team in the county.

"We fulfilled our purpose and we came out with a win tonight," said sophomore wide receiver Demario Coleman.

Coleman led all receivers with 166 yards and two touchdowns on six catches. He and teammate Osmond Nicholas (five receptions, 111 yards, and one touchdown) were Pirates quarterback Jordan Wynn's favorite targets on the evening. Wynn had a career night, finishing the game 19-of-23 for 356 yards and four touchdowns, three in the second half.

"We just started taking shots down the field," Wynn said.

Both of Coleman's touchdowns against Mira Mesa came against single coverage. The sophomore exploited that matchup Friday night and plans to against future opponents.

"One-on-one against me? I'm thinking touchdown, baby. Every time I'm thinking six points," Coleman said.

"That confidence level — how we finish — is just part of being a Pirate. The kids know it and the coaches know it: we're going to finish strong," said Oceanside defensive coordinator Patrick Coleman.



An Oceanside band member plays the saxophone during the halftime performance



Pirates starters relaxing on the bench with the game in hand

East County blog a smash


By highschoolmvp | Posted September 22, 2008, 9:41 a.m.

The East County Football Blog's first week (posted in the Reader's Red Zone) was a smashing success with coverage from ten games from schools in East County and specifically in the Grossmont League North and South Division.

Last week we covered ten total games and East County Football blog writer HighSchoolMVP chose seven of the ten games correctly, taking his season total to 7-3 overall.

This week's results of seven correct picks and three wrong picks brings the season total to 7-3 for the HighSchoolMVP on the season. Check back this week with the East County Football Blog for all your week four predictions and coverage.


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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

"For more than 30 years," said Vision pastor Patti Paris in her introduction, "Mother Antonia has lived in a small, cold cell in Tijuana's La Mesa prison, where she ministers to some of the most maltreated inmates on earth. But before she received her religious calling" — a calling that arrived in a dream wherein she promised Christ she would never leave Him — "this Catholic nun was a blonde, Beverly Hills socialite who had been married and divorced twice and raised seven children."

An appreciative gasp went up from the congregation.

Paris continued: "With the tragic events that are unfolding, Mother Antonia hasn't had much sleep.... I invite you to listen to this courageous and inspiring servant who answered the call of God." And with that, the 82-year-old sister took the podium.

The tragic events Paris mentioned began on September 15, when a riot broke out at the La Mesa penitentiary; at least four inmates

died in the ensuing melee. Mother Antonia was not inside at the time. "I said, 'Let me go in,'" she said from the podium, "I know I can do something to stop the violence." But they wouldn't allow me in.... They were afraid for my safety. But the prisoners wouldn't have hurt me. I'm not afraid. When you love, you don't have anything to be afraid of. Love casts out fear, the Bible tells us, and I love the men there.... I can go into the cells and cellblocks, see the men, pray for them, bring them hope."

But, she added, "That doesn't mean I'm in accord with them. That doesn't mean I'm not going to show them what's wrong and try to calm something down that's evil and wrong. It just doesn't stop me from loving them." She lamented the loss of the prison's kitchen, laundry room, art room, classrooms, music room, library, and computer room — all burned in the riots. "Rage takes love completely out of your heart. Everything that was destroyed was for them, for the very men themselves."

The tragedy continued two days later, on September 17. According to the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, "Female inmates began to riot just before 1 p.m. More than a dozen women climbed on top of the prison's building no. 7, where they are housed, and began to break lights and scream to a throng of people on the sidewalk outside. They shouted that they were being beaten and that there were dead and injured inmates inside. Rioting then spread to other buildings."

This time, Mother Antonia was inside. "They bolted my door. They were firing shots against the outside of my wall. They were firing to frighten everybody, making noise with guns, the helicopters overhead. I don't know how many bullets were shot over three and a half hours of shooting, but there were 17 dead after this, and only two bodies have been claimed. The sisters, God bless them, bury the dead that are not claimed. But why? Mexican families always come to claim their dead. Why? Because they were deported. They didn't live in Tijuana. About 300,000

people were deported from the U.S. into Tijuana since 2006. What do you do when there are 300,000 people in a city without jobs, without credentials, without families? I'm hoping that the riot will move the government to take deported people and send them to their homes, all over Mexico. It's better than to have them live in rage and murder people...and murder themselves. Self-hate is terrible."

Mother Antonia's mention of political policy was born of personal events — the unclaimed bodies of the dead — and her talk hewed close to the personal and to the prosaic. She begged the congregation not to shame anybody — "It's a terrible thing to do to people. People will forget many things, but they do not forget being shamed." She called the tongue "a deadly weapon" and said that "the tongue caused this riot to start again. The men had calmed down, and the women were yelling, 'Help us!' and nothing

was happening to them. Then the men broke through walls and started more fires, and pretty soon you had 17 dead because of the tongue. The tongue destroys; it takes away hope.... Jesus said, 'Don't worry about your hand being dirty. Worry about the dirt that's on your heart; that speaks through your mouth.'"

She had some notion of what caused the women to cry out. "They've been victims of rape, of beatings, of pornography. Of being bought and sold. Of being treated like trash. They had a chance to explode

themselves, to say, 'Now I'm going to be in control. Nobody's going to take me and do what they want with me.' So have pity on them." (This came in the midst of a cry against pornography: "Many good people, especially men, have become addicted to pornography with the Internet. Porn is satanic; it's evil. It enters the brain and it doesn't leave. The devil never sleeps. Evil doesn't sleep. But neither does good, and good is much more powerful than evil.")

Against all this, she set love. "Love is patient. Love is kind. Those two things — patience and kindness. There are three ways to get to heaven. 'Be kind' is the first one." It was also the second and third. She told a story about a priest talking to an old woman who said, "I've lost my faith in God. You must convince me that there is a God and that He loves me." The priest said, "I can't tell you that. But I'll tell you who can. Go out and do acts of mercy, and you will know that there is a God, and you will know that God loves you." She urged her listeners to love. Listening to a gabby relative was "a holy hour." So was visiting the old and alone. "As long as you have to do something for somebody, you're blessed. Give thanks to God that you can do that."

— Matthew Lickona



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Not good enough. My toes were still twitching with anxiety. I called A Official Passport (three San Diego County locations; aofficialpassport.com). Joe, at the Escondido location, proved most helpful. I told him I needed a new passport for Patrick and a renewal for myself. "You just bring in your old passport, as long as it's not more than five years old. We do the photos here for \$12.95, and I walk you through the application. It's a one-stop service. Then you pay for postage, which is \$26, for a total of \$38.95." (Plus the government fee of \$75.)

For Patrick's new passport, he said, "You need to bring a birth certificate and a driver's license. You get your photos and application here; we walk you through the process, and you go just a few blocks to the post office to finish it. The normal processing time is about a month."

"But I need it in two weeks."

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Renu at Express Travel Service in Mira Mesa (866-376-1125; myvisapassport.com) told me that she could offer "an emergency, 24-hour, same-business-day service. That doesn't include shipping time. If you came in on a Tuesday morning with a sealed envelope —

which is needed for a new passport — and all the correct documentation, it would be at our passport agency Wednesday morning. If everything's signed and they have no questions, it should be ready Wednesday afternoon, and you could get it back on Thursday. Exactly when would depend on what mail service you request for return. First overnight will get it here by 8 a.m.; priority, by 11, 11:30 a.m. The service charge for the 24-hour same-business-day service is \$175. Government passport fees are \$160," and renewals are \$135. "Getting it there by FedEx first overnight is \$55, return prices depend on the service you order. Getting it processed in two to three business days has a fee of \$150 plus the government fees and shipping; four to five business days is a \$135 fee plus government fees and shipping."

Express Travel Service did not offer photos, so I called around. Kinko's and the UPS Store (various locations) both offer sets of two passport photos for \$13.95. But middle-aged vanity led me to call a specialist — if I was going on a romantic getaway, I wanted my traveling papers to look good. So I called Mark at A-1 Broadway Foto (619-234-5876; a1broadwayfoto.com). "We specialize in passport photos," said Mark. "We'll do three or four poses, and you can choose which one you like best. It only takes five to ten minutes, and it's \$10.95 for the two photos."

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by Barbarella

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You know what sounds really good right now?" David looked up from the magazine in his hands. "Frozen ravioli with Hunt's tomato sauce," I said. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but it wasn't for my beh beh's face to sink the way it does when I say things such as, "It's time to go to the gym." He looked...deflated. "What? What's wrong?"

Once we were in the throes of trying to interpret the meaning of one of the more ambiguous drawings, we'd both forgotten my hankering for Hunt's.

"I thought we'd made progress," said David. "I could make you something that tastes a lot better than Hunt's tomato sauce."

"Of course you could. I just had a craving, that's all. What's up? You seem upset that I'm craving something."

"It's not that you're craving something," David said, his eyes investigating my face. "It's that you're craving comfort food, and if you're craving comfort food, it means you're distressed."

"I don't feel dis-

tressed," I said, realizing it was a lie once the words were out of my mouth. Since returning from Montreal, I'd been feeling the pressure of unaccomplished tasks, the creeping sensation of anxiety. That, compounded by some extraordinary PMS symptoms, made me a wreck. "I was just saying, it sounded good. Anyway, forget about it. Any good cartoons this week?" David held an interrogative gaze on me. Seemingly satisfied by my nonchalance, he opened the *New Yorker* and showed me a few select cartoons. Once we were in the throes of trying to interpret the meaning of one of the more ambiguous drawings, we'd both forgotten my hankering for Hunt's.

Two days later, David intercepted me as I was moping around the

kitchen. With a firm but gentle hand on my elbow, he guided me to a chair by the window and brought me a glass of red wine. I was well into my second glass and under my love's watchful eye when the phone rang. I was staring out the window when David put the phone to his hip and said, "It's Josue. He's marinated some steaks and wants to share them with us."

"Tell him to come on up," I said listlessly. "But I don't want any. You guys go ahead and enjoy it, though, I'm sure I can find something else to eat." David had the phone back on his ear and was asking Josue to come on up when I stage-whispered, "Steak sounds gross."

A few minutes later our friend was at the door, proffering an unnecessary but courteous knock before entering. I gulped the last of the wine in my glass as Josue set a plastic container on the counter. "You're not going to have any steak?" he asked.

"It's okay, we have plenty of food here," David answered for me.

"We don't have frozen ravioli and Hunt's tomato sauce," I grumbled under my breath, apparently loud enough for both men to hear. David looked up from the shelves of the refrigerator; I felt bad as I realized he'd been searching for something to make for me. He closed the door and sighed. I held up my empty glass, and David indulged me before pouring a glass for Josue.

"Barb, we can wait to cook the steak if

you want to go to the store right now," Josue suggested.

Swaying a bit, I looked to David beseechingly; again, he obliged. "Barb can't drive."

I held up my glass and smiled crookedly to prove the point and said, "It's okay, guys, there's plenty of stuff in the house." There was little conviction in my words, and I'm sure David sensed that I was secretly hoping for him to do exactly what he was about to do.

"You two stay here," David said. "I'll be right back." Just before David slipped through the front door, I made an additional plea for dark chocolate. Hearing me, he sighed again and disappeared. Josue shrugged his shoulders and sat in the chair across from me. We chatted and sipped our wine for 15 minutes, at which point David returned with a handful of grocery bags.

Josue and I stood and hovered around the granite island, doing what we could to help. David set a large pot of water on the stove to boil and then searched the cupboards for a good steak skillet. Josue took the lid off the plastic container, revealing the steaks as he detailed the composition of his marinade for David. I went straight to the bags and retrieved a small can of Hunt's tomato sauce, a packet of ravioli (not frozen, but that was cool), and a bundle of Trader Joe's dark chocolate. My spirits lifted upon seeing the comforting trinity.

I grabbed the plate David had set aside

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for me and exchanged it for a green bowl, an action I assumed was innocuous until David snapped, “What, you can’t even use my plate?”

“What are you talking about? I just prefer to eat it out of a bowl,” I said.

Enlisting Josue as mediator, David said, “She had that bowl before she met me. I guess she doesn’t want to use one of mine.”

“Whoa,” I said, not to David, but to Josue. “This is just a good, sturdy bowl. It’s not that I don’t want to use *his* plate, I don’t want to use *a* plate.” Josue looked uncomfortable, so I tried to lighten the mood by saying, “David, I told

you not to argue in front of the child.” Josue laughed at this, but the scowl on David’s face remained.

David turned back to the sizzling steak and ravioli floating in water, the latter of which he poured into a strainer for me. “Whoa, what’s that? There’s all kinds of shit in here,” I said, gesturing at chunks of orange and green clinging to the side of the colander.

“Those are tomatoes and basil,” David said. “I thought you’d like the kind with stuff in it.”

“Oh, well, yes, thank you, beh beh,” I said. I scooped the ravioli into the green bowl with a spoon

and lifted the can of Hunt’s. “What the...this isn’t the plain tomato sauce; it’s flavored.”

David looked contrite. “I’m sorry, I didn’t notice. All the cans looked the same.”

“No worries. It was nice of you to go out and get all this for me. It’s perfect,” I said. But in my head I was shrieking, *All wrong...this is all wrong!* I could never say anything, not after the trouble he went to, so I smiled, grabbed my bowl, and followed David to the couches. We sat down with our meals, the men with their steak and me with my bastardized version of nostal-

gia. David and Josue talked about how wrong it was to pour the sauce onto the ravioli straight from the can. “That’s how we always ate it,” I said.

A few hours later, after Josue had gone home and the plates (and bowl) had been loaded into the dishwasher, I confronted David about his weirdness over my craving. I asked him why it mattered to him whether or not I felt like eating sauce from a can.

“It bothers me to see you upset. I want your life to be all bluebirds and rainbows,” he said.

“But it seems like you’re more bothered by the kind of food I was crav-

ing than the reasons I was craving it,” I argued.

“Well, it’s just...”

David looked frustrated for a moment, then put an arm around me and rested his chin on the top of my head. “When you get upset and the only thing that can comfort you is food from your childhood, it’s like you fell and skinned your knee and then ran to your mom or dad instead of me.”

“Oh,” I said, because that’s all I could think of to say. I squeezed him tighter and then took a step back so I could get a clear look at his face. I chuckled, unable to believe my luck in having someone who

cares for me as much as David does. Before he could misinterpret my laughing, I said, “Don’t you know that you’re my rock? I mean, how the hell could I survive as such a spaz if I didn’t have you to lean on? Come here.” I pulled him close and embraced him with all my might, recognizing with both terror and relief that this anchor in my arms was the one thing keeping me on the pretty side of sanity.

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Smoking even a small cigar to the nub takes time; moreover, it's not always easy to find a copacetic place — hell, even a passable venue — to light up in San Diego. What with outdoor smoking bans and petulant spouses, there's a bit of planning involved.

But Draconian laws and social opprobrium are no deterrent — cigar lovers are a determined, feisty lot, hard to “snuff out.” I must confess to bias: I love cigars and will continue to smoke them, the surgeon general be damned. Cigar smoking is not my only vice, but if I were inclined to hide any of my “bad” habits, it would be the most difficult to conceal, a difficulty understood by anyone who's ever fired one up. Thus, in a generally cigar-unfriendly society (with San Diego probably as unfriendly as any large American city save for Salt Lake City), a key question arises: Where the hell can one relax, openly and without shame, with others who share this “vice”?

San Diego doesn't have a “garment district” or a “jewelry district.” It doesn't really have a “cigar district” either — few if any American cities do — but Kearny Mesa probably comes as close as any part of town. Drab and prosaic as it may be, far off any well-beaten tourist path, this landscape of mini-malls and gas stations has just about all the components of the USDA-prescribed (or is that “proscribed”?) “vice pyramid.” It's got strip clubs, porno book stores, and greasy burger joints (an Original Tommy's, no less) — as well as two full-on, no-excuses smoke shops replete with lounges. If San Diego has a “Stogie Central,” this neighborhood might be it, but, in truth, the local cigar scene is wherever a guy (or rarely, a gal) sits, stands, or reclines in smoky repose, nursing a rolled bunch of dried, aged leaves.

The cigar lounge is a relatively new fixture in San Diego County; it's a venue that benefits from both governmental and spousal forces. California laws and local ordinances (banning smoking in bars, restaurants, and even beaches) — in conjunction with wives who'd rather smell a cloying scented candle (or a decomposing cat, for that matter) than the olfactory ambrosia that is a good cigar — make lounges a viable hideaway. One might describe the typical cigar lounge as a “men's club”; while women are not prohibited from entering — and indeed, antidiscrimination laws would kick in something fierce if that were to occur — there aren't a lot of broads around.

I chatted with Sam Gabriel, the hospitable owner of Cigars Vera Cruz, a smoke shop/lounge in San Marcos, whose mall location — near a Nordstrom Rack and other distaff magnets — gives cigar smokers a pleasurable interlude while avoiding the painful tedium of watching their wives try on clothes. Sam told me most of his customers are indeed men, skewed

toward the age 25–45 cohort with “good incomes.” When I asked him what draws smokers to the lounge, he replied that — beyond escaping wifely censure and the weather-related vagaries of outdoor smoking — “a lot of guys come here for the social aspect.” The place is reminiscent of an old-style steakhouse, a lot of dark wood and leather; there's espresso brewing and a wine and beer license awaiting approval by state bureaucrats. Sam told me that his goal was to create an ultra-comfortable, luxurious spot where cigar smokers could relax. But the lounge is more than an adjunct to the shop — it's vital to keeping the whole operation afloat even as cigar smokers turn increasingly to the Internet.

Back at Liberty, owner Charlie Hennegan, regarded in many (smoke-filled) circles as one of San Diego's certified cigar mega-mavens, is guiding a novice smoker in the at first daunting business of selecting a good stick. Regulars filter in and out — Charlie knows them all by name. In the lounge, five or six guys, who range from perhaps 30 to 60 in age, tend to their favorite smokes in front of a wide-screen TV with the news on.

This is a lazy-afternoon type of place — no booze or food, just cigars and casual banter. Charlie says it's his version of the “old-fashioned East Coast neighborhood smoke shop.”

I asked him about Liberty's location, which, being next door to an Ethan Allen furniture store, seems to parallel that of Cigars Vera Cruz. Charlie says it's copacetic. “Tell your wife, ‘Here's the credit card, honey — see you in six or eight hours.’ ” The juxtaposition is amusing: just a few feet from the lazy cloud-drift of burnt tobacco, a predominately distaff clientele salivates over high-priced bedroom sets and tasteful couches, never contemplating that — should their vigilance flag — the coveted woods and precious fabrics might someday be permeated with spent cigar smoke.

In an industry buffeted by the whims of fashion — booms and busts — as well as the unrelenting fiscal assaults by bureaucrats, Charlie is a stalwart and a stayer; he's been selling cigars for a long time. He knows a lot about these rolled-up leaves, and if you ask, he can tell you everything you'd want to know about cigars. Like any veteran tobacconist, he's adept at explaining arcane terms like “ring gauge” (the way a cigar's diameter is measured, in $\frac{1}{64}$ -inch increments), *ligero* (the type of leaf that gives a cigar most of its kick), and so on.

The typical Liberty smoker is a man, somewhere north or south of middle aged — no surprises there; but gender and age aside, cigar smokers are a quirky, iconoclastic bunch, and in any smoke-shop gathering, one is likely to find a maverick or two. One of the more distinctive I've met is “Cabbie Chris,” a Liberty regular.

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Chris, a 40ish fellow with a long, blond ponytail, drives a taxi for a local company and smokes cigars (Cuban when he can) at a prodigious rate. If you shoot the breeze with him long enough, he may confess that someday (triggering event unknown), he plans to move to Cuba. Apparently, he has a 16-year-old girlfriend there, but more importantly, in Fidel's steamy "worker's paradise," Chris will be able to smoke all the Cubans he wants, on the cheap and without fear of U.S. Customs confiscation.

Just down the road from Charlie's domain, Excalibur Cigar and Wine Lounge, though junior by many years (and somewhat bereft of warmth), attempts to compete by offering wine, beer, and a lot more luxury. From the outside, it doesn't look like much, but, belying its Clairemont Mesa Boulevard setting, it's upscale in feel. Owner Tom Kalasho, a curt Middle Easterner, has gone all out to fill it with overstuffed leather chairs and dark wood, nicely appointed in a "man-fort" way. It also claims San Diego's largest walk-in humidor (an attribute of no small import to cigar buyers) where 10,000 or so smokes wait in pleasantly damp, Spanish cedar-lined repose.

No matter the setting, Tom, Charlie, Sam, and every other tobacco conist worth his *maduro* wrapper wants you to know that while cigars aren't without hazard (certainly, the risk of oral cancer goes up), moderate cigar smoking (we're talking non-inhalers here) isn't particularly harmful. It's also damn relaxing. And, for what it's worth, San Diego's cigar lounges count among their frequent guests a surprising number of physicians, not to mention a scattering of

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professional athletes. Still, an inevitable question hangs in the air like the sweet smell of a Cohiba Siglo III: Is cigar smoking compatible with the sort of super-fit lifestyle many San Diegans profess to lead?

I asked a handful of local puffers — perhaps a representative sample,

inhaled, mind you) “cut your wind,” rendering each step of a mundane 5K run progressively slower until one comes to a standstill? As it turns out, there are a surprising number of serious runners and other accomplished exercise devotees who dig these hand-rolled bundles; I

A surprising number of runners and other exercise devotees dig cigars.

perhaps not: Can one enjoy cigars even as one leads a genuinely healthy, even athletic existence? Do the protestations of “public health” types — the killjoys who constantly issue fatwas against everything from meat to fast driving — have any merit? Getting down to specifics, will cigars (again, not

spoke to several men whose athletic prowess seems to dispel (or at least cast doubt on) the nasty notion that cigars — whatever their other drawbacks — might inhibit cardiovascular health or performance in sports.

Unless he told you while strapped to a polygraph machine, you’d

never know that Marty Twite was a cigar man; I mean, for God’s sake, here’s a guy who has run a 10K race in 36 minutes, a time that placed him a lot closer to the top than the bottom in his age group.

At 50, he swims 3000 yards a day. Twite, an engineer with several patents to his credit, is lean, tanned, and lithe — every bit the picture of a SoCal endurance athlete — hardly the classic portrait of the portly, sedentary fat-cat stogie-chomper sitting at the dark end of a saloon. But smoke cigars he does, albeit only occasionally. He says, emphatically, that cigars have never hindered his performance; “It’s just not an issue.”

As I nosed around San Diego’s cigar lounges, I also spoke with several accomplished tennis players, a competitive bodybuilder, and even a fair-to-middling triathlete. Largely white-collar types, 25–50 years old, they all told me that they take fitness seriously but see no reason not to enjoy cigars. The triathlete, who, for obvious “image” reasons prefers to remain anonymous, laughed when I asked if he’d ever smoked a cigar *before* an event. “That’s a little over the top, but hey, after the race, I deserve a cigar and a six-pack. Just don’t tell the other guys.”

If cigar smoking doesn’t exclude the healthy, does it by chance exclude the less than wealthy? Thumbing through the slick pages of *Cigar Aficionado*, one might think so. “CA,” as it’s known — the best-known and certainly most opulent (some would say, most pretentious) media showcase for cigars — speaks reverently of a cigar “lifestyle,” replete with Ferraris, \$15,000 tourbillion watches, \$500 designer ashtrays, and museum-piece cigar cut-



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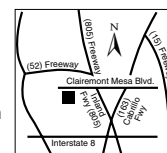
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For most of the San Diego cigar smokers I encountered, the touted accoutrements, even those labeled “indispensable,” are just as remote and unattainable as they would be for the average cigarette smoker — laughably unrealistic. Sure, the cigar-smoking

denizens of Rancho Santa Fe and La Jolla are more likely to own a walk-in humidor than the folks in, say, Clairemont, but even the most plebeian of locals can afford a good five-dollar cigar now and then. Many smokers at Liberty (the savviest and most value-conscious of San Diego cigar smokers with whom I spoke) pay less. Willing to overlook

tiny, cosmetic blemishes that often trip up big-name smokes in quality-control drills, they find “seconds,” like the ones made by H. Upmann and others, more than adequate at around two bucks a stick.

Even if outlandish accompaniments aren’t commonplace, it seems that San Diego’s cigar buffs aren’t reluctant to shell out cash for high-

end cigars, a fact borne out at Cigars Vera Cruz, which sells a surprising number of expensive handmades. When I asked Sam what his best sellers were, he answered, without hesitation, “Padron Series 1926 and 1964, especially the #9.” I’d never before associated San Marcos with the “high life” (save Miller, perhaps), but the popularity of these Nicaraguan Padron puros (single-country-origin tobacco), at \$12–\$25 a pop, gave me pause.

The pleasures of small luxuries aside, one is not likely to encounter the ultra-wealthy at any San Diego County cigar smoke shop/lounge. Unless you’re downtown, at Seaport Village, or maybe Del Mar or La Jolla — it’s just a bunch of local guys — disposable incomes aside — attempting in some

inchoate fashion to reconstruct a few of the social connections severed by the new “connectivities” of our times.

Part of the sociabil-

“turned on” (he hesitated to use the term “hooked”) a few years back during the mid-’90s boom. His first cigar was a Cuban Montecristo #4,

“I lit up a cigar and proceeded to get very sick.”

ity of the cigar scene derives from the sense that cigars, as they’re marketed, are an indulgence that — while available to all — are meant to appeal to folks who appreciate the “finer things in life.” There seems to be some truth behind this construct; while not in any real sense an “elite” group, San Diego’s cigar smokers would appear to be discernibly different from their distant, desultory cousins, the cigarette fiends. One man’s take was emblematic.

Dave G. was first

in cigar-speak, a *corona* (six inches long with a 46–ring gauge diameter) supplied by a fellow financial planner at a backyard gathering. “I’d never smoked tobacco before,” he told me. He’d always regarded cigarettes as the province of white trash, the uneducated and unsophisticated, the corpulent Wal-Mart shoppers who didn’t give a shit about their health. He mused, “You know, when I bought my first box of cigars, I thought, ‘Here I am, a guy with a couple of advanced degrees,

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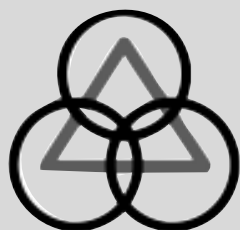
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from a family of physicians, no less; I'd been warned about the dangers of tobacco for decades. Could I really enjoy these things? Yes, I thought, hell yes!" Nevertheless, his wife and kids still give him grief, which is why — when he tires of the stale solitude of his garage — he heads for a cigar lounge or cigar dinner.

Even if your wife doesn't condemn cigars — doesn't require that you undergo a full-body skin transplant before you step inside the bedroom and toler-

ates breath that smells like the lobby of a downtown flophouse — there are more than enough politicians (including some who actually smoke them) who'd like to tax cigars out of existence. If Charlie Hennegan has a nemesis, and his supremely mild manner would suggest few enemies, it's the tax man.

Charlie's first cigar, a very mild Macanudo, did not portend a future as a tobacconist, much less a pro-cigar activist. "I was in college at Loyola of Baltimore on a double date, and the four of us

went down to Georgetown in Washington, D.C., to party. I wanted to show my date that I was a bon vivant, I guess — a "man of the world" — so I lit up a

"Brick and mortar" smoke shops survive, even thrive, in the Internet age.

cigar and proceeded to get very sick." But after learning how to smoke without inhaling, he discovered the joys of the leaf and began the

smoky trail that would take him from "green" novice to standout retailer and champion of cigar smokers.

I first met Charlie Hennegan in 1997 at a

book-signing event at the Borders bookstore in Carmel Mountain; he was there in conjunction with Dale Scott, who'd penned a quirky little

volume, *How to Select and Enjoy Premium Cigars*. By then, he'd owned Liberty (where he started as a customer) for a dozen years. Not long after that, as I became a Liberty "regular" (well, not as regular as some), I realized that Hennegan and Scott had something in common beyond cigar "aficionado" status — a live-and-let-live libertarianism that not only recognizes but celebrates the sort of visceral pleasure one derives from good food, drink, and smoke. But Charlie does more than extol the

virtues of a well-made cigar; he's actually a political activist, of sorts. Beyond his informal role as a cigar "goodwill ambassador," he's an advocate for an industry that he feels has been unfairly singled out for criticism and abused by outrageous taxation.

Soft-spoken, low-key, and downright courtly, Charlie doesn't seem like a guy who'd carry a grudge; but if he has one, it might be directed at Rob Reiner and his fellow Hollywood types who've (successfully) urged Califor-

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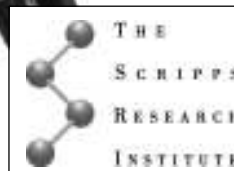


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nia to impose, in recent years, some of America's most onerous tobacco taxes. As vice president of CART, the California Association of Retail Tobacconists — a 350-store trade group he helped found a decade ago — Charlie has long battled sanctimonious politicians. "Over the years," he tells me, "I've expended a lot of energy fighting [California ballot initiatives] Propositions 10 and 86."

Few things in life make Charlie fume (and he's hard to vex) like the blowhard bureaucrat who'd like nothing better than to tax cigars right out of existence — or at least make them available only to their well-heeled benefactors. Charlie also bristles at the refusal of politicians and others who, atop the high horse of "public health," willfully fail to distinguish between cigars and cigarettes. In a peculiar way, Liberty Tobacco — with its humorous cartoons and articles posted on walls, counters, and cabinets — reminds me of an "activist" bookstore or record shop with a patriotic (but libertarian) slant, all of it filtered through a pleasant haze of burning leaves.

Second on the "most wanted" list of any tobacconist is the online seller, typified by giants like Cigar International and Thompson Cigar. Huge volume, the lack of state sales tax, efficient shipping, and most of all, avoidance of California's massive tobacco tax have enabled Internet smoke shops to cut into the locals' territory. But unlike some small businesses — San Diego's nearly extinct



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local record stores come to mind — “brick and mortar” smoke shops survive, even thrive. I asked Charlie why his customers prefer (at least some of the time) to battle traffic to get to his shop, where, by his own admission, he can’t match the online sellers’ prices on brands they both sell.

Having spent more than a few hours browsing the Liberty humidor myself, I already knew the answer, which might be described as a “filler” of good products, held together with a “binder” of cigar experts, and covered with a “wrapper” of warmth and bonhomie.

Theoretically, for those who prefer to “buy local” — customers who need to pinch, sniff, and fondle before whipping out the cash — cigars can be bought in a variety of places, including a number of grocery, drug,

and liquor stores, as well as the occasional convenience mart or gas station; even the gift shop at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club will sell you an overpriced, dried-out specimen if you’re desperate. But for an acceptable selection of decent-quality, hand-rolled cigars — sticks worthy of and requiring a humidor and that have been thusly stored — one must seek out a *specialist*, a retailer specifically in the cigar business (pipe tobacco is okay). That’s how most local smoke shops survive, along with the lure of the lounge.

Of course, it’s not just locals who buy cigars at brick-and-mortar stores; there’s a brisk tourist trade as well, as exemplified by the patrons at Captain Hunt Tobacconist in Seaport Village. Seaport Village is — let’s face it — a tourist trap, the kind of

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The “Captain” is Harry Hunt, a veteran cigar seller who does in fact hail from New England. The Cap’n’s place, though tiny at 420 square feet, is a legit, first-class smoke shop — with walk-in humidor, top brands, and most importantly, a knowledgeable owner.

Hunt tells me that about 95 percent of his patrons are tourists, a mix of foreigners (mostly Europeans), as well as Americans from the Northeast and (in the summer) Arizona. Their taste in cigars runs to high-end offer-

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ings like the Fuente “Opus X” and the Perdomo “Presidente.”

When I asked him whether the economy was hurting business these days, he replied that the tourists, notably travelers from England, Germany, and Scandinavia, are still coming in numbers. “They’re here on vacation, out to have a good time. They don’t think anything of spending 20, even 30 bucks for a cigar; for them, it’s part of the relaxing San Diego experience. Summer is ‘high season’ around here, and we expect to be busy as usual.” But can you smoke on the merry-go-round?

Like Charlie Hennen and Harry Hunt, Sam Gabriel agreed that the Internet is a big problem for local tobacconists. Sam says that his business would be “three times” greater without the competitive disad-

vantages faced by California smoke shops. He explained that, courtesy of Sacramento politicians, he is forced to pay \$45.13 in taxes for every \$100 of tobacco he buys. This punitive tax — in conjunction with the (better-known) absence of Internet sales tax, as well as the realities of economy of scale — renders it impossible for local shops to compete on price. So the neighborhood tobacconist must rely on personalized service and ambience to create customer loyalty that, built over years, trumps price often enough to keep the shop in business.

Most San Diego-area smoke shops sell the top, nationally distributed brands, typified by high-end players like Padron 1926 and 1964, Arturo Fuente Opus X, Davidoff, and other “special occasion” sticks —

many of which retail for \$12–\$25 a pop. Every smoke shop also offers good-quality — albeit, less-sought-after — handmade cigars for as little as \$2 each. There are variations in selection, but most smokers I met say that a good smoke can be had at a number of stores, which means that competing retailers, most of whom know each other, must take other, non-tobacco measures to differentiate themselves.

“Liberty is king,” says John Davidson of Churchill Cigar Lounge in Old Town. But that doesn’t mean Churchill can’t compete. Although it’s a small shop (800 square feet) without a walk-in humidor, Davidson says it does a booming business because of its close-knit cadre of regulars, its outdoor smoking patio, and perhaps most notably, its

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extraordinary selection of prestigious wine and beer. Davidson says that on Thursday and Friday nights, it's "standing room only" as the guys, all of whom know one another, gather to watch the "eye candy" strolling by the patio — comely tourist women in Old Town for trinkets and margaritas but never cigars. That's the incongruous thing about Churchill: while located in the heart of the reconstituted, prepackaged remnants of Old San Diego, it draws few out-of-towners.

While no slouch in the premium cigar department, Churchill, according to Davidson, differs from other local cigar joints because it focuses on wine and beer connoisseurs, who stop by even if they're ambivalent about cigars. Davidson hints that wine — there are 650 bottles in the cooler — might just subsidize smoke here. With audible enthusiasm, he points to offerings like Sea Smoke pinot noir, which he says is "snapped up" at \$125 a bottle as soon as word gets out that it's in stock. As for beer, Churchill boasts four Belgian ales on tap, said to be quite unusual in San Diego.

As vital as cigar lounges are to San Diego's cigar scene, a lot of smoking still takes place out of doors, sometimes out of choice; many cigar smokers crave the added relaxation that comes with solitude and, as odd as it may sound, would rather not inhale secondhand smoke, even their own. Some repair to the backyard, but often as not, the neighborhood soundtrack of screaming kids, yapping dogs, and lawn mowers make quiet reflection a joke.

In San Diego proper, and in other local municipalities, local political hacks — not content with Draconian

drinking bans — have made most of the traditional outside cigar settings (beaches, parks, golf courses, and sports stadiums) off limits. Even where enforcement

is spotty, there are always officious intermeddlers ready to rat out scofflaws; nonetheless, I spoke to a number of guys who said, in effect, "I'll smoke where I damn

well please." On the other hand, there are still a few scenic venues, like Torrey Pines State Beach, where you can fire up a Lonsdale or Churchill without fear of Orwellian

consequences — but you'll still have to fight the wind and perhaps a few dirty looks.

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them now.) Although most of the cigar smokers with whom I spoke enjoy smoking in a variety of settings (the golf course, backyard barbecue, racetrack, and so on), there seems to be a general consensus that well-matched food and drink enhance the experience. There's also the queasiness factor; smoking a full-bodied cigar (or a couple of middleweights) on an empty stomach can turn even veteran smokers green. A number of area restaurants hold cigar dinners, among them gastro-nomic heavyweight Mille Fleurs and (not unexpectedly) steakhouses like Morton's and the Butcher Shop.

I spoke with Jim Barrasso, owner of Firefly Grill and Wine Bar in Encinitas, whose cigar dinners are held on an outdoor patio that seats 28. As it happens, one of

his principal suppliers is Cigars Vera Cruz, which suggests copacetic cigars for Firefly's sophisticated cuisine. The format is created for foodies who take their cigars (as well as their food and wine) seriously; although red meat — the traditional "manly" staple of cigar dinners — figures large, Firefly's chef, Aaron Daily, employs a light touch.

The opening round is a light-bodied stick accompanied by appetizers and mixed drinks, a mojito or a cuba libre — trendy, rum-based cocktails whose Caribbean origins mesh well with cigar culture. Next, it's a first course — grilled "jerk" prawns or seared "day boat" scallops — accompanied by another, more robust cigar and paired with a white wine (a local Chardonnay or perhaps a more esoteric bottle, like a Spanish

Albarino). For the main course, it's on to a grilled steak — Latin-style skirt steak or flat iron — paired with a robust red such as a Zinfandel or an Argentinean Malbec. Finally, it's all capped off with the strongest cigar of the evening, puffed between sips of port or cognac and bites of tiramisu or mascarpone cheesecake. In jest, I asked Jim if he had a "cigar corkage fee." He said, "No, but there are people who bring their own. Some of these guys are crazy — three aren't enough."

Wherever you smoke a hand-rolled cigar in San Diego, it's most likely a product manufactured in a large factory in the tropics, typically the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, or (barring counterfeits) Cuba. Aside from Connecticut shade-grown wrapper, the

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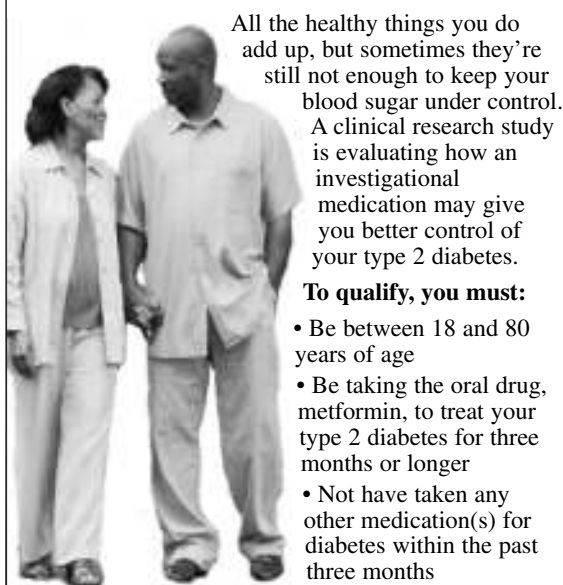
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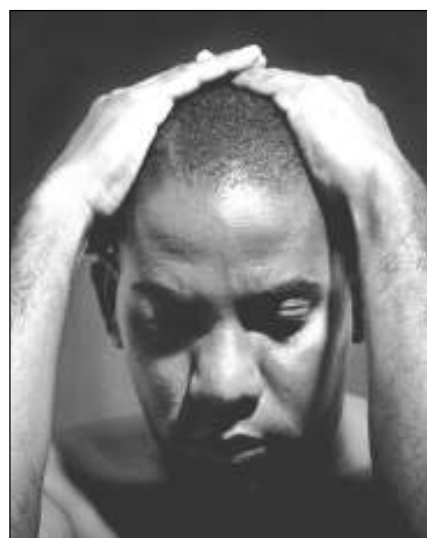
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leaves themselves hail almost exclusively from those banana republics, as well as from Brazil, Cameroon, the Canary Islands, Ecuador, Indonesia, and Mexico. But, for those who seek a smoke straight from the roller's table — and can't afford the tariff or hassle of trekking to Esteli, Nicaragua, or Santiago in the Dominican Republic — San Diego offers a surprising option.

Not many American cities of any size have their own *chinchal*, but San Diego does — downtown's Cuban Cigar Factory, which bills itself as the largest manufacturer of hand-rolled cigars on the West Coast. "Largest" is relative, of course; *chinchal* is a Cuban term for "small factory," apparently slightly disparaging at one time but viewed by old-timers and revivalists

alike as the mark of a tradition that refuses to die. San Diego would seem an unlikely place for a *chinchal*.

There were thousands of *chinchales* — or "buckeyes," as they were known in some parts — in the America of 1900; eventually, though, the independent cigar makers fell by the wayside, persisting only in places like Miami's Little Havana, Tampa's Ybor City, and Union City, New Jersey. Although the cigar boom of the early to mid-'90s spurred a modest renewal of the neighborhood cigar-roller, the subsequent cigar "bust" has restricted the *chinchales* largely to locales where Cubans have emigrated en masse — and San Diego isn't one of them. So it seemed incongruous when the Cuban Cigar Factory opened its doors in the early 1990s,

joining the Gran Havana Cigar factory across the street.

At one time, Cuban Cigar had eight rollers, largely Cuban exiles from cigar-rolling families. But the cigar business is a volatile one; even with the demise of Gran Havana — which was later bulldozed out of existence by the City of San Diego's eminent domain-powered "redevelopment" assault — the place has become a one-man *chinchal*. According to Chrissie Avery, long-time manager, customers have increasingly sought name brands; perhaps, concomitantly, the novelty of smoking specimens "fresh off the table" has declined.

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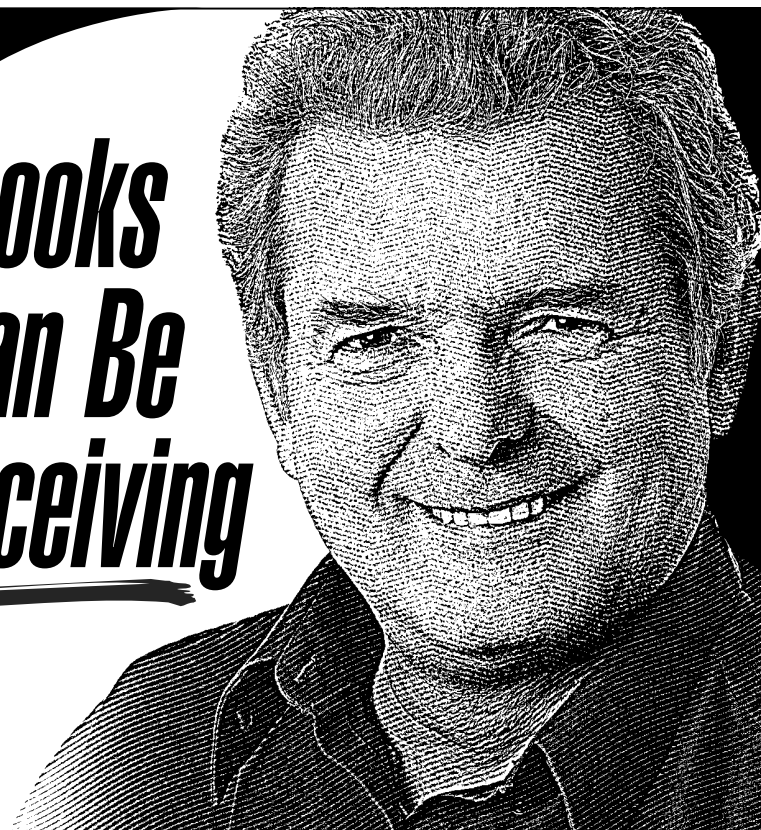
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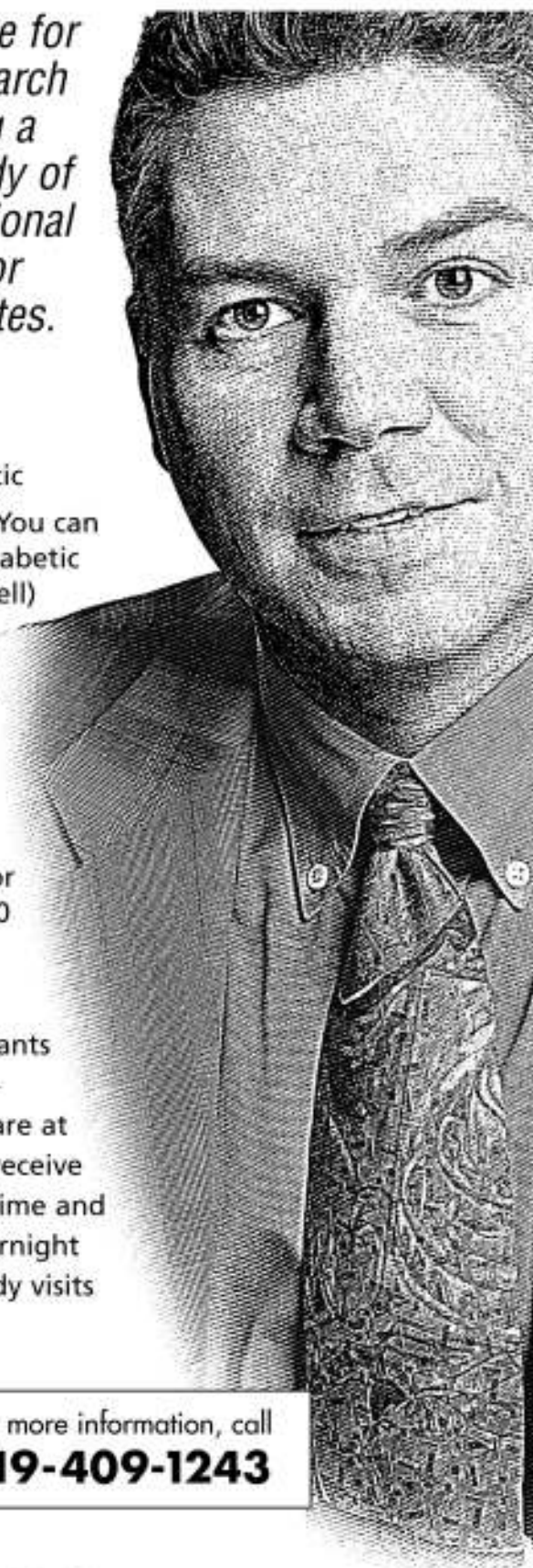
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who's been known to pump out up to 1000 sticks a day (the industry average is around 300). He's been rolling his own for decades now — using over 100 different wooden molds to help

shape the leaves. As many cigar-makers do, he strives to recapture the taste of pre-Castro Cuba — the stuff of legend that, in the years between the Spanish-American War and the

Bay of Pigs, shouted, “¡Cuba libre!” to much of the world.

As is the case with most *chinchales*, wherever located, Cuban Cigar's smokes are mostly (save for a “vin-

tag” line aged three to five years) “fresh” — unaged, awaiting purchase straight off the roller's table. So, I asked — notwithstanding the modest price range of \$3–\$7: Why would I buy San Diego-made cigars instead of the myriad well-aged products available at local shops? Avery replied that the moist, vegetal (more “plant-like”) sticks were an “interesting experience” and tend to have a better draw than their aged counterparts. However,

she did admit that 45 days in one's humidor might enhance them a bit.

Perhaps the most striking thing about Cuban Cigar isn't its role as a *chinchal* but the fact that one of its mainstays is a woman in an unabashedly male business. Chrissie smokes what she sells — two to four sticks a month. She also told me that 35 percent of her customers are women, and while perhaps half of them are buying gifts for husbands or boyfriends, quite a few are (gasp!) purchasing for their own enjoyment. True, many of these cigars are small, flavored numbers — but they're still cigars.

I asked smoky San Diegans: What does it take to be considered a “hard-core” cigar smoker? As is the case with drinking — the “heavy” indulger is often characterized as one who “partakes” more than

you do. Still, as I interviewed local cigar store owners and smoke shop/lounge patrons, I uncovered a rough consensus as to what it might take to be deemed a truly dedicated cigar buff. First, there's the matter of inhalation: very few people inhale cigars, and those who do are considered weird (not to mention strong candidates for pulmonary disease). Churchill's John Davidson told me that, in all his years in the business, he'd encountered probably “just a handful” of inhalers and that (in so many words) they were “nuts.” Charlie Hengen said he couldn't think of anyone who'd do it voluntarily and added, “It's your choice, but I know if I inhaled, I wouldn't feel very good.”

Then there's quantity. Charlie opines that two to three or more every day might put you in the hard-core category; Harry Hunt puts the daily threshold at four. In Davidson's view, five or more cigars a day makes one “hard core”; while Tom Gabriel says you've got to fire up at least six to eight. Chrissie Avery (recalling the prodigious puffing of “Ivan,” a former Cuban Cigar employee) puts the figure at ten. Tom Kalasho says that ten sticks a day are the minimum entrance requirement for the hard-core stogie society.

All San Diego cigar buffs seem to agree, though — ultimately, tallying the number of smokes per day is as peripheral to enjoyment as is precisely measuring the length of ash hanging from a burning cigar. It's all about relaxation and repose, perhaps with a bit of simpatico interaction thrown into the blend, in a setting far from wives and politicians, where one is free to smoke, smoke, smoke — but (almost) never inhale. ■

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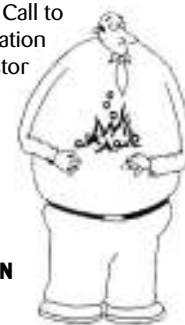
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Last Call

SATURDAY NIGHT, and everyone was going out to dinner — even the six-inch black-and-silver tarantula in the driveway, heading to our house.

It was very delicate and graceful. It sort of leaned back on its hind legs as we drove by, as if to say, “What the hell was that? Japanese anime?” Tarantula was very elegant and probably better dressed than we were.

Sometimes living here feels like that Walter Mosley book *Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned* with all these predators around. They are always hungry. The wasps, the yellow jackets, the snakes, the lizards, the hawks, the birds, that pesky gopher and his family, the mosquito fish, the cat — and then there’s always the Labrador and the coyotes. Just to mention a few.

So that’s a slice of life served up at the Bear Valley Café. Just another food-chain event: a thousand and one stories. We just happen to be a little closer to nature than most of the urban set of San Diego. If the prices at the market keep going up, we might be sharing whatever the cat brings in. You know those snakes taste just like chicken if you cook ’em right...and some of those mosquito fish in the lily ponds are bigger than sardines. Keep this up and we could end up on The Food Channel or else cited by Fish and Wildlife for something or other. Stay tuned.

Last Call

Monday night the coyotes went out to dinner at about 11 p.m. with their usual demeanor: howling and cackling down the hill and through the ravines. Only, last night, around 3 a.m., after the bars have closed and the casinos are still on a roll, there was one mournful voice, a plaintive howl. First from down near Guejito Road, then ten minutes later from the hill above the house.

The quality of the song was sad and mystifying to me. A solo, one-note call that went unanswered. I figured it hadn’t been a good hunt, and perhaps dinner was scarce.

So this morning, on the way down the grade, there was a coyote body beside the road. Death had been quick, and my 50 mph glance registered a beautiful but smaller coyote. Multihued fur. Coming back from



Southern California coyote

the lake or Guejito Valley. It just didn’t make it across the road. Blinded by the headlights. Close, but not enough.

So that explained that solo cry last night. One is missing. Probably a mate; certainly a family member. One that will not hunt again. And the song was sung to the stars, and their cold beauty did not answer.

Last night at 3 a.m., a lone coyote howls. A curious two note, one note, and an extended howl, repeated several times. Enough to wake the Labrador, who woke me just in case I didn’t hear the coyote. There was no response to this song of the night. It was repeated several times, and it was solo.

The body beside the road was gone yesterday. ■



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Silence is the necessary time for renewal.

The finale of a great symphony is followed by the resplendent moment just before the applause, when the entire work resounds like a golden coin dropped into a silver chalice. I've known silences when thoughts seem to have thought and written themselves. Even the minute pauses between beautiful words, like the spaces between pearls on a string, afford meaning; they illuminate each other in a network of relationships.

*On our street,
a street without
sidewalks, the
children ruled.*

There are also unnatural silences. Something you wanted to say was interrupted by someone and did not come into being. It is the echo of the biblical parable about the plowman scattering seeds. Only a few fall on fertile ground; the rest are lost: the wind carries them away, the rains fail, untimely frost comes. Someone you love is not speaking to you, and you don't know why. You leave messages on his telephone device, and you hear his recorded voice telling you that he'll "get back to you as soon as possible." But the message is never returned. You talk to his friends, and they are evasive. My son, my firstborn, the artist with his moods, the funny one who makes everyone laugh, the one for



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whom I fought bitterly with his father, is not speaking to me right now.

What has happened is a shift in relationship between father, son, and absentee mother. For many difficult years, I played the role of the buffer between two bucks locking each other with their horns. The arena was most often the dining room during our evening meal. And because the verbal abuse from the older male so devastated the younger one, I intuitively sided with the latter, even when he had obviously incited his father with righteous indignation. It is as natural as stepping on your brakes on a dark road when your car headlights are reflected in two terrified eyes. You swerve off the straight course of the road — anything to avoid killing a creature. No, it is not rational, but neither is having a baby.

The role I played in this triangle came to an abrupt stop when I recently left San Diego for a teaching position in Monterey for a year. The two were left to redefine their relationship (so I hear from his father). They teamed up; a team united against me.

Is this my story or my "prodigal" son's?

Is this my silence, or his? The Scriptures don't concern themselves with the mother's feelings toward her estranged child, only the father's joy upon his return. Is it possible that he sees me as the prodigal mother, after his father and I were divorced five years ago and I have since remarried? Through this chasm I've come to understand the shock of the recognition that we are extensions of each other, although I had the misfortune of being born as a female into a world that relegated our sex to the function of being cheerful, practical, and superficially amusing. Above all, to keep our mouths shut on major issues. My husband and his peers, all physicians throughout San Diego, were convinced that women in the late '60s, after such personalities as Betty Friedan and Germaine Greer had published their views on feminism, had lost sight of their primary function as women and that they (meaning me in particular) talked too much. The fact that women talked at all was too much. I unfortunately had majored in philosophy and literature, both grounded in language.

I see my son as the person I used to be

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as a child: steeped in impatience for a reality that would await me upon the completion of childhood. Childhood — the prison sentence barring me from all those enticing choices begging outside my bedroom window.

Whose story is this?

We both have the same impetuous nature, pretending to sit still for a facsimile of suburban family life — mine on the outskirts of Philadelphia, his in Shadow Hills, east of Mt. Helix. Both our fathers are stern, puritanical. When I was a high school student, the spirit in me, like my son's, was off running, even if I looked every inch the baby face.

If someone had asked me why, after my husband's tour of duty as a MASH hospital physician during our Vietnam involvement, we decided to live in the typical oversized house in San Diego's East County, equipped with a legendary terraced yard, fruit orchard, pool, spa, and horse corral, I would not have been able to give a convincing answer: probably for the same rea-

son my parents and most parents I know seemed to believe that suburbia was a healthier environment for children than the city.

Those late '60s were a time before aerobics, jogging, exercise classes, and low-salt, low-cholesterol diets; it was acceptable practice to drive down the hill in order to pick up the mail in boxes lined up on wooden poles in rows of ten or twelve, because some of us lived on

their improvised ball game. No one complained — anyone driving on this street was invariably someone with lots of children of her own living there.

Just about all of our children were tow-headed, given the exposure to sunshine and chlorinated pool water. Looking out of my kitchen window on the familiar street scene, I could often not distinguish my own two blond, bronze-skinned little boys

My husband, determined to re-establish himself as the authority figure, set up a list of house rules.

inclines so steep that it was an imposition on the mailman to deliver the mail at the door. Only the milkman delivered. Yes, we still had a milkman.

On our street, a street without sidewalks, the children ruled. It was not uncommon for someone driving on that street to have to stop and be permitted to proceed only after a natural pause in

from anyone else's, except perhaps by whatever family dog followed his respective child-owner around.

One Halloween I counted more than 130 trick-or-treating children, in groups from three to eight, and year after year we were rewarded by the obligatory egg and water-hose pranks despite our generous handouts. It was part of the time-hon-

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ored cliché that “boys will be boys.”

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I remember my first school year only vaguely: children were ruled by stern but caring nuns. I was obedient, on the fringe of circumstances that obligated my mother to concern herself with raw survival for herself and her five children. The flip side of my shyness was a kind of private world I had invented for myself, a world that was full of furry animals. For in the years following Germany's defeat, such necessities as food were so scarce that having a family pet was a luxury. I would dream that I would have a kitten (I had even named it Mitzi) and keep it in my room, take it to school, and seat it on the chair next to me during classes. It would be taken for a stroll in the doll carriage around the garden of the old, well-preserved house in which we lived for a time in a little town on the Rhine near the Dutch border. During that time, my father worked in Hanover as a physicist. Transit systems were still erratic, and so he came home so seldom that his occasional visits with us seemed like an intrusion.

One day, after I had come home from school and placed my leather book bag into the kitchen where my mother was, she told me in a mysterious voice to go into the parlor. When I asked her what was in the parlor, she whispered “a kitty.” I tiptoed into the formal room where we children were normally not allowed, and there, curled up on the pale blue satin divan, was the gaunt figure of a man sleeping — my father, who had unexpectedly come home. I remember standing there a long time, watching him, awed, intimidated, and slightly disappointed that the “kitty” I had envisioned as red striped turned out to be this man.

During those few days

he was with us, I would try to get his attention from his mathematics books and notes by anthropomorphizing the abstract symbols dancing across the pages, inventing dialogues and a course of action for them, like the ones

I was familiar with from my story books. A certain symbol seemed to be standing on one leg, like Rumpelstiltskin, and I attributed the same sinister characteristics to it. The attraction between the mathematician-father


and the dreamer-child was based on a curious selective affinity: we were light years apart in consciousness but found a common world beyond talk. While he pretended that he did not know I was there, I watched him

silently while he was working on his math problems — understanding nothing of what he was doing, yet understanding.

What did Andrew experience when his father returned after the long sep-

aration imposed on us by circumstances that had sent his father to a MASH hospital in Vietnam? Andy (I've changed his name in this story) was little enough not to have a clear idea as to who this stranger in uniform was

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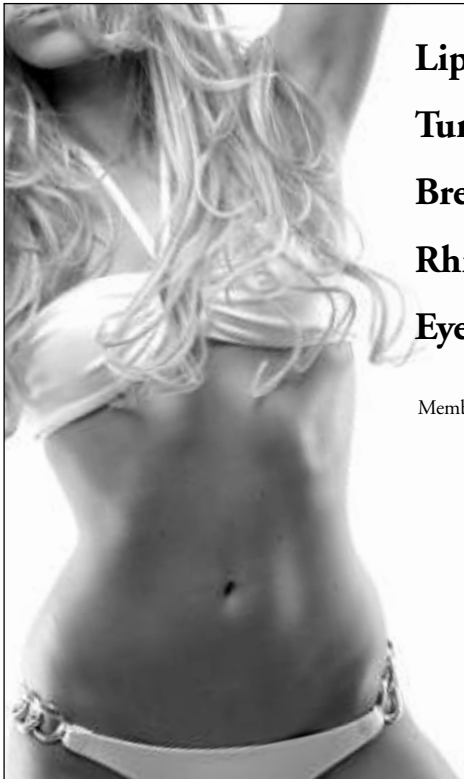
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During the months of his absence, I had been an indulgent parent. Everywhere I went, my babies went — an indulgence born from necessity. After my husband's internship in Philadelphia was completed, we came to San Diego, where he was initiated into navy life prior to being assigned duty in Vietnam in 1965. I had no family here and few acquaintances. We lived in a small but attractive A-frame house in Clairemont, and I filled those days with outings to the zoo, the beach, Scripps Aquarium, and "Balboa Park. One day I had promised

them a picnic, but this plan was canceled by rain. Nevertheless we picnicked: we spread our blanket over the king-sized bed, passed out paper plates and cups, put on our beach clothes, and rigged up the standing lamp from the living room with a yellow floodlight in lieu of the sun that would not come out for us. When Andy's dad came back, these fanciful games came to a stop. Gone were those long evenings when we three would curl up on the day bed in the guest room with quilts, mugs of hot chocolate, and graham crackers, and the family cat Mishka to watch the Johnny Carson show. Their father, under-

standably, demanded proper bedtime. I don't think he comprehended that their habits were the extension of my loneliness and served to keep my nagging fear, the fear that he might never return from this fearsome place 8000 miles from our shores, on the periphery of my thoughts.

Now that he was back, he was obviously the intruder into their cozy microcosm. Surely they were not entirely delighted with his commitment to some "long-overdue discipline." It had not occurred to me before that they were "bad." I never thought that undivided time and attention could "spoil" a child. Consequently, their

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sophisticated, almost comically adult way of talking was the anathema to the imperative that children should be seen and not heard, especially after 8:00 p.m., and was met with typically childlike impudence. My husband, determined to re-establish himself as the authority figure, set up a list of house rules. It was intended to be in their best interest, as was the decision to move to La Mesa: children are supposed to have space, room for play, clean air, good schools within walking distance, and safe streets.

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We became suburbanized. If my husband's busy schedule as a young physician permitted, weekends were planned around the poolside. We always insisted that our friends bring their children also. Summers we played round-robin tennis, we barbecued, we took our annual cultural pilgrimage to Carmel's Bach festival, and went to Europe every other year for a month while the boys were farmed out to their grandparents. Winters

we packed up for ski vacations in Utah and California's Sierra Nevada. Both our boys were expert skiers by their tenth year.

While the other mothers drove their children to the obligatory Little League, Pop Warner, and Bobbie Sox practices and Cub Scout meetings, I chauffeured mine to violin and piano lessons, youth rehearsals in the park, and whatever art workshops for children were sponsored during the summer months. Everything evolved around the activities of the children, and we mothers in our station wagons were essentially means to their end.

Ever since then, I've asked myself if this really was in their best interest. Did we perhaps create a generation of children who saw their mothers as chauffeur-ing devices and their fathers as blank checks? Everything had been handed to them. Their parents virtually arranged their dinner time around Little League games, their school athletic activities, and their orthodontia appointments. Even their

teachers were a commodity to them. Each mother, determined to get her offspring into the gifted program, would invariably hold her child's teacher responsible for mediocre grades. Ironically, a lot of these "gifted" children struck me as incredibly mediocre. We were bent on reshaping the world, instead of preparing our children for the world.

But even then we could not spare them from the reality of drugs lurking around the corner. First it was so subtle that it was a temptation to ignore the whole matter as the first few sprinkles of raindrops might be: the downpour may never occur. But drugs were ubiquitous.

During the early '70s, when Andrew was still in grade school, my husband and I came home from a concert one evening to find our medicine cabinet in a state of disarray. I suspected the babysitter, particularly since soon after, on another occasion, we found her drunk in a puddle of her own vomit on the couch. After that we

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installed a lock on our liquor cabinet. Frequently I had the impression that someone had been through our mailbox looking for drugs: doctors were known to receive all kinds of drug samples from every conceivable pharmaceutical house. What I did not go through to put a stop to these mail deliveries!

Then, during a late balmy summer evening, I heard subdued voices and laughter up by the horse corral, and I discovered three neighborhood boys of about 13 or 14 in the tack room, with flashlights, a six-pack of beer, smoking.... Funny, I was at the time too concerned about the fire hazard during these dry months;

and it dawned on me only much later that they were *not* smoking cigarettes. I did, however, relay what I had witnessed to the boys' parents out of purely parental concern. Their reaction was unanimous denial: they had questioned their sons, who insisted that they had not smoked pot or drunk beer. Their boys were church affiliated and therefore did not lie. The case was closed.

About a week later, I found my mailbox torn off and lying in a nearby ditch. Soon after, our tenderly-raised koi were floating belly-up on the surface of the lily pond, obviously poisoned. One day my husband came in with our Burmese kitten,

which he had found fatally shot through the head with a pellet gun under the orange trees. A favorite activity among the boys was to raid barely ripe avocados from our trees at nighttime, in their haste breaking off delicate branches. I could have sworn that I bought my own fruits on the corner of Avocado and Fuerte Drive sold by the same boys.

And then, gradually, I noticed Andy becoming more secretive. His grades dropped, and he became surly and noncommunicative. Once I overheard on the telephone, "Well, can't you get hold of your grandma's birthday money tonight?" a reference to a

fifty-dollar gift from my mother, which I had insisted he put into his savings account. This was the beginning of his high school involvement in drugs. I was so anxiety-ridden that I wonder to what extent it contributed to my progressive estrangement from my husband, or was I confusing cause and effect? Was Andy's problem the result of the rift between his father and me when I discovered that he had been chronically unfaithful? (I won't digress into a psychological analysis here, although all of us did consult with a psychologist.)

The final blow came when we received a phone call during Andy's senior

year: our son was at the El Cajon police station. Apparently, he had teamed up with a group of boys, the ring-leader and driver of which had lifted a bottle of hard liquor from his father's supply. They were arrested in a parking lot passing the bottle around and shouting obscenities when a policeman found them. My husband, after picking up Andy at 1:00 a.m., declared that he was through with him, ready to kick him out. And I was heartsick unto death.

Should I have sided with his father? How do you throw out a child, confused, troubled, with no place to go? I was prepared to decide that if I had to choose, I would

choose my son — all the while assessing that perhaps I had not really been a "good" mother. It occurred to me that we had given him "things" and invariably turned him into a consumer at the expense of any spiritual insights.

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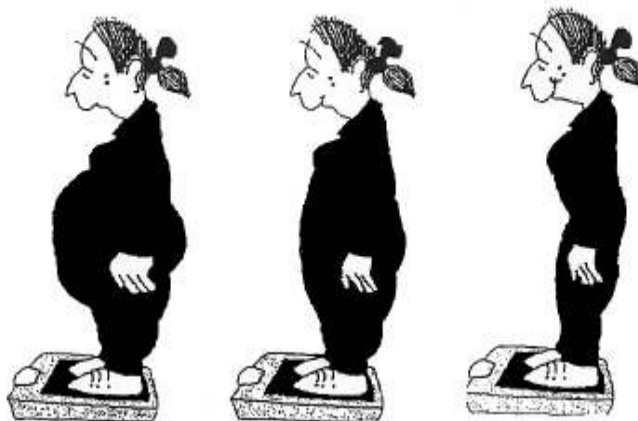
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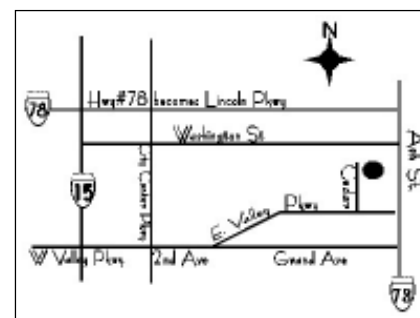
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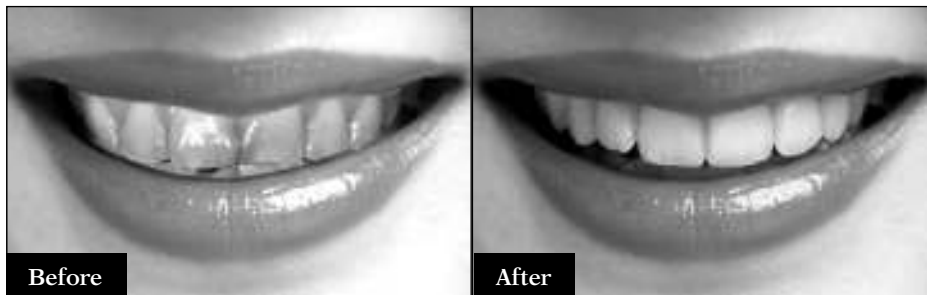
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avocado trees below and the orange trees on the second level for pests, then the vegetables, berries, and fruit trees on the third terrace, and I met with our resident skunk munching on the strawberries. Come to think of it, I haven't mentioned all the animals that took up residence with us over the years. There was a baby raccoon that someone had dropped off once; he hadn't been weaned, and we nursed him to maturity before

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was with his drugs, mine with my graduate studies (I had enrolled at UCSD after encouragement from the psychologist I was seeing), my husband's with one or the other beach community hospital — or mistress. On top of everything, he had taken up surfing, while a hired

pool cleaner continued to clean our pool, which no one used anymore. The admiring comments of friends and visitors about how beautiful this place was had only elicited a sense of guilt in me. If this was so idyllic, why was everyone so dissatisfied?

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on their lunch breaks, and young mothers pushing baby carriages. There were bookstores and coffee shops, and, contrary to what people say about city folks, my neighbors were friendly. I guess I am essentially an urban spirit. I love the excitement of city life. I had been declared an insomniac by my husband, yet in Paris, where we stayed in a hotel in one of the noisiest parts of the city near the Champs-Élysées, I would open the window and go to sleep to the lullaby of roaring traffic that never lets up.

On my birthday in 1980, we moved to the beach; our neighbors on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard were a cross section of all kinds of people: old people who had lived there for forty-five years, young singles, people with children, career women. The day we settled in there, I already felt better. The streets were full of joggers, cyclists, and, yes, tourists going for a stroll. You could actually walk to the post office or to the neighborhood store to buy a carton of milk. That first summer, I talked to more strangers on the cliffs across from our house, many of whom were foreigners visiting California, than I had all those years in La Mesa.

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Is this a happy ending? Yes and no. Andy enrolled as a student at SDSU upon graduating from Point Loma High School and made a clean break with drugs when he joined the University cycling team. He is also a very talented artist, living near the campus. Unfortunately, I could not save my marriage. I am since then remarried — happily, I should say. Andy is learning to become friends with his father, although I wish it weren't at my expense. The consequent silence between us is possibly two-sided; what I've experienced as an unnatural rift between us is most likely a period of renewal for him. When the time is right, he will know where to find me, I am sure of it.

Before I left for Monterey last spring, I took a drive out to the old neighborhood. The hillsides, which later on in the summer burn to a terra cotta brown, were still green. The eucalyptus trees gave off a pristine yet intoxicating fragrance; the avocado trees were in their prime,

covering the ground in front of the circular driveway like green cupolas. The acacias lining the left side up to the pool level were in full bloom, the magnolias on the uppermost terrace serving as a natural fence on the north

side were in bloom, as were the almond and plum trees. I did not recognize the family name on the mailbox; the people who bought the house from us must have sold it since then. Many of the families who lived there

when we did have been split by divorce and another set of families has moved in. Nothing much had changed, really, except that the street that I remember teeming with children was deserted. But it could be that school

had not let out yet. As I sat in my car on the street at the bottom of my former driveway, wondering if someone would come by whom I'd recognize, I experienced the taste of salty tears in the back of my throat. It passed quickly,

and no one came by. Yes, the place was beautiful, but my husband and I have already decided that we will live in Hillcrest or Kensington when we return to San Diego this fall. ■

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place was like before the pace of living in San Diego County became hysterically out of control!

Kudos to Jeff Smith. Please keep doing your research and writing. And, yes, I am a California native and moved to North County in 1955.

Jens Morrison
San Marcos

Comments from Reader Website

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

Pop Music, by Jay Allen Sanford

Published September 17

Posted by jrminsfran on September 17, 5:19 p.m.

Hey Josh,

If Kenny Loggins said to you, "Young man, don't you ever stop playing, you've got something special," all I can

say is wow.

I hope to hear you one day soon performing at Lestat's.

Diary of a Diva

Published September 17

Posted by alanse on September 17, 5:19 p.m.

Great story. I've always liked the poodle character but the hairstyle was off the wall. With all the poodle owners I know I can't believe it took this long to learn the logical reasons for

the cartoon look. The remaining question: these dogs are not used for hunting anymore—why keep the ridiculous 'do'? (I think they look great in their natural coat.)

City Lights, by Don Bauder

Published September 17

Posted by Anon92107 on September 17, 12:24 p.m.

The conclusion, as of last night that is, is that in the last eight years the republicans have brought communism to America while the democrats watched and did nothing to stop it.

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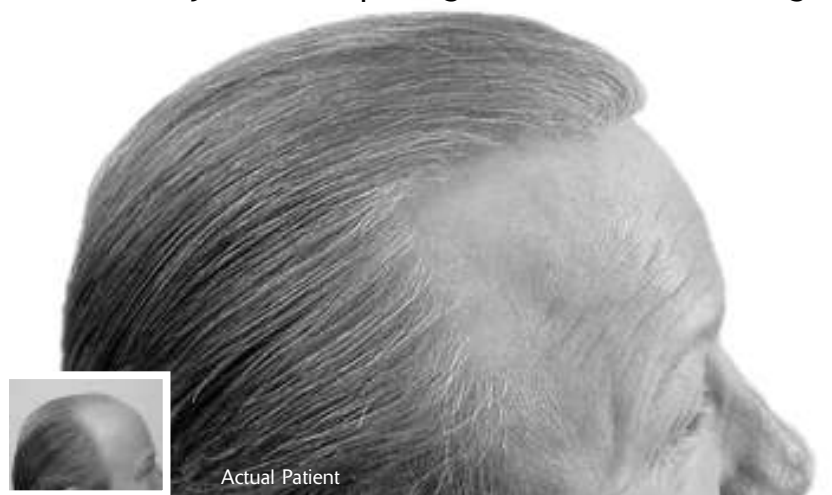
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sion to do the right things for Americans and end the tyranny over all of our institutions by the greedy and corrupt.

Posted by stupidflanders19 on September 17, 2:13 p.m.

I think this was W's fault because rather than pay attention to global banking problems he was too busy creating tsunamis in South Asia errr...flooding New Orleans with global warming errr...lighting fires in Southern California. If only he spent more time in the oval office with interns maybe none of these messes would have happened.

Posted by tirlem on September 17, 2:27 p.m.

Sounds to me like this entire housing financing gig the banking and mortgage industries came up with was essentially one big Ponzi scheme.

Posted by JohnnyVegas on September 17, 3:16 p.m.

"Sounds to me like this entire housing financing gig the banking and mortgage industries came up with was essentially one big Ponzi scheme."

This was well known 4 years ago. Me, my friends, my real estate buddies, we all know it was a bubble.

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So this is not a case of did the major players know-they certainly did, they went ahead and did the bad deals because of little/no regulation and greed. That simple.

If I read the market correct, then many others also did.

BTW-I loved the article Don, really hits home.

Posted by jcsuperstar on September 17, 4:21 p.m.

Nicely presented article on something many of us understood and also something that you, Don, had warned about a number of times in the past.

As for the politics some like to front on this, it runs across the aisle. It is not exclusive to a party but is in the very essence of our current political system. Politics is the a mix of the dog and pony show misdirection and the legal apparatus of criminal-level wealth redistribution. I know such

talk has traditionally been dismissed as "commie" talk, as if speaking against Corporate culture is an affront to flag waving American free enterprise. That's why we continue to struggle with where we set the line

for monopolies.

Anyway, you have the money running politics. We all know it and some are better tuned into the depth that money control is than others. You also have the finance sector greed. It

is aligned with corporate greed and corruption but does differ with it too on monumental scales. At the micro level, nearly every entity in the sector is a predator looking for a scheme or angle to skim more for him-

self. There are plenty who do nothing more than economically unproductive repackaging of securities, arbitrage trading, currency trading, etc. The veneer of the industry is a enormous collage of obfuscation. It is

the natural gradient money takes. Go as far as you can in your self interest without getting into personal trouble. The metric for success in the industry is that in a nutshell.

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packaging of securities and, as put in the article, gambles on gambles (or something like that), somewhere in the rushed tangling of this web, the sharks involved got their necks and limbs caught in the tangles and getting cut to pieces as it tightens up. But the problem continues in that the economy is bound to them AND they have redistributed the load onto the lesser involved chumps: mom and pop and the littler and "less sophisticated" institutions.

This will meet the defining conditions of an epidemic, absolutely no doubt about it. You cannot put out a skyscraper fire with a garden hose. (Enough metaphors?) You, me, most people we know, the corner stores that still exist and others will all be pinched hard in the end. What will suffer ultimately is your and my personal standards of living. The guys in control know it and are looking out for themselves to make sure they have their soft land-

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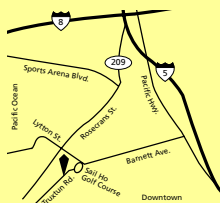
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(Apologize, in advance to my typos which I know I always make.)

Posted by Anon92107 on September 18, 2:21 a.m.

The question is "Who" is going to be the True Leader that we must have ASAP?

Obviously McCain can't even pick competent campaign advisors, his economic adviser Carly Fiorina was fired as the worst COB/CEO in HP history

and her mouth is still running amuck like a Palin think alike perpetuating the Bush administration's mindless mentality.

Obama appears to be much more knowledgeable, and he was brought up in the real world of hard knocks for sure, but he has yet to demonstrate True Leadership accomplishments. But this is nothing new in a congress that has had absolutely no true leaders at all for over eight years or we wouldn't be in the trouble we are in today.

We can only assume that

Obama has a much better understanding of derivative corruption and greed than McCain.

Damn, "1,000,000,000,000,000" sure is an astoundingly huge number of zeroes. We've come a long way since Ev Dirksen's era of corruption and greed quantified merely by "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money".

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Ivy and Concrete

Surf City Squash Tournament

Squash is associated with Ivy League schools and expensive athletic clubs," says Renato Paiva, executive director of Surf City Squash. "But that image is changing. Right now there are 55 colleges in the country [with squash teams]. In five years, with the urban squash movement, there will be more kids playing squash than college squash players."

The movement to which Paiva refers began 13 years ago when former professional squash player Greg Zaff created

SquashBusters, a nonprofit "youth-enrichment program" for underprivileged kids. Like its predecessors,

Surf City Squash is based on a three-tier system: academics, community service, and squash.

The ball used in squash is smaller than a racquetball and does not bounce. "In racquetball the ball comes to you. In squash, you've got to chase it," explains Paiva, who was once a squash champion in Brazil.

On Saturday, September 27, and Sunday, September 28, Surf City Squash will host its first team tournament. "We'll have 16 teams of five players each," says Paiva. "The number-one player on each team is a professional player, and the number-five is a Surf City Squash kid. The three players in the middle are all adult club members [of San Diego Squash]."

According to Paiva, enlisting the support of club members was difficult at first. "It's around \$110 a month for membership,

just for squash. Imagine if you are a member of a squash club, and you start to see poor kids playing there — all the glamour of the sport, it's not there anymore. They didn't want to share the courts, didn't think the kids were good enough. They still don't allow them to play on open-court times. [Members] liked to be politically correct and donate some money, but 'Don't let me see them,' you know? Now it's different. Now we have a majority of members who are donors; a lot of members are volunteers. They support every single event we do."

Students are recruited from Preuss School at University of California San Diego, a college-preparatory charter school. "The good thing about that school," says Paiva, "is that all of the students are part of a free- or reduced-cost lunch program, which proves they're underprivileged, and the other criteria to be at that school is that none of their parents could have gone to a four-year college."

Paiva says the choice of squash over other sports is crucial to furthering his students' education. "If I did this program with soccer, those kids would have to be a superstar to get into college [on a soccer scholarship]. But as a squash recruit, your chances are so much better." Prior to joining Surf City Squash, Paiva recruited squash players for Harvard.

Last year, 9 of the 60 students who tried out were accepted for the squash program. "There was this one girl who couldn't hit the ball, and her grades were just okay," says Paiva. "This girl was into fighting her peers at school; her behavior



with teachers was horrible. Her average grade was a C. For some reason she enjoyed the sport, and now she's our team captain and earning a 4.0 [GPA]."

"I come from City Heights," says Reyna Pacheco, the 14-year-old student to whom Paiva refers. "In the apartment I live in, there was nowhere you could sit down if you came to my house. I never had a hundred-dollar racquet or shoes to go in the court."

Pacheco's stepfather works in construction, and her mother stays at home to care for her brothers and sister. "As long as I have somewhere to live, something to eat, it's enough for me," she says. "But squash is giving me more than that. I've gone to Boston and Philadelphia for nationals and summer camp. Before, I never thought I would step on an airplane. For me, it was like a dream come true."

Pacheco's friends at school call her a "squash freak," but, she says, "They respect me." The biggest change in Pacheco's life

since she began playing squash has been her outlook on time. "Before, I had all this time to go and watch TV and do nothing with my life, but now I spend all my time doing homework or playing squash. I make every minute in my life really worth it."

Of the community service she must do as part of the program, Pacheco most enjoys feeding the homeless. "We went downtown, and my job was to put food on the plates. I'm really short, but I felt ten feet tall that day."

— Barbarella

Surf City Squash Tournament

Saturday, September 27

8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 28

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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"Egyptian Nights" Belly-dance show featuring Zorba's Ensemble, Lucia, Sabrina, and Frank L. Live Arabic music, buffet, open dancing. 619-405-2308. Friday, September 26, 9 p.m.; \$25. Ages 10 and up. Zorba's Family Restaurant, 100 Broadway. (CHULA VISTA)

Belly-Dance Show Belly dancers Tarciana and Sabrina Fox perform to live Mideast fusion music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. 858-488-4200. Sunday, September 28, 8 p.m.; \$10. The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Contradance the Night Away! Steve Barlow calls, the Old Twine String Band makes music for

OUT & ABOUT

RIDE ON!

Trolley Dances by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater, Hazard Center trolley station, September 27 and 28, October 4 and 5.

(SEE DANCE)



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dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage at 8 p.m. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Bring food/beverages to share during (optional) potluck supper, 6:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing Ellen Riley calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, September 28, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

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. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; through Tuesday, October 14, \$60–\$120. Bam-

boo 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)

Postmodern Roma? Kal, a Roma (a.k.a. Gypsy) band from Serbia, performs for dancing. Sani Rifati teaches some *Rom* dances (7-7:30 p.m.), followed by dancing to live music (7:30-9:30 p.m.). Donation. 619-281-5656. Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m.; \$5. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Ride On! "Trolley Dances 2008" presented by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater and Metropolitan Transit System. Annual site-specific dance project kicks off at Hazard Center, offering trolley tour on

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Social Dance Party DJ plays swing, Latin, ballroom, and nightclub for singles and couples of all ages. Cha-cha lesson: 8 p.m. Open dancing: 8-10:30 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m.; Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

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FILM

"San Diego Asian Film Festival Selects" Enjoy live deejay music, the animation short *Prekissstoric Times*, and *Magazine Gap Road*, a film juried by San Diego Asian Film Festival. Post-screening conversation with Gene Huh, founder of SDAFF Film Forum. 858-534-8497. Monday, September 29, 7 p.m.; \$7. The Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Fotoaktion San Diego City College International Book Fair presents premiere of this City Works Press film by Perry Vasquez on work of punk-rock performance artist Doris "Boris" Berman. 619-388-3554. Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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. Thursday, September 25, \$7-\$9. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

My Architect San Diego Architectural Foundation Film Series continues with documentary following legendary architect Louis I. Kahn's illegitimate son Nathaniel on "journey to discover the deceased father he never knew." Donation. 619-232-1385. Thursday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.; \$10. Ages 15 and up. Luce Loft, 1037 J Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Rainbow Song Shunji Iwai's 2004 film showcased for International Film Series in room 204 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus; film repeats at 7 p.m. on Oceanside campus. 760-757-2121 x7737 or 7806. In Japanese with English subtitles. Friday, September 26, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

The Visitor Survivors of Torture, International hosts screening of Tom McCarthy's film "to help...community members learn about the immigrant detention system and connect them with ways to get involved locally." An American college professor and a young immigrant couple grapple with treatment of immigrants and legal process post-9/11. Screening in Peace and Justice Theatre followed by a panel discussion including Haaz Sleiman, one of film's lead actors. 619-278-2400. Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m.; ages 13 and up. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, Univer-

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Animated Anarchy Runs Amok! The animation showcase "Toon Town Troublemakers '08 features Peque Varela's 1977, *DNN: Dead News Network* by John Jota Leanos, *The Drift* by Kelly Sears, Osbert Parker's *Yours Truly*, Aaron Augenblick's *Golden Age*, more. Many of the films have adult content, have not been rated. 858-454-3541. Friday, September 26, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Radical Reels Film Tour Tour focuses "on high-adrenaline action films," boasting selection of most adventurous, spectacular films from Banff Mountain Film Festival. 619-255-0203. Monday,

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Enigma: A Magical Mystery Children's author Graeme Base reads from, signs his newest book "that will puzzle and entice young readers." 858-454-0347. Sunday, September 28, 4 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Pocahontas J*Company Youth Theatre opens season with this musical adventure, through September 28. Production "is...filled with Native American lore that stays true to the traditional legend." Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m.; Sunday, September 28, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$12-\$16. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Nature Hike for young naturalists led by naturalist D.J. Summers promises easy hike along Jack Creek Meadow loop trail, followed by plant/animal craft at picnic area. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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LOCAL EVENTS

IN PERSON

“Comedy at the Crest” Improv sketch comedy with Comedy Under Construction and the Ugly Truth. Donation. 858-550-8088. Wednesday, October 1, 8 p.m.; \$5. Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

“Upright Citizens Brigade Tour Co.” Troupe of “next wave of comedy superstars” presents “long-form improv.” 858-534-8497. Tuesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. The Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Paul of Dune Science fiction authors Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson sign their “direct sequel to Frank Herbert’s classic *Dune*.” 858-268-4747. Monday, September 29, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Waves of Recovery Activist, civil rights lawyer, author Maurice Jourdane reads from, discusses his new memoir, described as “harrowing tale of his fight to help better the lives of California farmworkers.” Talk takes place in D-121 (near cafeteria). 619-388-3554. Monday, September 29, 11 a.m.; San Diego City College, C Street and 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

A Timely Business Talk Marc Gunther discusses, signs his latest book, *Faith and Fortune: How Compassionate Capitalism Is Transforming American Business*. “Gunther writes about corporate social responsibility, corporate governance, and spirituality in the workplace.” Talk planned in room 204. 760-795-6613. Friday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.; Mira-Costa College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Author Readings Patricia Santana (*Ghosts of El Grullo*) and Danalee Buhler (*Running From Coyote: A White Family Among the Navajo*) read from and sign their books for San Diego City College International Book Fair in D-121 (near cafeteria). 619-388-3554. Tuesday, September 30, 11 a.m.; San Diego City College, C Street and 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Comedy for Serenity North County Serenity House benefits from comedy night with performances by Karen Rontowski,

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

A rambling patch of newly acquired open space that goes by the long-winded name of Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park at Joughin Ranch spreads over a south-facing slope that culminates in a 3747-foot summit called Oat Mountain. On this trip, you drive about halfway up the mountain (as measured from the San Fernando Valley floor) and travel on foot or by low-gear bike most of the remaining distance to Oat Mountain, which technically lies on private property. Hopefully you’ll take the trip on a clear day, when the ever-widening view gets ever more stupendous as you climb.

To get to the trailhead, exit the 118 Freeway at De Soto Avenue in Chatsworth. The northern extension of De Soto is called Browns Canyon Road. Follow this narrow, twisty road around some outlying houses, up along the Browns Canyon stream, and finally up a steep hill to the main Antonovich Park entrance. There’s a lower parking lot on the left, but continue about 0.4 mile farther to an large upper lot just shy of where the road is blocked to public traffic.



Grassy slopes, Oat Mountain

Now you’re ready to trudge on, uphill and sometimes very steeply so, on the same road. By 0.5 mile, you’re passing the various buildings of a Los Angeles Police Department training facility, and the sharp increase in elevation gain so far has yielded a significantly wider panorama of the vast, flat, and densely populated San Fernando Valley below. Above the training facility, the close-at-hand landscape assumes a more impressive character, with wild grasses — mostly wild oats, after which the peak above was named — chafing in the breezes of this current dry season, or bending in a supple fashion in the zephyrs of springtime.

At 1.0 mile you traverse a cattle grate and temporarily enter a parcel where cattle graze contentedly. Soon, after crossing a second grate, you’re back in Antonovich parkland, where the ascent quickens. The valley view to the south now assumes a pseudo-aerial character, and the green or golden (depending on the season) slopes seem to roll sensuously upward, downward, and sideways.

At 2.0 miles, alongside a heliport (a large flat spot for fire-fighting helicopters to land), you start to get a view to the north, which consists of miles of ridges sparsely dotted with valley oaks, and an occasional rocker pump struggling to extract the very last drop of crude oil remaining in the permeable strata far below.

Keep going a bit farther to a second heliport, this one on the right, which offers perhaps the most comprehensive vista so far. After contemplating the scene and taking a deep pull from your water bottle, it’s time to return, using the same route.

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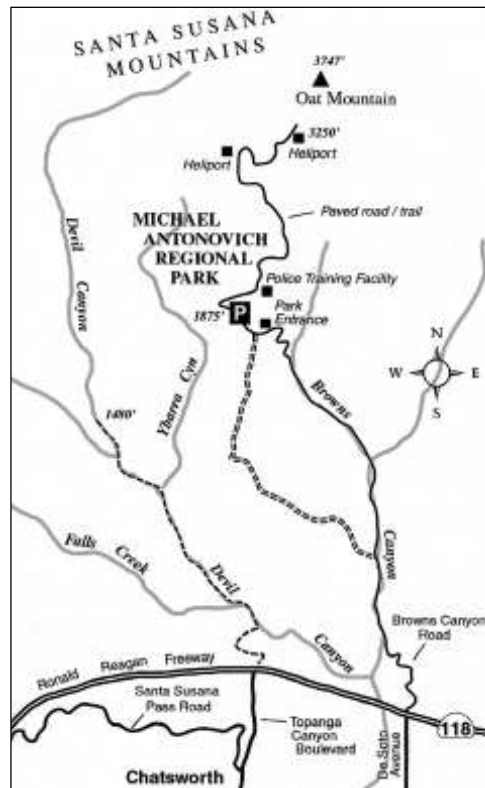
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Doug Starks, James P. Connolly, and Lamont Ferguson. Reception, raffle at 6 p.m., show at 8 p.m. 760-233-4533. Saturday, September 27, 6 p.m.; \$25. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Comics That Kill Benefit Show Jennifer Murphy, Shannon Hatch, Lauren Ashley Bishop, Cate Gary, Lisa Pedace take the stage to benefit the Breast Cancer Walk. Donation. 760-230-2038. Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m.; E Street Café, 128 E Street. (ENCINITAS)

Joe Rogan Performance by comedian and actor best known as host on the TV game/reality program

Fear Factor. Rogan is color commentator for “Ultimate Fighting Championship.” Ticketmaster: 619-220-8497. Friday, September 26, 7 p.m.; \$27–\$32. House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Laugh It Up! Dane Stauffer and Keith Reay (stars of *Triple Espresso*) plan evening of improvised comedy. The Ugly Truth opens on same bill. 619-220-8663. Friday, September 26, 8 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m.; \$10. North Park Vaudeville, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Meet NPR’s Math Guy Stanford mathematician Keith Devlin discusses, signs his new book *The Unfinished Game: Pascal, Fermat, and the Seventeenth-Century Letter That Made the World Modern*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, September 30,

7:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Noonday Demon? Author Kathleen discusses and signs her memoir *Acedia and Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer’s Life*, in which she “explicates and demystifies a spiritual concept” known as acedia. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Prolific Local Author Chet Cunningham signs *The Mystery of*

Hamlin Springs. 858-268-4747. Saturday, September 27, 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)

The Notorious Bob Lee Swagger! Author Stephen Hunter speaks, signs *Night of Thunder: A Bob Lee Swagger Novel*. Hunter is author of 14 novels. 858-268-4747. Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

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Fair Author and *Los Angeles Times* reporter Sam Quinones reads from, discusses his books *Antonio’s Gun* and *Delfino’s Dream: True Tales of Mexican Migration* and *True Tales from Another Mexico* in D-121 (near cafeteria). 619-388-3554. Wednesday, October 1, 11 a.m.; San Diego City College, C Street and 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

“The Inspirational/Christian Market for Writers” Dean Nelson, founder and director of Point Loma Nazarene University’s journalism program, discusses the fastest-growing market segment when San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. 760-471-5323. Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

“Alvarez vs. Lemon Grove Board of Trustees” Helen Ofield focuses on the 1931 school desegregation case in commemoration of Hispanic History Month. Lecture accompanied by photographic display. 619-460-4353. Friday, September 26, 2 p.m.; Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

“Are Libraries Necessary?” Wendy Gay presents her opinions when San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry meets. 619-421-5844. Sunday, September 28, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

“Between Fire and Clay: Exceptional Japanese Potters from the 20th Century to the Present” Robert Yellin, noted authority on ceramics of Japan, presents illustrated lecture on outstanding 20th-Century and contemporary Japanese potters, discussing various ceramic forms and styles including Bizen, Mashiko, Shino, Hagi. Question-and-answer session follows. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Friday, September 26, noon; \$5–\$10. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Everything You Wanted to Know About Insects... but were afraid to ask, answered by entomologist Tracy Ellis when Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve gather. Learn about insects of the preserve, as well as some in backyard gardens, groves. 760-749-5320. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

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rial and containers, then create your own floral arrangement to take home. Bring a floral knife, clippers, wire cutters, scissors; all other materials provided. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, September 28, 2 p.m.; \$55-\$60. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Get Real" Luis De Jesus, owner and director of Luis De Jesus Seminal Projects, divulges "how galleries operate," best methods to approach a gallery, "finding the perfect fit for you, generating interest in your art and broadening your market" for Professional Artist series. 619-236-0011. Wednesday, October 1, 6 p.m.; \$5. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Johnny Appleseed's Sweet Legacy" Chef Elizabeth of Elizabeth's Kitchen divulges secrets to great pie crust, how to pick best apples, use apples in a unique pumpkin lasagna. Learn where to purchase freshly harvested apples or pick your own. Samples, recipes provided. Registration: 619-255-0203. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer!" Water Wise Series continues with examination of benefits of mulch, compost, fertilizer by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo. 619-660-0614. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Page One Writing Workshop" Warwick's and San Diego Writers host "An Introduction to Fiction Workshop" led by Midge Raymond. Explore elements of good fiction including character, dialogue, setting. After workshop, take in readings by authors featured in *A Year in Ink* (fee for workshop includes copy of anthology). Required registration: 858-454-0347. Saturday, September 27, 1 p.m.; \$20. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Politics in Science: Who Decides What Gets Done and What it Means?" "Exploring Ethics" series continues with look at relationship between government and science. RSVP: 858-822-2647. Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 p.m.; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Record Keeping" It's covered during beginning and refresher genealogy class series. Nonmembers welcome. Attend any or all sessions. 760-757-0528. Monday, September 29, 7 p.m.; Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Sustainable Planet: Water" "Water: Conflict in California and the West" is topic when Rita Sudman, executive director of Water Education Foundation, speaks for series. Expect overview of California's past, current, and future water issues. Required advance registration: 619-232-3821. Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"What Is Matcha All About?" Traditionally used for Japanese tea ceremony, this premium green tea is now found in variety of blended drinks, desserts. Find out more about this beverage, how to make

it at home. 858-450-6500. Sunday, September 28, 5 p.m.; Infusions of Tea, 8750 Genesee Ave., Suite 258. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Beautiful and Unthirsty Local horticulturist, garden writer Nan Sterman divulges "30 (or More) Best and Most Beautiful Waterwise Plants for Your Garden." She will also sign copies of her new book, *California Gardener's Guide Volume 2*. 760-753-7376. Sunday, Septem-

ber 28, 2 p.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Historic Places USD history professor Iris Engstrand discusses architecture of the California Building in Balboa Park and other 1915 Exposition buildings, as well as various regional architectural works attributed to Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue. 619-232-6203 x129. Sunday, September 28, 4 p.m.; \$15. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Cat Training secrets, cat behavior, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with cat. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. For humans only. Friday, September 26, 6 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Parrot Foraging Parrot Education and Adoption Center seminar

in room D-6 at 1 p.m.; followed by look at parrot nutrition at 2:45 p.m. Reservations: 619-287-8200. Sunday, September 28, 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Pondering the Vice Presidency Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* reporter Barton Gellman offers incisive examination of Dick Cheney's role and what it means for our future. Book signing fol-

lows of Gellman's new book, *Angler*. Registration for this Revelle Forum event: 858-534-3400 or 858-882-8000. Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m.; \$35. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Printmaking Demonstration Artist Vinita Voogd, whose work is included in "Contemporary Ruin" exhibition, plans demonstration. 760-839-4120. Wednesday, October 1, 1 p.m.; California

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Strategies to Protect Your Business and Family MBA (Mom Business Associates) and PlayWerx present seminar on disaster preparedness, covering “easy and practical steps to prepare your home and office for an unforeseen disaster.” Mixer and seminar. 760-521-4003. Saturday, September 27, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$15. PlayWerx, 6060 Avenida Encinas Suite B. (CARLSBAD)

Weaving a Hickory Bark Seat Russ Filbeck, professor of cabinet and furniture technology at Palomar College, demonstrates technique he uses to weave hickory bark seats on his ladder-back chairs, currently featured in

“Forms in Wood and Fiber” exhibition. Included in museum admission. 619-239-0003 x107. Saturday, September 27, 1 p.m.; Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Late September signals the beginning of Santa Ana winds, which may continue intermittently through the winter. Early Santa Anas are often responsible for coastal San Diego’s hottest and driest days of the year. Records show that 62 percent of the days at Lindbergh Field with 90-degree readings or higher have occurred during the months of September and October. The desert-like days are a consequence of dry air from a high-pressure area centered over Nevada or Utah moving across southern California’s coastal mountains toward a low pressure area offshore in the Pacific Ocean.

West of the mountains the air sinks as it rushes toward the coast, heating (by compression) about 5 1/2 degrees Fahrenheit for every 1000 feet of descent. During a full-blown Santa Ana, gale-force winds rake the foothills downwind of the mountain passes, and San Diego’s coastal communities often experience temperatures that are among the nation’s highest.

Escaping the Heat of this season’s first couple of Santa Anas will not be easy — if you can’t be inside air-conditioned buildings at any rate. Along the coastline, where temperatures may reach the 90s, taking a dip in the surf solves the problem. Inland, the furnace-like heat is moderated only by increases in altitude. Head for the high places of the county — the mile-plus heights of the Palomar and Laguna Mountains, for example. You could climb a couple of the county’s loftiest peaks: Cuyamaca Peak (6512’) in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, or Boucher Hill (5438’) in Palomar Mountain State Park. On peaks such as these during a Santa Ana wind episode, the thermometer registers about 25-30 degrees lower than in the lowlands. Since the early phase of a Santa Ana sweeps away atmospheric water vapor and air pollution, hundred-mile vistas in every direction may be yours to enjoy.

The Smoggiest Days of the Year are most likely to occur during the next several weeks. Persistent temperature inversions (warmer air overlying cool marine air) are frequent this time of year. These inversions conspire with the mountainous topography of East County to trap locally generated air pollution under a

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low-lying lid. During the worst episodes, San Diego County’s coastal area is the hapless recipient of additional smog sneaking down from the Los Angeles Basin. This often occurs when a Santa Ana wind condition begins to weaken: L.A. smog blown offshore by a Santa Ana may get pushed back our way when the normal sea breeze returns.

The Zodiacal Light, which can appear as a diffuse, pillar-shaped glow in the eastern sky for up to an hour before dawn, will be quite conspicuous at dark locations this weekend and through the next two weeks (September 27 through October 10). The subtle glow is caused by the sun’s light reflecting off dust particles floating in space in the plane of our solar system. In the sky, this reflected light appears superimposed along the string of constellations we know as the zodiac, and especially those zodiacal constellations closest to the direction of the sun. An old name for this phenomenon is “false dawn” — a good description of the effect under clear and very dark skies.

“Shun the Sun Mystery Tour”

Beat the heat — join naturalist Kathleen Flanagan for early-morning hike from La Honda Drive parking lot. Expect a fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles and “a lot of map reading.” Bring a minimum of two liters of water, wear layered clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, September 26, 5:50 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Audubon Society Bird Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.; Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. (CARLSBAD)

Birding at Batiquitos Explore Batiquitos Lagoon for birds with

Barbara Moore of Audubon Society. 858-755-7133. Saturday, September 27, 8 a.m.; Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabriano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Clean and Green Team Event River cleanup at Mission Valley Preserve in “celebration of National Public Lands Day.” Remove trash, debris from river. Registration: 619-297-7380. Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m.; Mission Valley Preserve north side, 5505 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors’ Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore San Clemente Canyon (West) Canyoneers hike near streambed sustaining huge sycamores and this riparian habitat. Easy. 619-255-0203. Sunday, September 28, 8 a.m.; Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Find Gold See golden leaves and flowers during guided walks along San Diego River. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 27, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, September 28, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, October 1, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Help Restore a Habitat Remove invasive plants and help plant native vegetation for wildlife calling this area home. Volunteers meet at park’s entrance gate for a quick project orientation, then pick tools and get to work. All ages, abilities welcome. Wear long pants, boots

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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 27, 9 a.m.; \$60. Ages 10 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Trash Pickup in López Canyon Help clean trash out of natural areas in López Canyon. 858-538-8066. Sunday, September 28, 9 a.m.; Lopez Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

Visit Kumeyaay Grinding Rocks And walk to historic Old Mission Dam with trail guide. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

“Citizen Artists Making Empathic Arguments” La Casa del Tunel Art Center opens to public with reception for this exhibition “examining environmental justice” curated by Adolfo Nodal. Opening events include tour of facility, food from the rooftop café, music on rooftop performance space and observation deck, green

lab, and gardens. Art exhibition continues through December. 011-52-664-682-9596. Saturday, September 27, 5 p.m.; La Casa del Tunel Art Center, Chapo Marquez 133, Colonia Federal. (BAJA)

The Beauty and the Best Comedy for the whole family. 011-52-664-687-9650. Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Sunday, September 28, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Bicycle with 5000 Friends! The final Rosarito-Ensenada 50-Mile Fun Bicycle Ride is here. Ride starts in front of Rosarito Beach Hotel, ends with finish-line fiesta in Ensenada. 011-52-646-174-0033. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; \$45. Rosarito Beach Hotel, Boulevard Benito Juárez #31. (BAJA)

Cubo! CECUT celebrates opening of “its new addition, Cubo.” Artists from Tijuana and San Diego participate in grand opening. 011-52-664-687-9636. Sunday, September 28, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Harvest Festival Tour three wineries — L.A. Cetto, Barón Balché, and Rancho Doña Lupe. Tickets include lunch. Reservations: 011-52-664-681-2735. Saturday, September 27, noon; \$75. L.A. Cetto Winery – Valle de Guadalupe, at km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3, in Guadalupe Valley. (BAJA)

International Jazz Festival Ensenada 2008 Gilbert Castellanos, Cosmologic, Ensenada Jazz, Tico’s Band, Neto Lizarraga, Son de Aca, Contrapunto, and Blues Tequila perform on waterfront at giant flagpole. 011-52-646-176-

3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. Sunday, September 28, noon; Plaza Ventana al Mar, Boulevard Costero at Alvaro Street. (BAJA)

Kinki Rock concert. 619-734-2333. Saturday, September 27, 11 p.m.; \$25. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

Tropical Time! Enjoy tropical music by Sonora Santanera and Neto Lizarraga Orchestra. 619-498-0023. Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m.; Mezzanine Show Center, Boulevard Insurgentes, 3a Etapa Zona Río. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

“An Autumn Affaire” Reception for painter Rita Shulak, featured artist during September. Exhibit includes more than 40 pieces. 760-753-7376. Thursday, September 25, 6 p.m.; Encinitas City Hall, 505 South Vulcan Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

“Beyond the Reef, Island Voyagers” 14th annual San Diego Pacific Islander Festival promises cultural booths, foods, crafts, artifacts, entertainment. 619-699-8797. Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m.; Sunday, September 28, 8 a.m.; Ski Beach, Ingraham Street and Vacation Island Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Breakfast for Dinner” It’s the theme for monthly family vegan potluck. See Kurt Russell in *Big Trouble in Little China*, and bring vegan breakfast foods to share. “Dress in your pajamas (seriously!)” Dinner at 7 p.m., movie at 8 p.m. 858-534-2311. Monday, September

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What's That You're Reading?

NAME: EDEN GANNON | **AGE:** 19 | **OCCUPATION:** RESTAURANT HOSTESS
NEIGHBORHOOD: SHERMAN HEIGHTS | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** CITY COLLEGE



What are you reading?

"*Breaking Dawn*, by Stephenie Meyer."

What's it about?

"It's a romance novel about a young woman, Bella, and a vampire, Edward. It's part of the *Twilight* series. This one is different from the rest because it's written from two perspectives. Bella's best friend is Jacob, and he's a werewolf, and he doesn't like vampires. The others are only

from Bella's perspective, but this one also has Jacob's perspective. He's still in love with Bella, and he's trying deal with the fact that Bella is married to this vampire, and now this vampire has impregnated her, and the abomination in her womb is killing her. So he's angry. But Bella loves Edward and wants to keep the baby because it's a symbol of her love for Edward, and also she wants to become a vampire so she can live with Edward forever. He's a hero, and he's very noble — he was born in the 19th Century, so he has a lot of these old-school mannerisms. He's very chivalrous."

Who is your favorite character?

"Bella — she's the protagonist, and she's very easy to relate to. Meyer documents the high school experience, and I'm just out of high school. Bella is very free-spirited, and she gets into a lot of trouble. She doesn't quite fit in, but she fits in with these misfits, who are a bunch of good-looking vampires."

Compare this to other books you've read.

"The closest thing I can think of is a more mature version of *Harry Potter*. The vampires and werewolves aren't in a separate world; they exist in this world. They go to school; they go through all the steps of being a human being. But they're superhuman."

What book has been the most life-changing for you?

"*The Things They Carried*, by Tim

O'Brien. I've always been so anti-war, and nobody close to me has ever been in the military. But I'm from Chicago, and it seems like probably one out of five people I meet here from San Diego is somehow related to the military, and the book has given me an appreciation for the different people around me — not even necessarily just soldiers. It's in diary form, and he talks about seeing his best friend step on a grenade and die. Then he goes from that to talking about one of his best friends who came back here and ended up killing himself. Nobody really appreciated him or the work he did over there; everybody he knew had moved on with their life."

Who are your favorite authors?

"I really like Nicholas Sparks — he's a romance novelist. He wrote *A Walk to Remember* and *Message in a Bottle*.

I like the way he writes and the way he approaches characters — it's a very easy read, and within the first five pages, you already have a sense of who they are."

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"I'm a *Chicago Tribune* girl. I go online to read it. I'll generally read about 20 articles a week all the way through. And I read *Cosmo* and the trashy magazines when I'm waiting in line at the grocery store."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"Oh, yeah. We talk about the news, especially. But since getting into the *Twilight* series, I've approached coworkers and started discussing it. We talk about the different characters, why they appeal to each of us."

To get an online version of this column, go to sdreader.com. You can print it, email it to friends, and get other columns on the same subject.

29, 7 p.m.; Ché Café, 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C. (LA JOLLA)

"Chromantic" Walk Through David Fobes leads tour of his exhibition, covering "historical inspirations of his work, its technique" and his take on color theory. Exhibit closes Friday, October 10. 619-231-3900. Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m.; Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego, 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Guilty by Association" Five local celebrity chefs team up at Molly's Restaurant for five-course tasting event featuring dishes prepared by chefs "who have a 'guilty' association with one another." Participants include chef Jeff Jackson of the Lodge at Torrey Pines, chef Jason Knibb of Nine-Ten, chef Christian Graves of J Six, chef

Jeff Thurston of the Prado. Fee: \$55 per person, with \$25 fee for wine pairing. Required reservations: 619-230-8909. Thursday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.; \$55-\$80. Molly's, 333 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"People's Fall Art Show" Group show featuring local artists Weston Riffle, Stephen Rowell, and Lisa Bella Bryson opens with reception including music, food, "plenty of great art to view." Show continues through December. 619-224-1387. Friday, September 26, 6 p.m.; Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli, 4765 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Reinventing the Wheel San Diego" Sanctuary143 hosts event in renovated warehouse. Artists and bikesmiths will evaluate

role of wheel through painting, restored vintage and hand-built bicycles, sculpture, photography, video installation. Participating artisans: Acamonchi, Thatcher, Josh Higgins, Jorge Tellaache, Gabriel Salcedo, Keikichi Honna, Sandee Manuel, Sean Ward, Mark Klammer, Eneri Abillar, Anthony Bareno, Amy Burkhart, Jeff Faeth, Stacy Kelley, Tocayo, Sean Kelley, Ron Miriello, Tony Greene, and Aki Kaneko. Sounds provided by Gabe Vega, Mr. Biggs, Will Redd. 760-487-1137. Saturday, September 27, 7 p.m.; Logan, 1660 Logan Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"The Archaeology of Nate Harrison" Exhibition subtitled "Legacies and Legends of an African-American Pioneer in San Diego County" continues through Thursday, January 15, in Donor Hall at Love Library. Harrison was this region's first African-American homesteader; a former slave, he lived during the late 19th and

early 20th-centuries atop Palomar Mountain. Exhibit focuses on archaeology of legend and everyday life, with artifacts, historical pictures, and primary documents. 619-594-6791. Thursdays, 7 a.m.; Fridays, 7 a.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.; Mondays, 7 a.m.; Tuesdays, 7 a.m.; Wednesdays, 7 a.m.; through Thursday, January 15, 2009, Malcolm A. Love Library at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil Hannah Arendt's book, originally published in 1963, is subject when San Diego Great Books group gathers. Read and discuss! Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, September 27, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Big Ray's Classic Car and Cycle Show San Diego Auto Swap features classics, hot rods, cycles,

high-performance vehicles on display (in conjunction with Kobey's Swap Meet). Vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." 858-484-9342. Friday, September 26, 7 a.m.; San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Cabrillo Festival Head to Ballast Point for music, dancing, kids' activities, and foods of Native Americans, Mexico, Portugal, and Spain, as well as Kumeyaay basket-making and acorn preparation demonstrations, knot tying and 16th Century Spanish soldiers living history encampment. Cabrillo's landing reenactment on Ballast Point begins at 1 p.m. 619-557-5450. Sunday, September 28, 11 a.m.; Naval Base Point Loma, south end of Roscrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Conjecture Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention Convention brings writers and readers together

to discuss "books and media they love, as well as science, technology, and society." Guest of honor is David Drake, best known for military science fiction (*Hammer's Slammers* series). Additional speakers: Vernor Vinge, Cody Goodfellow, Batton Lash, Jefferson Swycaffer, William Stoddard, Sherwood Smith, Stephen Potts. Dealers' room, art show, autographs, theme parties. 858-945-2174. Friday, September 26, 2 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 28, 10 a.m.; \$15-\$50. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, September 26, 6 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

House of Germany Take in music, dance, cultural costumes when organization hosts lawn program. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 28, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

La Jolla Gallery and Wine Walk Explore 22 galleries, 16 restaurants, and 44 wines during event. Start evening at ticket will-call site, at La Jolla Visitor Information Center. 619-233-5008. Thursday, September 25, 5 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Ages 21 and up. La Jolla Visitor Information Center, 7966 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Make Space in Your Tack Shed! Horses of Tir Na Nog horse rescue organization benefit from 2008 Cowboy Swap Meet. Space rental for sellers: \$30. 619-659-1328. Sunday, September 28, 8 a.m.; McClintock Saddles, 25077 Viejas Boulevard. (ALPINE)

Mission Hills Heritage Fall 2008 Walking Tour Walking tour of Presidio Park hosted by Mission Hills Heritage. Influence

of first Native American peoples and later settlers, as well as modern revisionist period of George Marston, John Nolan, Roland S. Hoyt, others discussed. The 90-minute walking tours explore original sites of first mission and presidio (fort) as well as the modern (1929) Serra Museum by William Templeton Johnson and present landscaping.

Docents lead walking tours of Presidio Hill and Park, starting at 1 p.m., departing from Presidio Park Arbor every 15 minutes through 2 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Day-of-event tickets available at corner of Presidio Drive and Cosoy. 619-497-1193. Saturday, September 27, 1 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Presidio Park, 2811 Jackson Street. (OLD TOWN)

Museum Day *Smithsonian* magazine hosts fourth annual event with free admission to 14 participating county museums for *Smithsonian* readers and *Smithsonian.com* visitors. Attendees must present *Smithsonian* magazine's Museum Day admission card to gain free entry to participating institutions. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

New American Comfort Food Chef Matt Gordon of Urban Solace demonstrates sweet corn spoon bread, brined pork chop with braised Swiss chard, more. 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, September 27, noon; \$30. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

Prowlers Ol' Timers Picnic 61st annual show open to all special-interest cars; "Prowlers Pick"

award, food, music, vendors, "cracklefest." 619-447-5600. Sunday, September 28, 9 a.m.; Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Quarterly Book Sale Music, books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, along with crafts by local artisans on offer during sale. Live music featured throughout day. 858-454-5872. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Reuse/Repair Fair and EcoFilm Festival Zero Waste San Diego hosts event. On tap: more than a dozen exhibitors and hands-on workshops, four films, activities for children as well as adults. Screenings of *The Story of Stuff*, *The Recyclergy*, *The 11th Hour*, and *Blue Vinyl*. 619-531-1539. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

Sample All Things Viking! Norwegian Fish Club Odin and Sons of Norway Lodge host Viking Festival 2008. Viking log toss competition, axe throwing, fiske fling, battle cry competition, Viking battles and encampment, live music, arts and crafts, foods. Two-day pass: \$11. 760-724-6592. Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m.; Sunday, September 28, 11 a.m.; Norway Hall, 2006 East Vista Way. (VISTA)

San Diego Bonsai Club Fall Show "Enjoy the ancient art of bonsai in a quiet, beautifully presented exhibition" in Casa del Prado room 101. Learn about bonsai, shop at sale. Demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 760-431-1014. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 28, 10

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Sight and Sound Walk the Walk presents its next preview night boasting range of performances, exhibitions from October's "top events" including San Diego Asian Film Festival, Trolley Dances 2008, House of Blues concerts, more. Hors d'oeuvres served. 619-846-7180. Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Taste of Asia Enjoy food prepared by 20 to 30 local restaurants from different Asian cultures; interactive cultural and educational activities, live ethnic entertainment. Ticket includes ten tastings; additional tasting tickets \$5. 619-318-9227. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; \$15. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Time to Scream! Del Mar "Scare-grounds" hosts annual Scream Zone, boasting "House of Horror" with rooms filled with "terrifying scenes and scares," haunted hayride through haunted barns on racetrack, and "the Chamber," promising "the largest spinning

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Understanding Plato It's the goal when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

SPORTS

A Dismal End... San Diego Padres host Pittsburgh Pirates for final regular-season baseball games. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Friday, September 26, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, September 28, 1:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

AIDS Walk San Diego 19th annual 5K walk and 10K starts at Quince Street and Sixth Avenue. 619-291-9255. Sunday, September 28, 8 a.m.; \$25-\$35. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Fall Dressage Show San Diego chapter hosts show. 858-481-9085. Saturday, September 27, 8 a.m.; Sunday, September 28, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Fight Night at Sycuan Card includes bout between Bernabe Concepción and Giovanni Caro, as well as other undercard bouts. 619-659-3380. Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.; \$50-\$150. Ages

OUT & ABOUT

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Girl Scouts Run/Walk for a New Day The 5K run/walk starts at 7:30 a.m., 1-mile run/walk steps off at 8:30 a.m. 760-451-1030. Saturday, September 27, 7:30 a.m.; \$25-\$30. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Motoexpo San Diego International motorcycle show combines "juried show of motorcycles and the...spectacle of extreme motorcycle stunt riding." Juried show boasts 32 open classes, \$3500 in prize money. Show highlights include Motomasters, a "collection of one-of-a-kind, handcrafted motorcycles and a vintage motorcycle display." 858-755-1161. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.; Sunday, September 28, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Ramona — The Shortest Way Bicycle up some hills to Ramona for lunch with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders. Bring money for lunch in Ramona. Expect 68 miles of pedaling. 619-473-8513. Sunday, September 28, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Surf City Squash Group hosts tournament for 16 teams of five. Each team must have one professional player, three amateur players, and one Surf City Squash student. 858-452-0122. Saturday, September 27; Sunday, September 28; Surf City Squash, 11660 Vietta Terrace. (MIRA MESA)

Triple Crown of Polo Finals Closing day arrives for San Diego Polo Club. Half-time promises Bill Allen's Bi-Plane Fly-in and antique car collection. Suggested attire: Tiffany blue and chocolate. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, September 28, 1:30 p.m.; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

MUSEUMS

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

267-5141. 4355 Bonita Road, 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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

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

pieces will also be on display. Closes Tuesday, September 30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

Marston House Museum Historic home sits on five acres of

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

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

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade “Through My Father’s Eyes: The Filipino American Photographs of Ricardo Orce Alvarado (1914–1976)” is a collection of 50 photographs offering “rare insight into the emergence of the Filipino-American community in postwar America.” The complete collection of nearly 3000 photographs was discovered in 1976 by teenaged Janet Alvarado in basement of her family home following her father’s death. Closes Sunday, November 2. 2825 Dewey

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Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove “Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post Office” follows evolution of local post office from horse and buggy days through modern times. Also on view: “The Children’s Room,” “The Parents’ Room,” “The Sewing Room,” offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900–1940. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Oozing with disgusting science and hands-on learning games, “Animal Grossology” takes a scientific look at “some of the slimiest, stinkiest, and downright yuckiest creatures on Earth,” adapted from author and science teacher Sylvia Branzei’s *Grossology* children’s book series. Visitors gain perspective on animal kingdom,

with 16 exhibits bringing to life gritty and gross facts about some of “nature’s most disgusting critters.” Opens Saturday September 27, and continues through Sunday, January 4, 2009.

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

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

San Diego Air and Space Museum “Star Trek: The Exhibition” is said to contain “the world’s most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, re-creations, sets, costumes, and props” from five television series and ten films created for more than 40 years. Sit on a re-creation of the original USS *Enterprise* bridge, enjoy a motion simulator.

Technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines,” including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world’s first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline’s first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned

aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*; a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III); a World War I Spad VII; flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*; and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

San Diego Archaeological Center “What Is Archaeology?” exhibit provides basics of archaeology in San Diego region from 9000 years ago to present day. Artifacts from center’s collections provide look at past for young and old alike. Treasure hunt activity “archaeology quest” for kids, artifact matching game, hands-on crafts and research station. Closes Tuesday, July 21, 2009.

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

San Diego Automotive Museum “Motocross America: The Early

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

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

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

The photography exhibition “Portrait of Tall Ships” features more than 30 photographs by Thad Koza and Michael Berman. Exhibit includes chronicles of sailing adventures of the museum’s ships. Through February, 2009.

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

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

Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth’s oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Valley Center History Museum Movie star, “world-class body-builder,” and longtime Valley Center rancher Steve Reeves is

remembered in an exhibit continuing through Tuesday, December 30. He appeared in 18 movies and is best known as star of *Hercules*. Exhibit includes photos, movie memorabilia, personal mementos.

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

William Heath Davis House Museum Museum is said to be the oldest surviving structure in

the new town area of downtown San Diego. The house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home, shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. 410 Island Avenue, 619-233-4692. (DOWNTOWN)

Women’s History Museum “Out of the Mouths of Babes: Women’s Words & Witticism,” boasts artist Susie Reneau’s collection of serigraphs and calligraphy highlighting over 30 years of work. Pieces feature a series of quotations by female poets, actresses, politicians. Closes Friday, October 3. 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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Hornswoggle in Concert This 20-member French horn ensemble — with members from Coastal Communities Concert Band, San Diego Symphony, La Jolla Symphony, Westwind Brass, and U.S. Navy Band Southwest — performs new arrangements of music from Beethoven, movies, popular songs. 619-594-1696. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU (5500 Campanile Drive), 7 p.m., Thursday, September 25. (COLLEGE AREA)

“Immortal Classics” Enjoy “romantic chamber music for four” when Camarada starts 14th concert season with selections by “world’s greatest composers.” Program boasts excerpts from Beethoven’s “Sonata Pathétique” and his “Romance for Violin,” along with works by J.S. Bach, Erwin Schulhoff, Carl Maria von Weber. 619-231-3702. St. Paul’s Cathedral (2278 Sixth Avenue), 7:30 p.m., Friday, September 26. (BANKER’S HILL)

Carlsbad Music Festival Fifth installment of festival begins with concert by Calder Quartet on Friday. Program boasts a new work by Fabian Svensson of Sweden, winner of the 2008 Carlsbad Music Festival Composers Competition; along with Terry Riley’s “Mythic Bird Waltz” and “Lelekovice” by Fred Frith. Preconcert talk at 7 p.m. with Calder Quartet and Fabian Svensson.

On Saturday, UCSD’s resident percussion ensemble red fish blue fish plays “Marimba Phase” by Steve Reich, John Cage’s “Third Construction,” “...having never

written a note for percussion...” by James Tenney, “dust into dust” by John Luther Adams, David Lang’s “unchained melody,” “Popol Vuh” by Jeff Treviño with video by Ross Karre, and “kein thema” by Marianthi Papalexandri-alexandri. Preconcert talk by leader Steve Schick (7 p.m.).

The ensemble Partch “specializes in the music and instruments of the iconoclastic American maverick composer Harry Partch, who...created one of the most amazing bodies of sensually alluring and emotionally powerful music of the 20th Century.” On Sunday, listen for music of Lou Harisson and Harry Partch. Preconcert talk with John Schneider at 1 p.m. 760-809-5501. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 28. (CARLSBAD)

Partch Time! As part of the Carlsbad Music Festival, the ensemble Partch plans performance/demonstration of the iconoclastic, longtime Leucadia resident Harry Partch’s otherworldly music and instruments. Program features “the Harry Partch talks” with special guests closely associated with Partch and performances of the following compositions: “San Francisco,” “Li Po Lyrics,” “Three Intrusions,” “The Letter,” “Come Away,” “Death,” “Barstow: Eight Hitchhikers’ Inscriptions” (selections). Preconcert talk with John Schneider at 1 p.m. Donation. 760-809-5501. Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive), 2 p.m., Saturday, September 27. (CARLSBAD)

Organ Time Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, September 28. (BALBOA PARK)

Autumn Concert Series Violinist Päivikki Nykter, cellist Cecilia Kim, and pianist Anna Savvas-Katkov perform Haydn’s “Trio No. 39 in G Major (Gypsy),” “Sonata for Violin and Piano in A major” by Fauré, and “Suite Populaire Espagnole” for violin and piano by de Falla. 619-236-5810. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, September 28. (DOWNTOWN)

“An Organ Concert for Everyone” Chancel Choir Concert Series gets underway when San Diego civic organist emeritus Robert Plimpton and bass vocalist Michael Morgan present “a rousing concert of music and song.” Program in-

cludes Bach’s “Toccat and Fugue in D Minor,” “Toccat” by Wilder, and “Variations on America” by Ives, as well as music of Latin, Asian, African-American origin, marches, jazz, gospel, spirituals. Reception follows. 619-239-2346. Christ United Presbyterian Church (3025 Fir Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, September 28. (SOUTH PARK)

More “Immortal Classics” Enjoy “romantic chamber music for four” when Camarada starts 14th concert season with selections by “world’s greatest composers.” Program boasts excerpts from Beethoven’s “Sonata Pathétique” and his “Romance for Violin,” along with works by J.S. Bach, Erwin Schulhoff, Carl Maria von Weber. 619-231-3702. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 6 p.m., Sunday, September 28. (LA JOLLA)

“Sundays at Four” Judy Collier (organist at Bethlehem Lutheran Church) and Marje Fiene (organist at Linda Vista Presbyterian Church) plan four-hand piano concert with pieces by Bach, Debussy, Ravel, and Fauré. Offering. 619-223-6134. Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour Drive), 4 p.m., Sunday, September 28. (ENCINITAS)

“Big Brass” Westwind Brass opens season with “tribute to London’s Philip Jones Brass Ensemble (PJE).” Listen for works by Ger-vaise, Susato, Abreu, Strauss, Lennon and McCartney, others. 619-501-3562. La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue), 4 p.m., Sunday, September 28. (LA MESA)

Harp for Lunch? Sonia Olivas perform for Athenaeum mini-concert series. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), noon, Monday, September 29. (LA JOLLA)

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“A New World” Art of Élan’s opening concert — entitled “Awakening” — promises music by American composers Aaron Copland, Mark O’Connor, Richard Danielpour, and classical/bluegrass bassist Edgar Meyer. Reception for musicians follows. 619-692-2081. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 30. (BALBOA PARK)

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vaise, Susato, Abreu, Strauss, Lennon and McCartney, others. 619-501-3562. North Chapel at NTC (2881 Roosevelt Drive), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 30. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Chamber Music Society Ensemble performs works for horn and string quartet by Mozart and Barber for Free First Wednesdays series. Seats are first-come, first-served. 800-988-4253. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 4 and 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 1. (ESCONDIDO)

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GALLERIES

“Drawing on Stone” Opening reception for exhibit of fine-art prints “showcasing the unique style of lithographic artwork of Gabriel Fernandez.” Closes Tuesday, December 30. 619-283-4834. Gallery 3737 (3737 Adams Avenue). 6 p.m., Saturday, September 27. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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.

“Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work” features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. “Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship.” Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2009. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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

“Memory Is Your Image of Perfection,” curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucía Sanromán, presents photography and video works from museum’s collection created by women artists of Southern California and Baja California. Exhibition “investigates the subject of memory through associations, oppositions, and overlaps amongst photographic genres that range from straight documentary photography to manipulated photography.” Artists include Eleanor Antin, Uta Barth, Andrea Bowers, Sharon Lockhart, Ana Machado, and Yvonne Venegas. Through November. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla “Weighing and Wanting: Selections from the Collection” 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 “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” is said to illustrate “the connections between photography and literacy using the photographic arts as in-

spiration.” MoPA’s annual youth exhibition offers opportunity to recognize talented students throughout San Diego, linking the medium of photography with writing. Through January, 2009.

“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. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art “The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, ’70s, and ’80s” — closing on Sunday, October 19 — “illustrates how this West Coast painting icon became known as one of the founding fathers of Hard Edge.” Benjamin, whose oeuvre spans more than half a century, says, “Color is the subject matter of painting.”

“DAMNGORGEOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy” 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’ 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. 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 Sunday, November 9 — showcases works from SDMA’s collection. The early- to mid-20th Century pieces offer historical framework allowing consideration of how artistic styles changed over time, reflect upon active participation of women in the social and political currents of the period. Artists included are Mary Cassatt, Käthe Kollwitz, Isabel Bishop, Barbara Hepworth, Leonora Carrington. Exhibit includes “Spatial Gestures,” focusing on abstract works by contemporary women artists acquired by museum between 2006 and present.

“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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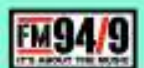
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Blood, Sweat, and Beers

Sirhan Sirhan founder Jason Blackmore wasn't at the San Diego Music Awards last week when

local bands have recently spent more time on the road than Sirhan Sirhan.

"When we go out, we do, like, 40- to 50-date tours. We've done three tours so far this year."

Blackmore works as a doorman at the Turf Club in Golden Hill, which allows him to take time off to tour.

Blackmore is not sure if he will stay at the Turf Club or work at Mays's new restaurant in La Mesa, the Riviera Supper Club. (Other longtime Turf Club employees — including players from Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, Bartender's Bible, and the Nightmares — will stay on, and some will go to La Mesa.)

Blackmore says he recently had to pull the plug on a fourth tour that was to start next week.

"Gas prices keep going up, but the [venue] guarantees stay the same; clubs are still paying bands

the condition of Alex Organ, his drummer. Two years ago, Organ woke up with numbness in his left hand.

"I didn't know if I had a stroke or HIV or what," he said at the time. After \$25,000 worth of tests, Organ said he was told he had contracted multiple sclerosis. For a while he couldn't tie his shoes. For a couple of shows he taped his drumstick to his hand with duct tape. Blackmore says Organ can now hold both sticks.

"He has stabilized," says Blackmore. "It hasn't gotten any worse. But the doctors say it will not get better. He could always have a relapse, but he is doing everything he can to remain healthy."

— Ken Leighton

Tough Blow "If anyone tries to sell it, I will certainly know about it," says uilleann-pipe player Tim Foley, whose instrument was stolen on September 6. "There's a lot of eyes and ears on the lookout there."

Foley, who plays for local Celtic fusion band Skelpin, had left his equipment in his car overnight rather than bring it inside a home in La Jolla where he was house-sitting. The next morning he

found his car window smashed. A guitar amp and his pipes — which were in a "black, hard-shell, electric-guitar-looking case" — were taken. The thieves left behind

"There's only 3 of us in San Diego that play," says Foley. "In Southern California, there might be close to 20 players." The musicians have banded



PHOTOGRAPH FROM MYSPACE.COM/SKELPIN

FOLEY...TARGETED?

his iPod, \$1000 worth of microphones, and a Martin acoustic guitar. Foley isn't sure if he was targeted.

"I had just come from a show, so you never know," he says. "I'm thinking they thought they were stealing an electric guitar and didn't know what they actually took. My fear is that they tossed the pipes in a Dumpster somewhere."

The loss hits harder than most thefts because of the relative rarity of the instrument.

together as the Uilleann Pipers Club of Southern California. He's hopeful that another member will be able to find him a used replacement set. While Skelpin continues to record a new album, Foley is using a borrowed chanter (the part of the pipes that makes the melody) from a fellow club member. To get a new set of pipes will cost approximately \$5000 and a lot of patience.

"You have to contact a maker and arrange to have

blurt

the inside track

his band won the Best Hard Rock Album award. He assumed his "balls-out hardcore rock band" would continue to get the hometown cold shoulder.

"When we got signed to a label [Anodyne, in 2007 — home of the Meat Puppets], no one seemed to care that much. Our record [*Blood*] is in all the Best Buys, but we didn't get one single CD review in the local press."

Blackmore suggests that except for maybe the Night Marchers or Louis XIV, no

He says that dream job is now up in the air.

"The landlord is taking over in November. I have been working there for seven and a half years.

Tim [Mays, co-owner] gave me a job right after I moved here [from Kansas City]."



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what they were paying four years ago."

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one made. Not only could it take nine months to get a set constructed, you might find yourself on a waiting list.” According to Foley, the best makers can have a list ten years long.

— Bart Mendoza

Live or Death “We record nearly all of our shows because every performance is a unique one-off and we want to capture the magic,” says



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VERNEC KNOWS HOW TRUE JAM BANDS SUFFER

bassist Larry Vernec of Blue44. All three albums by the Encinitas band were recorded live in concert, with no tracking or overdubs. “We’re centered around improvisation, so the live setting is a key ingredient in

the music. Audience energy influences the mood and direction the band takes — from a key change to a shift in feel.”

Vernec says true jam bands suffer when recorded without an audience. “A studio environment is much more one-dimensional and, in our view, imposes a measure of control; it’s the antithesis of live performance....

“There’s an element of risk with live recordings that’s frightening and exciting, which heightens the senses and fuels creativity. There are as many reasons things can go wrong as there are people in the room. Drawbacks are that the recording fidelity isn’t as good, the sound of laughter or breaking glass may insert itself at an inopportune moment, and the mix and volume levels can be less than perfect.”

Blue44’s three albums — *So It Goes*, *Unfiltered*, and *The Vault* — are all single-take “pure” concert performances, the latter recorded at On Broadway, downtown.

“The building used to be a Home Federal Savings and Loan, and the space includes a room in the lower level that used to be the bank vault.”

Blue44 appears Thursday evenings at Epazote’s Z Bar in the Del Mar Plaza.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Multiple Fetuses Okay

“If things in the music biz continue to fall apart,” says Manganista singer Matt Rhea, “maybe we’ll have [X-Ray Babies] to fall back on. People may stop paying for music, but they’ll never stop having babies.”

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Rhea explains: “My wife Rachel and I just started a new company called X-Ray Babies. When expecting parents go in to get an ultrasound, the doctor will give them a bunch of black-and-white photos of the images. We’ll take one of those photos, and we turn it into a colorful framed piece of art, kind of reminiscent of Andy Warhol’s pop art.

“I made one of these for my wife when she was pregnant with our first son. She loved it, and we quickly realized I had stumbled across the perfect baby-shower gift. Soon, she had me start making them for all our friends who were pregnant. After a few years, we decided to start an actual business out it, and now here we are.”

The Rheas can make

portraits from ultrasounds shot during any month of the pregnancy. The three-frame



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RHEA (RIGHT), PREGNANT WITH IDEAS

portrait (10.5” x 26”) costs \$65; the four-frame (15” x 19”) is \$75 (xraybabies.com).

“We’re more than happy to create [portraits at the same cost] for twins, triplets, or quadruplets.”

Manganista appears October 11 at O’Connells.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Journey Continues

Before Journey appears at the Pechanga casino in Temecula on October 1, “All

announcements must be done 20 minutes before the performance.” They want — on call — an ear, nose, and throat doctor, an internist, a chiropractor, and “a certified licensed experienced massage therapist.”

Dressing-room requirements include three dozen towels (“bath size”), and another dozen towels must be placed around the stage. After the band finishes their set, the dressing room needs a dozen bottles of iced-down Samuel Adams beer (“no Budweiser”).

The band buses need 12 quarts of Gatorade (“assorted”), two quarts of Martinelli’s apple juice, two half-gallons of chocolate milk, three six-packs of beer (“Sam Adams or Corona”), and a case of nonalcoholic beer. The crew buses get four cases of spring water, two gallons of whole milk, four quarts of cranberry juice, and two cases of Dr Pepper.

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This Week In Music

Thursday 25

"Touch Me I'm Going to Scream." Gig to get to this week is one of this summer's supergroups. Louisville's **My Morning Jacket** heats up SDSU's Open Air Theatre tonight. MMJ are riding a wave of press and chart success behind this year's *Evil Urges*, their best-selling record to date if a bitter pill to early fans of their reverb-heavy, Southern-fried rock-n-soul. Jim James has pop tendencies, hinted at on major-label debut *It Still Moves* and drawn carefully on sophomore smash *Z*. Recommend a dip into those waters and double-live CD/DVD *Okonokos* for the rawkin' longhairs' live sizzle and grit.... Out of your price range? Check out the trick triple bill at Casbah, featuring Latin lounge cat **Federico Aubele**. The Argentinean guitarist/singer is out to tout his latest, *Panamericana*, a title that aptly describes Aubele's dance-y blend of bolero and dub. He's on tour with South American ambient **Natalia Clavier**. And local acoustic cat **Joel P. West** sets the stage. Recommend checking out West's *Dust Jacket* disc. Get to dustjacketproject.com and earn a free burn of the up-and-comer's catchy collection.... Indie kids **Exfriends** and **Paddle Boat** drift into Beauty Bar. Give a listen to Exfriends' SDMA best-pop nominee *Joy of Life* for a taste.... Or check your head against Adam Gimbel's "pop quiz" **Musical Pursuit** at Whistle Stop. Bring a team. Ante up. Winners take all.

Friday 26

Pall Jenkins's **Black Heart Procession** brings the saw, the blinking *corazón*, and dark pop to Casbah Friday night and the Adams Ave. Street Fair on Saturday night. Not a lot from the Black Heart camp since '06's *The Spell* spun out, but Jenkins has kept creeping 'round the edges with garage-dub group Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects. Glad the hometown hits've resurfaced. Looks as if the band's next booking is December's ATP in the U.K. Casbah's destined-for-sellout date includes opening acts **John Meeks** and **Little White Teeth**, with **Nothingful** in the Atari Lounge. (Or catch Black Heart free at 33rd Street Saturday night at 8p.)... House of Blues goes old-school Texas blues with the **Smokin' Joe Kubek Band**, featuring the badass vox of **Bnois King**. Blues hothouse Alligator Records signed the team for this year's blues-chart topper *Blood Brothers*. Spin it. That gig's upstairs on the side stage, while comic **Joe Rogan** (*Fear Factor*, *Ultimate Fighting Championship*) yuks it up down on the floor. Seems upside-down.... Anyway, round town: the **Urinals** cake Bar Pink with "punk haiku." The L.A.

trio's been round and round since the day punk broke. Never as much a recording group as a touring group, the Urinals claim to have played the first punk-rock show in China in Beijing in 2005.... Speaking of communist states — sorry, socialist republics — Czech chick **Anna K.** dials in at Radio Room. The lady's alt-rock Space takes are heavy. Prague rock? It's her first U.S. tour and, yeah, she sings in Czechoslovakian. Los Angelino **Janet Robin** opens. In English.... Ché Café kicks off this year's Disorientation Party with a freebie Friday night, featuring Plan-It-X artists **Paul Baribeau** and **Good Luck**.... Sublime tribute **40 Oz. to Freedom** spill it at Belly Up.... Memphis crunks **Three 6 Mafia** roll up on 4th&B with their latest raps, *Last 2 Walk*.... And Whistle Stop's got yer Southern-gothic pop, staging **Vision of a Dying World** and **Tobyn Clark and the Tender Faeries**.

Saturday 27

Busy, busy bands Saturday night as **Powerchords** unplug from the Adams Ave. thing (do your own legwork on that one, adamsaveonline.com/StreetFair/) and hook up at Bar Pink with hot shits the **Sess**. Both SDMA nominees. The Powerchords are a Chula Juana-based pop-punk band celebrating a CD release for new one *Think I'm Gonna...* Sounds like kid sweat.... **Rafter** headlines night number two at Ché's Disorientation Party. Dude's Asthmatic Kitty catalogue is a pop smorgasbord. Check out his new EP *Sweaty Magic* yet? It's a very un-Rafter-like dance disc. But, then, what is Rafter-like?... The Fist of God Tour (!?) comes to House of Blues, featuring electro punks **MSTRKRFT** and K Records guru **Calvin Johnson**.... Long Beach hardcore crew **TSOL** brings the sounds of liberty to Casbah. The **Hollowpoints** and **Authentic Sellout** in support.... And some mentionable itty-bitty ditties: the **Widows** and **Braaiins!** at the



MY MORNING JACKET AT SDSU'S OPEN AIR THEATRE

Ken...O'Connells' "Bands for Boobs" thing featuring **Astra Kelly**, **Veronica May & the To Do List**, **Compass Rose**, and **Steph Johnson**....**Long and Short of It** laying it out at Radio Room....and Walnut, Cali nu-math trio **Trinitron Meets Mars People** at all-ages Epicentre with **Census**, **Irwin's Conspiracy**, and **HFICLSI**.

Sunday 28

Gonna be a **Ra Ra Riot** at Casbah Sunday night as Syracuse, NY's indie-pop party band tours the *Rhumb Line* through town. Chicago dance-rock duo **Walter Meego** and Berkeley indie-pop quartet **Morning Benders** join the tour.... Rap royalty **Talib Kweli**, **David Banner**, and **Little Brother** hit the beach at Canes.... SoCal skate punks **Agent Orange** and **Dr. Know** make a house call at House of Blues.... Pop experimentalists **Fantastic Magic** do the trick to close out Ché's Disorientation Party.... Local blue-funk jam band **thetightenups** lash it down at Bar Pink.... While folkies **Greg Brown** and **Bo Ramsey** get all singer-songwriterly at Belly Up.

Monday 29

Hey, man, nice shot. **Filter** and **People in Planes** land at Casbah's Anti-Monday melee.

Cleveland industrial quartet **Filter** just dropped their fourth studio effort (in 15 years?), *Anthems for the Damned*. Eh. Welsh alt-rockers **PiP** are touring the world behind sophomore set *Beyond the Horizon*. Eh-eh.... *Monday Night Football!* (Baltimore at Pittsburgh.)

Tuesday 30

Blues-rock slinger, slider, singer **Johnny Winter** and local guit guy **Bill Magee** throw down at Belly Up Tuesday night. Winter's got a couple Grammy nods for work with other artists but enough industry cred to choke a Wikipedian. And for you completists, this year the Texas native dug deep to release three bootlegs from his '70s heyday.... **Pattern Is Movement**, the **Cave Singers**, and **Swim Party** will make a splash at Casbah with odd pop-n-roll. Philly duo **PIM** this year dropped critical curiosity *All Together*, a collection of operatic piano pop over free-style beats. Real interesting. Like pumped-up Grizzly Bear or shake-n-bake Radiohead. Check the Space takes before ordering.... In the 'hood: Beauty Bar books a Big Sky Art Collective event featuring **Charles Musket**, the **illuminauts**, and **Old Palominos**.... And, *Holy Shiite*, Radio Room fills a burly Tuesday bill with punk-rawk acts **Dayglo Abortions** (Vancouver, BC), the **Accused**, **Basura**, **Titanarum**, the **Resentments**, and **Nuclear Tomorrow**.

Wednesday 1

NYC Gypsy punks **Gogol Bordello** roll the caravan to 4th&B behind last year's *Super Taranta*, a 14-song pileup of Balkan beats, American punk, and frontman Eugene Hütz's "pleasant screams." This eight-piece sideshow needs to be seen to be believed.... From the other end of the musical spectrum, Icelandic experimental ambients **Sigur Rós** take the stage at Copley, courting *Med Sud I Eyrum Vid Spilum Endalaust* (to wit: *With a Buzz in Our Ears We Play Endlessly*). "Gobbledigook" is the lead single, if yer interested.... Belly Up books psych-pop peeps the **Dandy Warhols** with **A Place to Bury Strangers**. *Dig!* indeed.... U.K. epic-song smithies **Sian Alice Group** will play Casbah. The sextet is out to tout Social Registry debut 59.59. Epic. **Fantastic Magic** sets the stage.... Santa Barbara's Fat Wreck Chords recorders **Lagwagon** spin the pit at House of Blues with pop-punk trio **MxPx**.... While Cleveland psych-rock couple **Mr. Gnome** gets a leg up on Bar Pink's stage to *Deliver This Creature*.

— Barnaby Monk

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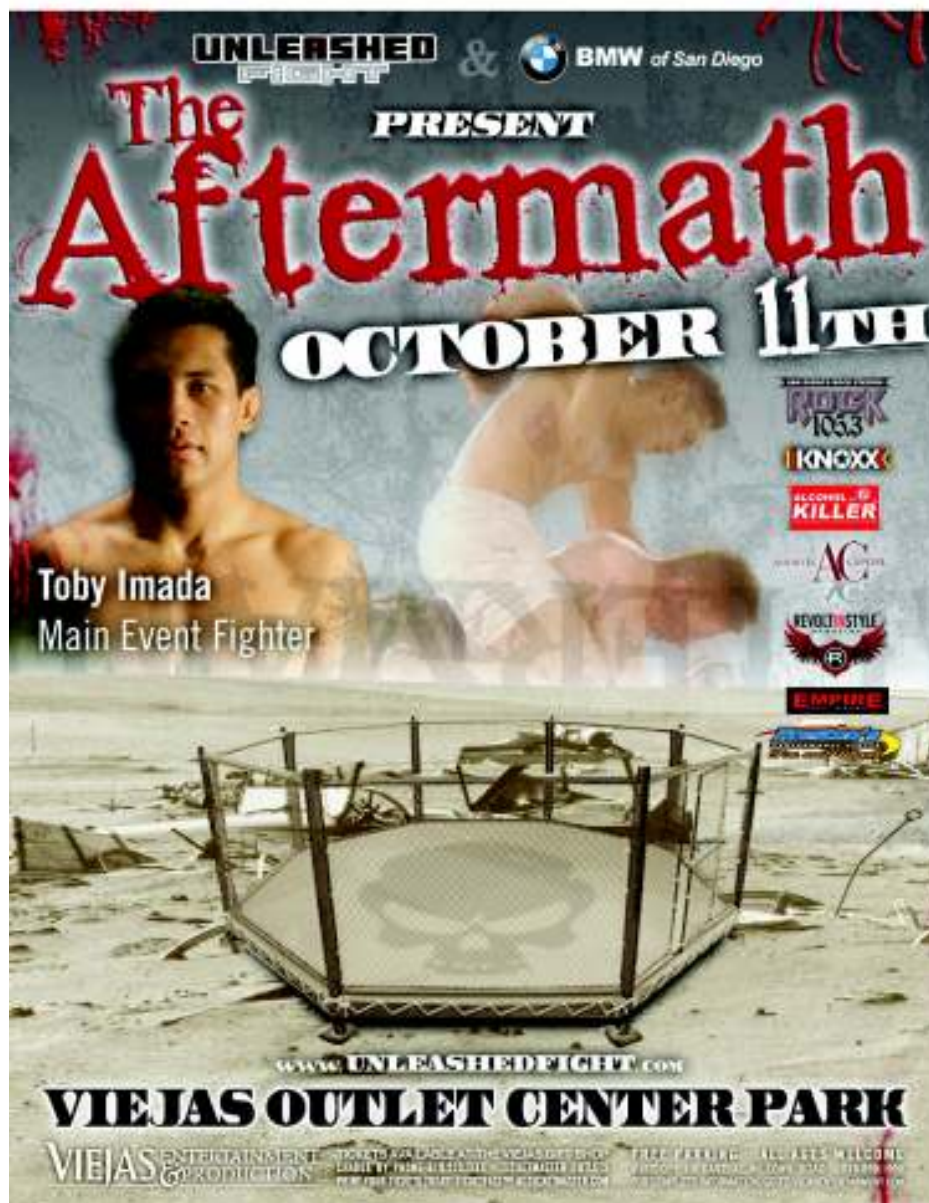
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The band has released two full-length CDs, *Here’s to Being Happy* and last year’s *With Friends Like These* — the latter of which just won Best Pop Album at the 2008 San Diego Music Awards.

Eric Killian plays right-handed guitar, Matt Sheridan left-handed guitar, with Stoph Rhanor on drums and Alex Smith on bass.

“Basically, the Modlins are always looking for roadies,” says Alex, when asked about employment woes in America. “We can’t pay you much, but we can pay you in love — and cans of Pabst Blue Ribbon.” He adds, “We’d love it if someone else was paying us to do this whole darn thing for a living. In the meantime, we’ll settle for not breaking up and a few free beers along the way.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Matt: “The new Ex-Friends and Joanie Mendenhall albums. It’s not that I’m just obsessed with Matt and Joanie — I also can’t get enough of that guy from the Killers.”

Eric: “Swim Party, because their new album *Pixie*

Dust on the Blood Range is the best thing since sliced bagels.”

WHAT SONG IS STUCK IN YOUR HEAD?

Alex: “‘Something Is Not Right with Me’ by the Cold War Kids. I just listened to their new album on *MTV.com*.”

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BEST/WORST GIG?

Eric: “Worst gig was on the way to Vegas. Our van started smoking.”

Matt: “Which is really unhealthy.”

Eric: “Right. Overheated and broke down about 20 miles outside of Baker. No water, limited cell service, and we are all automotive idiots. After sitting for a good half hour, we tried the car again, cranked the heater, and limped our way into Vegas — only to find out that three of the four bands had canceled. We played to an audience of two — five if you count the sound guy and bartenders. But they gave us a near-unlimited bar tab, which is why it was the best gig ever. After we got back, we found a new drummer that was a mechanic.”

JOBS YOU’VE HAD THAT SUCK...

Stoph: “One month of serving fried chicken at a deli, three weeks replacing soiled factory uniforms and rugs, one day cold-calling a stack of leads from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.”



The Modlins

BEST THING DONE WHILE DRUNK?

Matt: “No, guys, I’ll take this one. I don’t drink.”

BEST ADVICE EVER BEEN GIVEN...

Eric: “‘Always wear a raincoat.’ Thanks, Mom.”

Matt: “But it never rains in Southern California! Eric, I don’t understand why your mom would tell you to always wear a raincoat. It’s dry here. I prefer umbrellas.”

FAVORITE QUOTE TO LIVE BY...

Alex and Eric: “Fuck it, dude, let’s go bowling.” — *The Big Lebowski*

BEST MOMENTS OF LOVE AND LUST...

Stoph: “We are all virgins.”

Matt: “That’s what all these songs are about.”

Alex: “Although Eric did get to shortstop once.”

TOP THREE TV SHOWS?

Eric:

1. *The Wonder Years*. “Because all Modlins songs are basically the thoughts of Kevin Arnold.”
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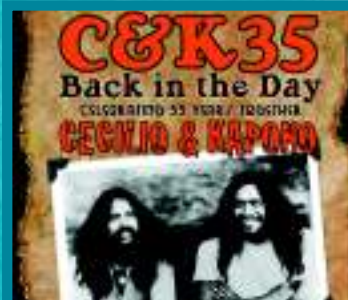

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The Alley: 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-1173.
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays — The Love Rangers. Dance music.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — The Average White Band. Funk/soul. \$32.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — The Eve Selis Band. Acoustic/country/pop. \$18.
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Livingston Taylor. Folk rock. \$22-\$28.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Maraca & the New Collective. Salsa/Latin/jazz. \$20.
Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Take 6. A cappella soul, jazz, gospel, and more. \$20.

Aromas: 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Saba. Indie/acoustic/folk.

Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100.
Sunday, 3 p.m. — Chris Thile & Edgar Meyer. Jazz/bluegrass. \$25-\$62.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.
Thursday — The Backyard Band.
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Beach Grass Café — Encinitas: 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-942-2741.

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Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Nukl Heads, the Hellbound Band, Sticky Situation. Alternative/rock/punk. \$8-\$10.
Friday, 9 p.m. — 40 Oz. to Freedom. A tribute to Sublime with High Tide and Stone Senses. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Common Sense and LA 5. Reggae/rock. \$14-\$16.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Greg Brown and Bo Ramsey. Folk rock/blues. \$25-\$27.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Johnny Winter. With the Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/rock. \$21-\$23.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Dandy Warhols. With a Place to Bury Strangers and the Upsidedown. Rock/psychedelic/experimental. \$25-\$27.

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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Grupo Niche. Salsa. \$40.

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Rehab. With Avitia. Alternative/rock/hip-hop. \$18-\$20.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Ill Bill. With Sean Price, Clay Pigeons, Styles Free, and more. Hip-hop/rap. \$13-\$15.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Semi Precious Weapons. CD-release show. Glam-rock. \$10.

Cafe La Maze: 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222.
Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues.
Sundays, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Rickie Lee Jones. Pop/jazz/folk rock. 1-800-988-4253. \$24-\$42.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Michele Lundeen a Trois. Blues/funk/rock.
Sunday, 6:30 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — One Lonely Robot and Sirens of Shipwreck. Alternative/pop/rock. \$7.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Sprung Monkey and Mower. With October Burning and Canobliss. Alternative rock/metal/punk. \$12.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Talib Kweli and David Banner. Hip-hop/rap. \$35.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — Federico Aubele and Natalie Clavier. Latin/dub. \$15.
Friday, 8:30 p.m. — The Black Heart Procession. With John Meeks, Little White Teeth, and Nothingful. Indie rock. \$15.
Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — TSOL and the Hollowpoints. Punk rock. \$15.
Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Ra Ra Riot and Walter Meego. Indie rock/electro/pop. \$8-\$10.
Monday, 8:30 p.m. — Filter and People in Planes. Alternative rock. \$16.
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Pattern Is Movement and Swim Party. With the Cave Singers. Indie/experimental/rock. \$8.
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — The Sian Alice Group. Progressive/indie rock. \$8.

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise Street (near Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744.
Friday, 6:50 p.m. — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz guitarist.

Cheers: 2475 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-0270.
Tuesdays, 5 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Acoustic rock.

Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach: 4761 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-483-2300.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Peggy Watson & David Beldock. Courtyard Concert series. 858-483-2300.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Paul Baribeau and Good Luck. Acoustic/folk/pop.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Rafter, the Anasazis, Doctor Bird. With the Cosby Kids.
Garage/rock/experimental. \$5-\$6.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Fantastic Magic, Dear Nora, Palms. Indie/folk/rock. \$5-\$6.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Sigur Rós. Post-rock band from Iceland.

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Friday, 6 p.m. — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock.
Sunday, 2 p.m. — Billy Watson. Blues/soul/jazz.
Sunday, 5 p.m. — Scott Carter & New Breed. Reggae/funk/rock.
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Saturday, 6 p.m. — Third Day and Switchfoot. With Robert Randolph & the Family Band and Jars of Clay. Rock/pop/soul. \$14-\$119.
Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Carlos Santana. Latin/rock/blues.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, Saturday — Full Xposure. Covers/standards.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Paul Seaforth.

Jazz. \$10-\$15.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Aurea. Afro-Peruvian/jazz ensemble. \$15.

Downtown Café: 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Classic rock.

Epazote: 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-9966.
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. — Blue44. Jazz/funk.

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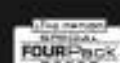
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Friday — Funk in the Trunk.
Saturday — One Thread. Metal.

The Flying Bridge: 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151.
Friday, 7 p.m. — The Lounge Butchers.

Georges on Fifth: 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444.
Fridays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Barbara Nesbitt. Acoustic/blues/country.

Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Quactus. Psychedelic/rock/jam band.

Hennessey's Tavern - PB: 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Willie. Reggae.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Filthy Thieving Bastards. Folk/punk/rock.
Monday, 8:30 p.m. — The Blokes. Rowdy Celtic, bluegrass, and surf.

Hilton San Diego: 1775 East Mission Bay Drive, Pacific Beach.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Bill Shreeve, Steve Smith, Mark Smith. Jazz standards on the Acqua patio.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.
Friday, 6:30 p.m. — West of 5. Covers classic to modern rock. \$66.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Republic of Letters and Echo Revolution. With Runway. Indie rock.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Smokin' Joe Kubek & Benois King. Texan blues duo. \$15.
Sunday, 6 p.m. — Fear, Agent Orange, Dr. Know. Punk/surf/metal. \$13.
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Lagwagon and MxPx. With Only Crime and TAT. Punk/pop/hardcore. \$15.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Rockola. Classic rock. \$12.
Monday, 7 p.m. — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Kenny G. Smooth jazz. \$70.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Seal. R&B/soul/pop. \$95.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Etta James & the Roots Band. Blues/soul/jazz. \$55.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It was at X-Fest at SDSU several years ago — blink 182 was scheduled to headline the evening, but **Sprung Monkey**, another local band, owned the afternoon. Sprung's popularity was beginning to soar on the release of "Get 'em Outta Here," and when front man **Steve Summers** stopped to address the packed audience, it had to feel as if he were staring straight into the music industry's pile of gold. All indications were that Sprung would go on to become a platinum-selling national touring act.

But it didn't happen. Instead, after major-label deals, hit songs on film soundtracks, and numerous television appearances, the band quietly disappeared. What happened? Did the usual rock-and-roll excesses croak the Monkey?

"We went on a hiatus for a while," says Summers via his cell phone. "I don't know if it was the 9/11 thing, but it seemed like the whole [music] industry changed after that." He reminds me that Sprung had been together for a good decade by then. Eventually, he says, the members drifted off into side projects with other bands.

Sprung Monkey is out of retirement. "We started to play shows again," says Summers, "and the fire and the passion is there like it was in the beginning." They recently finished an Australian tour with Unwritten Law. "It was, like, does anybody remember us after six years?" They did.

Summers describes their sound. "The overall complexion is more aggressive, not so poppy. We're going back to our roots." Those roots, at least ten years ago, were planted in the surf-skate culture. Sprung's rugged guitars and Summers's athletic delivery placed them smack on the cusp of a new



SPRUNG MONKEY

genre that would meld hip-hop with metal. Can they make that magic happen all over again?

"We're all here again, and we're happy to see each other," says Summers, "and the music is coming from the right place."

Mower also performs.

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Friday — The Jury and the Howls. Rock/garage/soul.
Saturday — The Widows and Braaiis! With Irreversible Reversible and the New Legion. Garage/rock/punk.

Koehler Kraft Boat Yard: 2302 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-222-9051.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band. Contemporary jazz.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
Thursday — Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band. Blues/standards/funk.
Friday — Rock Kandy.
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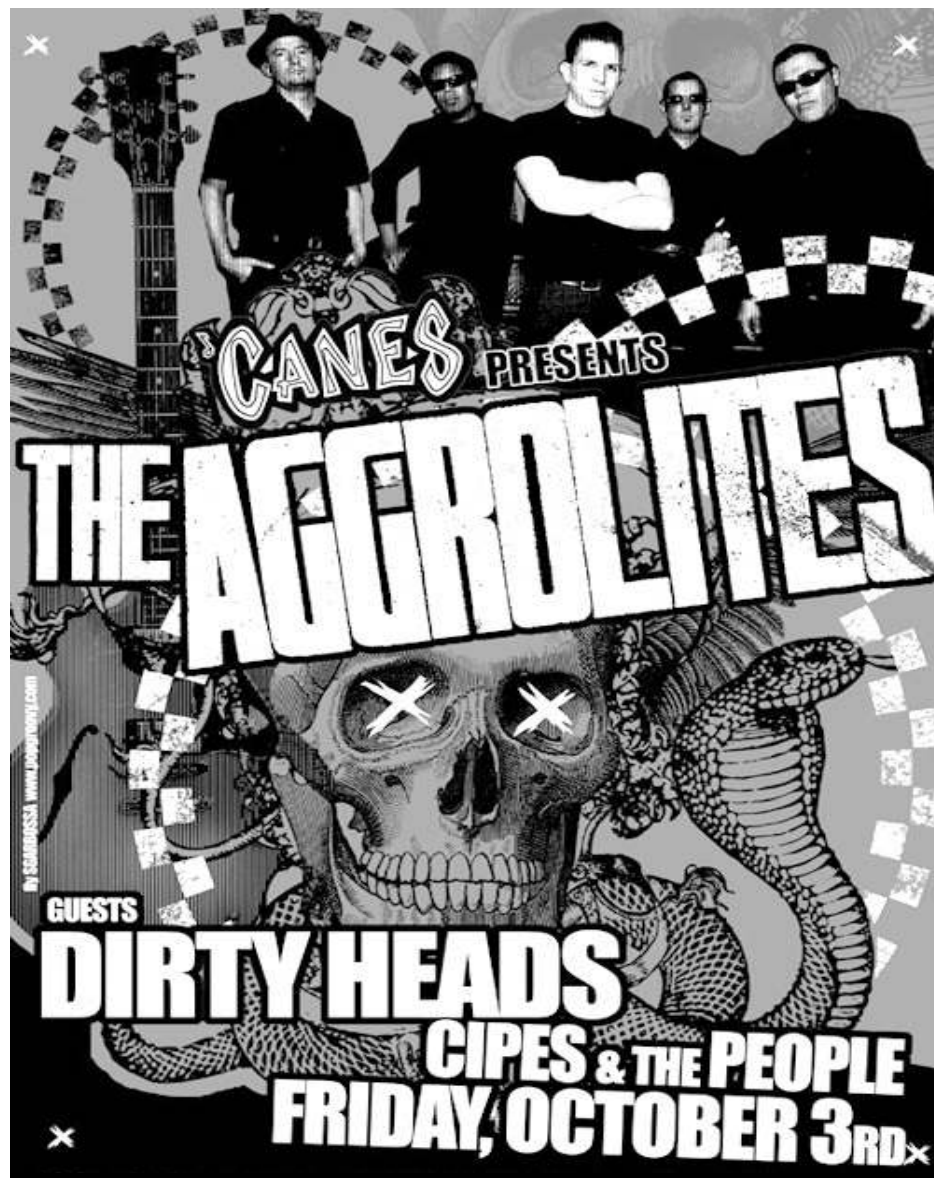
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Calendar

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Wednesday — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Down-home Americana blues rock.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
Thursday — Camille Bloom and Nicole Torres. Folk/soul/pop.
Friday — Cotton Fever and Oculus Sinister. Roots/garage/rock.
Wednesday — Edie Carey and Elana Arian. Acoustic/folk/pop.

Little Italy Spaghetteria: 1953 India Street, Little Italy, 619-398-2974.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Willovealot. Smooth-jazz.

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

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Firefly. Classic rock.
Friday, 4 p.m. — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Old School. Covers/standards/rock.
Saturday, 4 p.m. — Hot Rod Lincoln. Acoustic/roots/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. — The Stilettoes. Rockabilly/jazz/roots.
Friday, 9 p.m. — 4 Way Street.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Harmony Road.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Gene Warren. Folk/blues/rock.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5.
Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834.
Sundays, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of traditional blues, swing, and rock. Ages 21 and up.

Neurosciences Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — The Hutchins Consort. With Saadoun Al-Bayati. Classical/world fusion. \$15-\$30.

North Bar Sports and Spirits: 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8228.
Thursdays, 6 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Rock.

O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Revival, Kenta Hayashi, Red Llama Dog. Reggae/blues/rock.
Saturday, 5 p.m. — Astra Kelly and

Veronica May & the To Do List. Breast Cancer benefit with Compass Rose and Steph Johnson. Acoustic/folk/pop.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — U.S. Drag, Dave the Butcher, Uncle Junkie. Rock/punk/metal.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — The Four Kings. Funk/rock.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam.

O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Road, Poway, 858-486-7422.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/rock/blues.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad: 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4072.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — The Blokes. Rowdy Celtic, bluegrass, and surf.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli: 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387.
Friday, 6 p.m. — The Zzymzzy Quartet. Jazz.

Old Town State Historic Park: 4002 Wallace Street, Old Town.
Saturday, 2 p.m. — The City Guard Band. Performances will be held in

the plaza; selections range from Sousa marches to concert pieces.
Open Air Theatre at 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — My Morning Jacket. Indie rock/experimental. \$32.
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Thursdays, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge.
Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.
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.
Saturday — Anita Baker. R&B/soul.
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Wednesday — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B.
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Friday, 9 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues.
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Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.
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Friday, 6 p.m. — D.R. Auten and Gas Lamp Jazz Band.
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Thursday — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.
Friday — Naked Sun. Rock/funk/psychedelic.
Saturday — The Alternatives.
Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.
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Wednesdays, 9 p.m. — Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

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Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.
Sunday, 1 p.m. — Nova. Covers/standards/dance.

Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Road, Santee, 619-465-1730.
Thursday — LySDexia. Classic rock.

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Thursday — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. Salsa.
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Tuesday — Charlie Chavez y Su Afro Truco. Salsa.

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Friday, 8 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Thursday — The Road Dogs. Blues.
Friday — Meld. Garage/blues/soul.
Saturday — Stoney Dudes.
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Friday — The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash.
Country/rockabilly/Americana.
Saturday — The Kneehighs.
Rock/hip-hop.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Flogging Molly. Celtic rock. \$20.

Wave House: 3125 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach.
Friday, 7 p.m. — The Dark Star Orchestra. Grateful Dead tribute band.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
Thursday — Anthony Smith's Trunk Fulla Funk. Soul/funk/rock.
Friday — The International Farmers. Reggae/funk.
Saturday — Banyan.
Rock/jazz/experimental.
Sunday — Earl Thomas. Blues.
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October 10 — Catie Curtis.
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November 1 — Dave Alvin.
November 9 — Ellis Paul.
November 23 — Doyle Dykes.
November 28 — Tom Russell.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
October 2 — Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers.

October 3, October 4 — Stanley Jordan.
October 7, October 8 — Acoustic Alchemy.
October 10 — The Steely Damned.
October 11 — The Sax Pac.
October 14, October 15 — The Dizzy Gillespie All-Star Big Band.
October 16 — John Oates.
October 17 — Paul Brown's Guitar Trio.
October 18 — The Subdudes.
October 19 — Mark Murphy.
October 21 — The Quarrymen.
October 22 — Nicole Henry.
October 24 — Steve Poltz.
October 25 — The Silent Comedy.
October 25 — Melody Gardot.
October 28 — Judy Wexler.
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October 2 — The Black Lips and Grand Ole Party.
October 3 — Dr. John & the Lower 911.
October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.
October 5 — John Brown's Body.
October 6 — Nick Lowe and Paul Cebal.
October 9 — Joan Osborne and Matt Morris.
October 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 19 — Orquesta Primo.
October 21 — Pinback and Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.
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 — Tom Morello: the Nightwatchman.
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

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the mid-'90s, when every other musician in the musician-rich city of Portland, Oregon, was cultivating a lo-fi sound and a low-budget look, the **Dandy Warhols** sounded, dressed, and acted like rock stars. In the early days they were known more for their onstage nudity and prolific partying than their music, but by the time the Dandys released *13 Tales from Urban Bohemia* in 2000, their talent was undeniable. Three years later the band released the heavily electronic *Welcome to the Monkey House*, and their songs were all over trendy youth-TV shows — which to modern artists is what being all over the radio was to earlier generations.

Then something weird happened. *Dig!* — an enjoyable documentary contrasting the relatively professional Dandys with their shambolic rivals the Brian Jonestown Massacre — hit DVD players and quickly drew a following. Problem was, *Dig!* more or less advanced the idea that Dandy Warhols singer **Courtney Taylor-Taylor** will never be as weirdly compelling as BJM madman Anton Newcombe. The fact that Taylor-Taylor narrated the movie suggested that he believed it, too. He responded by releasing the weirdest Dandys album yet, *Additorium or Warlords of Mars*. It was a disaster of Newcombe-like proportions.

Now the Dandys are back, doing what they do best, with *Earth to the Dandy Warhols*. It sounds like a sequel to *13 Tales from Urban Bohemia*, and that's great. See, the thing that *Dig!* didn't tell you is that, no



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matter what kind of tragic charm Newcombe may have, the Dandys' professionalism has always made them not merely more commercial but better in just about every way.

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November 14 — Groundation.
November 15 — Stripes & Lines.
November 16 — Devon Allman's Honeytribe.
November 17 — Elisa.
November 20 — The Bacon Brothers.
November 26 — Buck-O-Nine.
December 16 — Mike Ness.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
October 2 — Lucybell.
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October 22 — Lipstick N Leather.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.
October 18 — Linda Purl & Lee Lessack.
October 22 — Amy Grant.
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November 15 — The Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
October 2 — The Moviegoers, Kanari, Akademix.
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October 9 — NaCalifa.
October 11 — Andre Nickatina.

October 16 — Deny the Silents and Blue Sky Blonde.
October 17 — Iration and B Foundation.
October 18 — Stranger.
October 19 — Deploi.
October 24 — Lights.
October 25 — Devin the Dude.
November 1 — Dead Man's Party.
November 6 — Hard Echo, Motus, Deaf Zero.
November 7 — Collie Buddz and Rise of the Revolution.
November 8 — Jedi Mind Tricks and OuterSpace.
November 13 — Method Man & Redman.
November 15 — Wild Child.
November 19 — Mest.
November 21 — Vokab Kompany and the Concrete Project.
November 22 — Tainted Love.
November 26 — Lights.
November 26 — The Melvins and Big Business.
November 29 — Cash'd Out.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
October 10, October 11 — The Hype.
October 17, October 18 — Laguna.
November 1 — The Baytown Band.
November 7, November 8 — The Gold Dust Band.

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October 2 — The Ringer, Roses on Her Grave, Desert Diamonds.
October 3 — Datarock.
October 3 — Mugison.
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October 5 — The People Under the Stairs.
October 6 — Heavy Trash and PowerSolo.
October 8 — Margot & the Nuclear So and So's.
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October 10 — Bang Camaro.
October 11 — Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys.
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October 15 — The Supersuckers.
October 16 — Matt White and Schuyler Fish.
October 17 — Born Ruffians.
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October 19 — Polysics.
October 20 — Brightblack Morning Light and Glasser.
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October 22 — Pinback and Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.
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October 27 — Jeffrey Lewis and Talkdemonic.
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October 29 — Greg Laswell.
October 30 — Ted Leo & Pharmacists.
October 31 — Wild Weekend and Black Hondo.
November 1 — The Heavy and Kenan Bell.
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 16 — Gang Gang Dance, Growing, Rainbow Arabia.
November 17 — Love Is All and Vivian Girls.
November 18 — AIDS Wolf.
November 25 — My Brightest Diamond and Clare & the Reasons.
November 28 — Deerhunter and Times New Viking.
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October 3 — Vitamin X and Broken Needle.
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October 11 — 7 Generations, Masterpiece, All Is Fleeting.
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 24 — Gary Wilson, Christmas Island, Mark Lewis.
October 31 — Cattle Decapitation.

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.
November 15 — Viva El Mariachi Festival.
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, Thrive.
November 25 — New Kids on the Block.
December 15 — Metallica.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
October 16 — Jimmy Buffett.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
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.
October 5 — Serenati.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
October 3 — The Guze, the Demeanors, Stereo Upset.
October 4, October 5 — "Next Big Thing."
October 24 — Hellogoodbye.
November 7 — The Material and Blameshift.
November 15 — A Cursive Memory and So Long Davey.

Hard Rock Café: 801 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-615-ROCK.
October 2 — The Donnas.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
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.
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November 2 — Cobra Starship.
November 5 — Ingrid Michaelson.
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November 15 — Mason Jennings.
November 16 — Hanson.
November 16 — Matt Wertz and Everybody Else.
November 17 — Jay Brannan.
November 17 — Matisyahu.
November 19 — The Misfits.
November 20 — Alejandra Guzmán.
November 21 — Scars on Broadway.
November 22 — Face to Face.
November 23 — GWAR.
November 24 — Ben Kenney.
November 29 — The Sisters of Mercy.
November 30 — Bell Biv DeVoe.
December 3 — Secondhand Serenade and Cute Is What We Aim For.
December 4 — Five Finger Death Punch.
December 11 — Los Lobos.
January 25 — Ramon Ayala.
February 7 — Badfish.
February 21 — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
October 2 — David Byrne.
October 3 — America.
October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono.
October 9 — Duffy.
October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.

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.
October 2 — Metro.
October 3 — The Heroes.
October 3 — Firefly.

October 4 — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
October 4 — The Shockwaves.
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 — Old School.
October 25 — Innovation.
October 30 — The Jones Revival.
October 31 — The Fabulous Pelicans.

Mandeville Auditorium at 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.
October 20 — Laurie Anderson.

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.
October 16 — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra.

Open Air Theatre at 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
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.
October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
October 2 — The Blue Four.
October 3 — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.
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Album: *Mike Pinto* (2007)
Artist: Mike Pinto
Label: self-released
Where available/price: online at iTunes for \$9.99 and CDBaby.com for \$12.99
Songs: 1) Full Speed 2) Surf Tune 3) Addictions 4) Backburner 5) Get Me Down 6) Temptation 7) Bad Luck 8) Knocked Up 9) Never Hold Me Down 10) Bringin' It 11) Darlin' 12) Terrible October
Band: Mike Pinto (guitar, vocals), Chuck Treece (drums, bass), Jay Davidson (sax, organ), Henri McMillian (trumpet)
Website: myspace.com/littledistrict

After a sliver of success from his 2005 release *Little District*, Mike Pinto embraced the island sound and Southern California

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BY OLLIE

life, moving to Ocean Beach from Philadelphia.

For his November 2007 self-titled album, Mike found drummer/guitarist Chuck

Treece, a session player who has toured with Bad Brains and Urge Overkill. The accomplished musician's addition to this record can be felt in the high-quality snappiness of the sound.

Granted, Mike plays beach-jam music — the same as dozens of other bands in the area — but his emotion-laden voice (best heard on “Backburner”) and classic-rock inspired guitar riffs (featured prominently on “Get Me Down” and “Full Speed”) set him apart from the usual Wednesday-night-at-Winstons reggae-inspired surf rock.

Thankfully, Mike avoids affecting a fake Jamaican accent, and instead of the standard weary lyrics of marijuana usage and dancehalls, he employs catchy writing to



Mike Pinto

deliver stories, not unlike hip-hop. His best lyrics come on track eight (“You could cut the tension with a dull machete”) and track three (“My sound's hotter than your upstairs attic”).

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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

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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 28 — The Birthday Massacre and Tub Ring.
November 29 — Pierce the Veil and Breathe Carolina.
December 6 — Rancid.

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October 9 — Sara Bareilles.
October 12 — Julieta Venegas.
November 1 — Ray Lamontagne.
November 8 — Citizen Cope.

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November 7 — The Spinners.

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I was living in Seattle [in 2005], across the street from the Space Needle...in the shadow of the Space Needle, really — no sunlight, and rain to boot; it made me want to sleep a lot. It was Bumbershoot weekend; that's a huge outdoor

music festival every year at the Space Needle. I was chilling in my apartment, thinking about a nap before I had to emcee later when — holy hell — the loudest and rowdiest band in the universe was blaring through my window! I would have been annoyed if they had not been so amazing.

Flogging Molly literally got me off of my arse and pulled me across the street to see one of the most memorable live shows of my concert-rich life. Infectious and charismatic do not even begin to describe it. I was envious of the energy these guys and gal could emit for such an incredible length of time. Every song was instantly likable and out-of-control good. They even have a real Irishman to add to the

authenticity. Not to mention a line-up of phenomenal musicians. Combining traditional Irish music and full-on punk and making it sound so good gave me chills. I will never forget that day.

When I get off the air at 2 a.m., Flogging Molly's the only thing that keeps me from swerving off the road when I drive home at ungodly hours. After chilling for four hours [playing cuts for the *Big Sonic Chill* program], I need a good dose of Irish punk. Give me a mandolin and fiddle mixed in with some good punk and I'm a happy kid.



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Static Lounge: *Friday:* Club Pop Noir. Every fourth Friday of the month, Maystar's *Club Noir* featuring DJ Groundfloor and DJ Edgartronic. Indie/electroclash/dance music. Ages 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

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GREEN JERSEYS AND RED VINES

by Josh Board

a friend scored a pair of tickets to the Chargers' final preseason game against Seattle. I don't care much about preseason, but it would give me a chance to check out the Seahawks running back I have on my fantasy-football team and crash a couple tailgate parties.

I offered to pay for parking, but as we pulled up I was shocked to see it was \$25. My friend was shocked to see I only had \$11 in my wallet. He paid, we parked, and we crashed.

The closest tailgate party was all women. Neither of us had a problem with this scenario. We walked up and started talking.

I found out that a few of the women's husbands have season seats. They gave the wives the tickets for this game so they could get a taste of the partying and fun. My friend leaned to me and said, "Boy, they got suckered. The preseason games that nobody cares about are the ones the husbands give up."

Since most of them were drinking, I asked if they had a designated driver. One woman



asked, "Are you an undercover cop?" I heard a laugh and something about a DUI.

I looked across the lot and saw a cop telling two people that they couldn't have bottles. They then told two guys to stop throwing a football around. The



Top: Bob's tailgate party (he's in the middle, in a white shirt); Bottom: Tailgaters

tailgating rules. "You can only use your parking space. You aren't allowed to have bottles.

Her husband wouldn't let her wear a Seahawks shirt because "he was afraid of me getting my ass kicked."

guys continued their tossing when the cops drove off.

Since the women had a large spread of food and drink at their spot, I asked them about

"What is this, a test? I failed high school."

I asked the women if they understood football. One told me that her husband made fun of her during a Padres game because she said that they'd "scored a point" instead of a "run." The other women laughed. As we talked, it became clear that they knew the sport.

A woman named Mari Jo asked me when I was going to leave, but the other women told me that it was cool to stay. A

woman named Mia offered us each a beer. My buddy took one. I continued taking notes, which prompted one of the women to say, "What is it with you, reporter guy? Enough with all this."

Someone told a story about her son playing JV football for Steele Canyon. Another had a daughter who's a cheerleader at Mission Hills High.

I overheard a woman on the phone say, "Well, if she's not here yet, she can go f*** herself!"

The ladies told me that they had arrived four hours before game time to relax and have some beers. One said, "You don't want to drink in there; the beer is too expensive." Another told us that the best deal for beer is the Wild Animal Park. "You can get a 64-ounce beer in a summer cup for \$7.50. You're looking at paying around \$10 for a beer in here."


One woman told me that she was from Seattle, but her husband wouldn't let her wear a Seahawks shirt because "he was afraid of me getting my ass

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Of all the “charity eat-a-thons” in this town, my favorite by far is the Chef Celebration, a series of extraordinary banquets crafted by some of the county’s top chefs and held at several of the finest (and most comfortable) restaurants in the area. At each dinner, five chefs collaborate on a five-course menu, each taking on one or two dishes. It’s fun for them to work together, and fun for us to eat the brilliant results. The price per dinner is \$65, plus beverages and tip, with \$35 of that amount tax-deductible as a charitable contribution. (What a deal!) An optional matched wine-flight of two-ounce pours for each course is \$18. For more menu information and reservations, please contact host restaurants directly by phone or email or visit chefcelebration.org.

As a foodie, I have many reasons for loving this event — most of them somewhat selfish. Not only are these dinners probably the best restaurant meals you’ll eat all year, but the Chef Celebration raises money for a cause that ultimately benefits the whole San Diego dining public. The money goes into a scholarship fund that sends midlevel working chefs with at least two years of restaurant experience (typically cooks, line chefs, and sous-chefs) to the CIA (Culinary Institute of America) in Napa for a week, to take intensive courses in culinary areas and techniques where they feel a need for more education. When they return, they bring their new skills and ideas to your table.

Among the early scholarship beneficiaries were Damaso Lee, who went on to become head chef at Trattoria Acqua (and host-kitchen of one of this year’s dinners), and Hanis Cavin of Kens-



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Jeff Rossman

ington Grill, who at that time was working at Deborah Helms’s now-defunct Mixx, a homey, bohemian sort of place in Hillcrest. “I chose to go to Greystone in Napa Valley,” Cavin recalls, “and I took an advanced charcuterie course. For a chef, it’s pure heaven, because it’s working with all the less-desirable pieces, learning how to make them *be* desirable. I had an excellent teacher. Made you

really see the potential of every piece of product, whether it be a scrap of celery or the cheeks of a cow — that all of it can be edible. Of course, that attitude stayed with me and helped me in the rest of my career. It helps you stay in business. Instead of throwing away something, you say, ‘Maybe I can make a soup of this or a pâté out of that.’ I lucked out and ate out at French Laundry that week. It’s really hard to

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They're also able to serve more luxurious ingredients than they might use on a daily basis, as you'll see from the menus we were able to gather by press time. "It's really a culinary extravaganza," says current board of directors president Jeff Rossman, chef of Terra Restaurant in Hillcrest. "Every time I've done it, the chefs go crazy with the menu items. For \$65, it's an unbelievable deal. A lot of the purveyors donate ingredients. It's a good symbiotic relationship. And some restaurant owners donate out of the coffers. That's how we feel about helping our own, to try and send the line cooks and sous-chefs and pastry chefs up to Napa, to come back with some great ideas to help San Diego. We think it's one of the only events of its kind."

The Chef Celebrations were founded 13 years ago by Ed Moore, of the Third Corner. At that time, the dinners were held in spring, twice a week for about six weeks, all of them staged at Moore's restaurant Thee Bungalow (now sold to the Cohn Restaurant Group). Over time, other restaurant owners were eager to participate and share the workload (and cachet), so eventually the event evolved into today's "movable feast." With Moore in semiretirement, he was eager to hand over the reigns as board president a couple of years ago; Jeff Rossman was willing to take them.

The way it works is the chef of each host restaurant assembles his or her team of chefs — chefs with compatible cooking styles and personalities, often from restaurants in the same geographic area. (Given the long, late hours chefs work, who can they pal around with but other chefs?) Some team leaders negotiate who gets to cook which course with their team members; others hand out assignments. Then the participating chefs explode with ideas for their courses, emailing back and forth. The team leaders coordinate the final choices so that no two dishes in a meal will repeat the same flavors.

The chefs donate their time. The \$30 of the price that doesn't go for scholarships pays for purchased ingredients, waitstaff, dishwashers, laundry, etc. — the normal costs of the restaurant business. The event is so prestigious that most of the top toques in town are eager to be chosen and are crestfallen if they're not. This year, the Celebration has been reduced to just once a week, but in the future it may expand again, possibly to a semiannual event with spring and fall sessions. "When we did it twice a week, there were such good chefs and

teams and menus, not everybody could get to them all," says Rossman. "We actually had complaints where people said there were just too many. So this year we scaled back to do just five [dinners]. There are always a lot of problems with the details that go into this. We start planning it back in April, and we try to meet once a month. The other problem is that it's run by chefs, and we don't have a whole lot of free time for marketing and so forth. It's a difficult undertaking."

The value of the Celebration sometimes only reveals itself in hindsight. Indirectly, one Celebration helped sow the seeds for a quiet revolution in San Diego dining that we've almost come to take for granted: In 2002, Moore and colleague Deborah Schneider (now head of food operations at the Del Mar Racetrack) focused the event on bringing together San Diego chefs with local North County farms growing organic or sustainably raised produce. Many of the top chefs were already trekking to Chino Farms, or to local farmers' markets, of course, but at the next level down, too many eateries were still immune to the California Cuisine revolution of the 1970s. They remained completely in thrall to Sysco, the giant restaurant-supply company, and the results of that dependency contributed to San Diego's well-deserved reputation as a culinary backwater. The farm-to-table Celebration seemed to

be a genuine consciousness-raising event, a turning point in spreading Bay Area-style fine ingredients and locavore cuisine much more widely and deeply. Today, instead of finding the dire, flavorless "Sysco Veggie Medley" on nearly every plate, we find the names of Crow's Pass, Connelly Farms, Valdivia Farms, et al. on the menus and enjoy the vibrant tastes of real, fresh food.

2008 Chef Celebration Schedule

Wednesday, October 1: Terra 619-293-7088, terraasd.com
1270 Cleveland Ave., ste. K, San Diego CA 92103
Jeff Rossman, Terra Restaurant
Colin MacLaggan, Avenue 5
Victor Jimenez, Cowboy Star
Joe Magnanelli, Laurel
Chris Walsh, Bite

MENU
AMUSE
Basil Flan, shallot rings, curry oil (Jeff Rossman)
FIRST COURSE
Restyled *caprese* salad with heirloom tomatoes, opal basil vinaigrette, and balsamic gelée (Chris Walsh)
SECOND COURSE
Marinated *hiramasa*, tempura Dungeness crab, bamboo rice, green curry (Joe Magnanelli)
THIRD COURSE
Duck confit and foie gras tortellini, bitter greens, brandy cherries, candied pecans, English Stilton, port reduction (Colin MacLaggan)

MAIN COURSE
Dry-aged beef strip loin, oxtail ravioli, wilted greens, Bordelaise sauce (Victor Jimenez)
DESSERT DUET
Quince tarte tatin, butternut squash ice cream (Jeff Rossman)
Gorgonzola cheesecake with grilled figs and zinfandel-Tellicherry peppercorn syrup (Chris Walsh)

Tuesday, October 7: Bernard'O 858-487-7171, bernardorestaurant.com
12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego CA 92128
Patrick Ponsaty, Bernard'O
Vincent Grumel, Vincent's Sireno
Steven Rojas, El Bizcocho
Jonathan Freyberg, Bernard'O
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MENU
FIRST COURSE
Kumamoto oyster and Santa Barbara sea urchin, passion fruit, orange-blossom water, compressed cucumber (Steven Rojas)
SECOND COURSE
Blackened scallop with candied orange, micro-green salad (Vincent Grumel)
MAIN COURSE
Pheasant *sous vide* stuffed with foie gras, cardamom, and chestnut mousse, black trumpet mushroom, pheasant reduction (Patrick Ponsaty)
CHEESE COURSE
"Black Butterfly" Roquefort bleu cheese, sauterne aspic, walnut bread, honeycomb (Jonathan

Freyberg)
PRE-DESSERT
Green apple/lemon sorbet, lemon confit, apple and lemon chips
DESSERT
Croustillant chocolate, *confiture de lait*, Flourless cake, chocolate crispy, milk jam ice cream, caramel *fleur de sel*, *gianduja chantilly* (Loic Laffargue)
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MENU
AMUSE
Fall heirloom compressed squash, Julian apple pearls, bacon
FIRST COURSE
Bouquet of local lettuces, warm Cabrales vinaigrette
Or
Duck schnitzel, pear-apple chutney, duck confit ravioli, saba reduction
SECOND COURSE
Abalone with ginger, garlic and brown butter
Or
Corn agnolotti, Maine lobster,

chanterelles, and tangerine
MAIN COURSE
Prosciutto-wrapped Boston scallops, black Mission fig, balsamic syrup
Or
Loin of lamb, braised shoulder, sweet-potato tart
Or
Dry-aged New York, natural braised short rib, manchego croquette, black trumpet mushrooms, truffle braising jus
TRIPLE DESSERT
Vanilla bean panna cotta, bittersweet chocolate-orange cake, passion fruit sabayon

Tuesday, October 21: Trattoria Acqua, 858-454-0709, trattoriaacqua.com
1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla CA 92037
Damaso Lee, Trattoria Acqua
Tony DiSalvo, Jack's La Jolla
Jason Knibb, Nine-Ten
Orion Balliet, Azul La Jolla
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Tuesday, October 28: Thee Bungalow 619-224-2884, theebungalow.com
4996 West Pt. Loma Blvd., San Diego CA 92107
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Panini with a Private Eye

'Course I have to go spend five minutes in the tree house. It's so Peter Pan.

I came before crack hit the streets," says the Mother of East Village. "That's how long I've been here."

Which means that Gloria Poore arrived in the 1960s, when this part of town was Centre City East and nothing but scrubby factories and houses with peeling paint. But she had this idea: she wanted to make lofts out of the unused warehouses. She lobbied City Hall. She ended up writing the ordinance that finally — in 1985 — made lofts legal. That's why they call her the Mother of East Village.

So I'm yakking away with her — and eating her panini, the best I've had for the longest time — inside her modest two-story wooden Victorian house. It's painted matte-black outside, with a wicked little red neon sign that says "Cafe Noir." It has a deck with tables under black umbrellas in front and a plaque on the wall naming this a historic monument: "Hiatt House, 1886." Above that, a sign in the front window says "2-Buck Beer."

Man. What miracle saved this from the developer's ax, so close to the ballpark? Inside's pretty tight, but with all-red walls and tabletops and black floors and white walls, it's, like, New Yawk coffee-cool. Plus, on the blackboard behind the counter, what I really want to see is there: a little list of food. "Hot panini, \$6.50; grilled quesadilla, \$6.50; gourmet mac 'n' cheese, \$5"; and "soup du jour, \$5."

A guy sits with a can of that Belgian beer, Bud — heh-heh — playing chess against himself. Wayne. Turns out he's homeless. Next to him, a smartly business-dressed gal waits for a takeout

panini. I order a large coffee (\$2) while I work things out here.

"The panini has grilled chicken with artichoke and cranberries and Parmesan and cream cheese inside," says Sam, the barista. Mmm. Sounds pretty delicious. They have a "mac 'n' cheese" too, which has sherry and spinach or pesto. "Or sometimes caramelized onions," Sam says. "And we have fabulous soups. The other day we had an African sesame peanut soup. Today it's coconut Thai."

It's five bucks too.

That's when this guy Matthew comes in. He orders the chicken panini to go. Turns out he used to work for United Airlines. Flew everywhere, man. Knows food. "I tell you. I keep coming back for this panini," he says. "It's superb."

So heck, I order one. Sam takes it from the fridge, nukes it in the microwave, then squeezes it into a lidded grill machine. And what a taste. Really. The roasted artichoke, chicken, cheese, and cranberries make one heckuva combo. Who knew artichoke could taste so good? The beautiful big square bun with the crispy outside comes from Bread on Market. Plus two quarters of orange add a tart tang to it all. The coffee's a great slurp alongside.

While I'm eating, this lady comes in. Big-eyed, generous face. Gloria. The owner. "This place is packed with history," she says. She tells me that from 1907 this house belonged to a Japanese-American family. Four to five generations lived here, until they got sent off to an internment camp during World War II. They never did come back. She leads me out back to —

wow — a Japanese Zen-looking courtyard with an odd-angled gazebo tree house and an entertainment area with open kitchen and hanging chairs. "This used to be horse stables and a blacksmith's shop," she says. "And this" — she points to a concrete building guarded by two giant stone frogs — "used to be the Latonia Hotel. It was a room-and-board for colored people only, one of the few places they could stay downtown. That's how it was. Now my husband and I live in a part of it."

She picked up the whole compound for \$175K about 25 years ago; now it's worth \$4-\$5 million.

Her husband Ben's memorabilia occupies another big chunk of the back building. Turns out he's been a private investigator all his life, and the guy has created what is maybe the world's only PI museum. Gloria shows me attaché cases loaded with electronics, Watergate-era relics, spy cameras from around 1900...it's incredible.

"If people want to see it," Gloria says, "just have Sam or Keanu ask me."

By the time I get back to the house I just have to have some of that red Thai coconut soup. Dee-lish. Coconutty, spicy, bumping with baby corncobs, tomatoes, and onions. Each slurp ends with a sharp but sweet taste. Sam tells about how Gloria makes all her baristas go for a three-day coffee course at Caffé Calabria (the coffee roasters), where they learn how to pull the perfect espresso. Reckon I'll try one (\$1.75). Vanessa, the other barista, pulls it for me.

"You ought to come on game days," says Gloria. "For them we make pulled-pork sandwiches on a Hawaiian sweet roll [\$8] with our own Carolina-style barbecue sauce. It's vinegar-based, plus we add a secret ingredient: espresso coffee. It gives the sauce a smoky close. We don't serve



Cafe Noir

much food here, but I want what we do serve to be memorable."

So far she's scoring ten for ten, in my book.

Man. 'Course I have to go spend five minutes up in the tree house. It's so Peter Pan. I come back down and into the main house again. Wayne's still there. He invites me to play a game of chess with him. I bring my espresso over. Half an hour later his two rooks have my king cornered. But I'm enjoying this. I look out through the door and up the stairs. Was that Japanese kids' voices I heard laughing? And horses' hooves clattering in the courtyard? ■

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Wine Spectator *had recently been duped into honoring the wine list at a fictitious restaurant.*

I figured there would be a lot of riesling. That's why I brought a chardonnay — but it's a different sort of Australian chardonnay, the Bindi Composition."

You don't often hear sentences like that — someone explaining that they brought chardonnay as a counterpoint to the abundance of riesling, then rushing to make clear that it's an unusual (read: lean and minerally) example of the varietal. That is, unless you're at a gathering of sommeliers, such as the one hosted by master sommelier/corporate entertainer Eddie Osterland at his home a few Sundays back. (A video slideshow can be found here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiBS5WYdk3s.)

"I've been here for 15 years," he explains, "just watching people catch on to wine. And I think it's just mushroomed in the last 7 or 8 years because you have all this young talent. I'm seeing more players out there, more wine directors given the responsibility for initiating a wine program. It's raising the bar for everybody, and I thought it'd be nice to celebrate the fact that these people are...improving the food-and-wine scene." (As far as Osterland knows, it's the first such gathering in any city anywhere; Riedel glassware was excited enough about the event to donate a pair of Sommelier-series glasses for each wine director/sommelier in attendance.)

And there *was* a lot of riesling — someone

had brought the '06 Dönnhoff Schlossböckelheimer Felsenberg Spatlese. (Go ahead, read it out loud — it's delightful.)

Damon from the German wine shop Truly Fine Wines blind-tasted a willing sommelier on a bubbly:

"It's got to be Sekt."
"It is Sekt."
"It's pretty rich. It doesn't taste like riesling."
"It is riesling. A '99 from Gutzler."
"Wow. The dosage is so dry."

And someone else had brought several bottles of '89 Auslese from Bert Simon. Auslese is a weighty wine, rich and often sweet — the sort many folks would drink at the end of a meal, if at all. But the sommeliers opened with it, and Osterland approved.

First, he's friendly to the notion that you "start with your best wine first. Appetite is very fragile; you don't stay hungry for more than 30 minutes. So I want to give people the very best wine in the first 30 minutes." The unspoken premise: it's easier to focus your attention on what you're consuming when your appetite is sharp. It's why Osterland's party began at one o'clock in the afternoon — "By then, if they haven't had a big breakfast, people are ready to enjoy." (It's also why the fare consisted mainly of appetizers. "After the third bite,"

notes Osterland, "most people are into eating mode; they're starting to shovel. So when you entertain, why not serve portions that allow for three bites before you move on to a new dish? If they really want more, they can come back to it.")

Second, he's happy to start sweet. "People will come to my house and say, 'I brought a bottle of d'Yquem!'" — only they're breaking out their sweet Sauternes at the end of the meal. "I'll say, 'Take it back, and bring it over on some Sunday afternoon, and we'll start with it. That's what they do at Château d'Yquem.' I don't care if it's sweet — it's sweet with enormous acidity." Meaning: it's balanced. "What's important to me is that people understand that I don't care what your favorite flavors are; I just want you to know that when you taste a wine, the wine sweetness, sourness, and bitterness are either harmonizing or one of the elements is outstanding — a rough edge." It's the sort of thing he tries to teach at the corporate dinners he orchestrates — pairing two vintages of the same wine to illustrate the way one excels the other, thanks to superior balance.

Back to the party: sommeliers and wine directors milled and mixed, sipped and (sometimes) spat, compared notes and shared gossip. *Wine Spectator* had recently been duped into honoring the wine list at a fictitious restaurant. "Why even apply for the award anymore?" someone asked. "It's a waste of \$250."

I asked Jeff Bloom, assistant general manager at Oceanaire, why he got into wine. "I saw an auction listing in a magazine — someone had paid \$32,000 for a magnum of '82 Château



Eddie Osterland

Pétrus. I wanted to know why someone would pay that much money for a bottle of wine."

Osterland had a big bottle of his own to share that afternoon: a Salamanazar of '87 Reserve Cabernet from Sterling. He hadn't paid a dime for it — the bottle was a gift from the winery for his daughter Elissa's birth vintage. (She was at the party, fresh from doing her first work as a sommelier while working a summer gig for a wine company in Beijing.) The bottle's opening received due, if unusual, ceremony. After the cork was removed — naturally, it broke and had to be rescued by one of the expert cork-pullers on the scene — Osterland & Co. ran two lines of hospital tubing into the bottle. Syringes at the ends of the lines provided the suction to get the wine flowing, then the lines were clamped and



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transferred to a pair of enormous "Flamingo" decanters — another Riedel contribution.

"I crossed my fingers that it would taste good," Osterland told me later. Luck, it seems, was with him. "I couldn't believe that after 21 years a Sterling cabernet would be in that good a condition. I'm sure the big-bottle format helped, but it says a lot for Sterling and their ability to make wines that stand up." Best of all: "It was a pretty wine, a Bordeaux-style, elegant wine." An Osterland sort of wine. "When I open a bottle of great Bordeaux, often, I'll have people sitting in front of me who haven't ever had one. And I'll get this reaction: 'Eddie, does this wine really do anything for you?' And I'm going, *Oh, man — you just moved to my B-list.* 'I know it doesn't *thunk* you, but if you think about it, if you're really quiet and you close your eyes and you haven't got the music on, this is a chemical symphony. It's so impeccably balanced.'"

(The Sterling was so Bordeaux-style, in fact, says Osterland, that "if somebody had said, 'This is a 21-year-old Napa cabernet,' I would have said, 'I don't think so.' I was totally fooled. And of course, wine can fool you." As evidence, he recounts a story from about 20 years ago. He and a bunch of other celebrated wine judges were brought in by the National Restaurant Association for a major tasting in Chicago — complete with lab coats and seats for spectators. The first round of wines arrived, identified as cabernet. Osterland and his fellow judges did their bit. "We didn't think they were all that great, but we made our notes and sent them back." Then, before the next flight arrived, the host made an announcement Osterland would not soon forget: "There's been an error. I apologize. The first flight of wines were Baco Noir" — a hybrid grape from New York State. "Not one of us questioned anything. I said to myself, *Okay, this is a tough game.*")

Osterland's take on the power vs. elegance question is a charming one — and also deeply practical. "Those big, high-alcohol, high-extract wines...take no prisoners. They beat up food." It's not that it's wrong to like those wines; it's that they don't do their job at table. "It's the same thing as enjoying fish with lemon juice; the acidity amplifies the flavors in the fish. If a wine doesn't have the requisite acidity, it has trouble doing anything for the food." That is, if you're actually using it as a seasoning. "I see people eat three or four bites of swordfish, grab a glass, and drink down their wine. I say, 'Imagine if you were eating your swordfish and you realized you forgot to put the lemon juice on and so you picked up the lemon and squeezed it into your mouth.' That's precisely the way I see the average



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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, “run over” between two pieces of sour-

dough) or the Aussie Burger (half-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Veg-emite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it’s the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (near Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. This old-timer is a fun place to eat and let the *bon temps rouler* to the sound of live blues (Thursday through Saturday). Despite many changes of owners, Chateau Orleans has always kept the same old ersatz recipes — it’s high time the kitchen had a refresher course in authentic Louisiana cooking, as most of the dishes kind of “dis” the two great cuisines of that state. But if you choose carefully, you can get some pretty good stuff to complement the tasty music and colorful art on the walls: Texas cornbread, crawfish bisque, gushy “purple fries” (fried eggplant appetizer, the best dish on the menu), Cajun popcorn (fried crawfish tail meat), and gumbo are the ones to choose. Stay far away from the jambalaya. Reasonable wine list, numerous Louisiana and Southern beers; full bar, but the Hurricanes are so weak that they barely qualify as a drizzle. — *N.W.*

Donovan’s Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged Prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed

mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional crème brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you’re here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you’re often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he’ll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego’s most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

P. F. Chang’s China Bistro — La Jolla 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, University City, 858-458-9007. Okay, you’re looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don’t seem to be any actual Chinese people among the waitstaff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it’s at all Chinese — the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Portugalia 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. This spacious, informal room decorated with strings of Christmas lights resembles an ethnic community center — and indeed, O.B. is home to a long-term Portuguese fishing community. The fascinating menu is split between the homeland and its former colony, Brazil, including several coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia that are rarely found locally. The array of appetizers from both countries embraces addictive *bolinhos de bacalhau* (salt cod fritters) and *rissóis de camarão* (fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp). For entrées you can choose Portuguese specialties like the earthy *gomes de sa* (codfish with chick peas) or Brazil’s *bife apimentado* (spicy beef) or even an African-inspired *bife de moçambicana* (beef with shellfish). There’s also a *rodizio* option of skewered meats and/or seafood. Save room for the owner’s mom’s homemade desserts, especially *pastéis de nata* (delicate custard-filled pastries). Portuguese wines, full bar. Not all dishes always available. Service quality variable. Long stairway up to second-floor restaurant. Live music most nights after 10 p.m. Easy parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, to midnight or later except Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it’s because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Solare 2820 Roosevelt Road, NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-

9670. Lucky Point Loma! At this offshoot of the well-respected Bella Italia in P.B., the bill of fare is “green” — it’s creative, well-executed Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches such as a luscious sea bream carpaccio with lychees. A chef with a second home in a Ligurian vineyard makes it all from scratch with mainly local and sustainable or organic ingredients, including Brandt natural beef. Many dishes are pure home cooking that you won’t find on typical restaurant menus even in the homeland. Huge wine list, full bar, wrap-around alfresco patio dining and even a cute mini-lounge outdoors behind the restaurant. Inside, the architecture tends to magnify the noise level when the room is full, e.g., weekends. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras *torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don’t even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe “sunset dinners” Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.*

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore’s casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It’s \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go

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Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a Crazy Boy roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids’ menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Whiskinadle 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-7575. As you enjoy the weather on a roofed, sheltered patio, you’ll find a menu full of craftsmanly virtue — Chef Ryan Johnson’s local, natural, artisanal, and seasonal cuisine with global flavors and an emphasis on grazing plates (shareable appetizers). This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the extreme pleasures a meal here may afford are roasted bone marrow (don’t try to share this, everyone will want their own bone), chorizo-and-date fritters, pristine “simply grilled” sustainable fish, and delicate *panna cotta*. Serious wine and craft beer list; full bar with creative cocktails including a fabulous Lavender Cosmo. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house featuring sparkling-fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don’t miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on



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BAJA

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La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Baja, 664-634-1488. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it were cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. Vegetarian upon request. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadaña* (holes cut in the mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Baja, 664-686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You

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Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Baja, 664-686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcantar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chili. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeno*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chili, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-220-0692. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's

called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Anthology 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. This spiffy, multi-level nightclub offers pleasant, user-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) conceived by consulting celeb-chef Bradley Ogden. But when good musicians are cookin' onstage, the eats are liable to become mere background music for the mouth. A great date venue for jazz lovers. \$15 minimum (easy to meet on beverages alone) or \$5 cover when there's live music. No cover charge Tuesdays and some Sundays — otherwise ticket prices (bought separately) vary, plus \$15 to \$20 minimums (easy to meet). Wine list is fine and wide ranging but starts high and escalates sharply, plus full bar with fruity cocktail creations as well as classics. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water. — *N.W.*

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily,

breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street, South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the veggie option: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for

leather-mouths, *tikki*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.*

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La Casita 1247 C Street, Downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo

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Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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RESTAURANTS

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally. — *N.W.*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

La Doña 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Southeast San Diego, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. zoot-suiters drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress

Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Exy Chic Greek 789 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-238-0412. The owner of the huge Daphne's Greek Café chain wanted to do a dinner house, and this is it. An American chef cooks creative Mediterranean-style dishes spun off from Greek ingredients and flavors. Don't expect belly dancing or bouzouki music — the ambient sound is neodisco lounge music, resembling the music track for a Euro-porn film. And don't look for stuffed anything (neither grape leaves nor eggplant nor baklava). If you want kebabs, they're available as appetizers only. Instead, there's plenty of seafood, several steaks, a little lamb, and cheesecake (with Greek cheese) for dessert. Roasted shrimp-stuffed calamari wrapped in prosciutto and topped with fried lemon slices make a great starter; so does the gemlike Blue Zodiac ouzo-flavored martini from the bar. The ample wine list has plenty by the glass, including some modern Greek whites. Mainly appetizers and salads for lacto-vegetarians (one pasta) and a few potentially adaptable choices for vegans. Dinner Monday though Saturday; lunch and Sun-

day seatings available by arrangement. — *N.W.*

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7967. Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical panregional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won't find at the clones. Don't miss the distinctive appetizers, especially the crunchy sev poori (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh topping), the bel poori (India's favorite railway snack), or southern India's uttapam, pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, accompanied by a coconutty fresh chutney. Peshawari naan is a spectacular tandoor-cooked bread stuffed with cashews, raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce. Entrées include the rarely seen mirchi tikka, tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright, spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madras Fish in coconut milk is a delicious southern-style coconut milk curry, and the house specialty, Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and appropriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers. You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. Lunch and dinner daily. (Parking not validated at Horton.) Moderate. — *N.W.*

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-3121. The hotel has reopened after its \$52-million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill, too, is changed and freshened. In days of yore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce, and artisanal products include house-made burrata mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amuse-bouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the "needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep

blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or pot roast Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — *E.B.*

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful home interiors chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Drive #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An izakaya is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. Chuka kurage, superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (kaki), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and kara-age

(spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. Kushi-age, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. Maguro yamakake, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine — a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner six nights. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Jade Theater 701 C Street, Downtown, 619-814-5125. The fusion menu here mingles flavors from all over Asia (particularly Southeast Asia), under the eye of long-time Japengo chef James Montejano. The first floor is a bar, the lower floor is a nightclub evoking a sinful Shanghai of the 1930s, and the spare, spiffy dining room (plus party and restrooms) are upstairs (with elevator access), overlooking the action. The grazing is grand here: Hors d'oeuvres are called "Tease" and appetizers are called "Taste," and those are the flashiest, happiest dishes on the menu. Standouts include the signature Jade shiitake bites, the Hokaiido scallops on kim chee pancakes, the spicy fried calamari with two dips, and the depth-bomb bisque included in a Maine lobster "trilogy" plate. Many entrées are on the sweet side; best bets if you don't like dessert before dessert are the miso-glazed mero and the surf and turf (lobster/rib eye). Chef's prix-fixe dinners for up to 10 can be arranged. Full bar, rather expensive wines. Room gets loud around 8 p.m. when DJ downstairs cranks up the lounge music. Business-casual dress, but many women wear vampy date duds. Reservations vital. — *N.W.*

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pes-sarattu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not

the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Linkery 3794 30th Street, North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations featuring humanely raised, premium meats, including a daily changing array of house-made sausages. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and a house-made charcuterie plate and some fine entrées, often with Mexican-flavor influences. The organic, grass-pastured steak is small in size and huge in flavor, but the focus is on the sausages. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Poultry sausages are chancy, tasting sawdusty when overcooked. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus



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local and international craft beers and soft drinks (e.g., Mexican Coca-Cola) made with cane sugar instead of high-fructose corn syrup. Dinner daily until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandoori disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W.*

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main Street, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-283-1618. North Park is becoming a hotbed of ethical food culture, and Ritual is one of its proponents. At this cozy, civilized, Old World-style pub where the music always plays softly enough for conversation you'll find classic pub dishes plus some more exotic forays, cooked with consistent care to emphasize the fine, natural flavors of humanely raised Niman meats, gourmet Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables. Want a burger? The ketchup is made in-house. The wildest dish is a tasty, mouth-fill-

ing, étouffé-thick "Saddlebrush" (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots — and no okra or filé!), served over long-grain wild rice instead of the sticky white stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca-Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Saigon on Fifth 4900 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. This is the rare local Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the urban, French-influenced cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue, rather than the ubiquitous *pho* noodle soups of the North. The list of house specialties includes many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego, among them a smoked oyster omelet and a unique version of coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell. Many dishes here include honey, so the Boon (spicy noodle salad) deserves its name — a refreshing break from the sweetness. Well-chosen, reasonable wine list suits the food, as does the serene decor. Validated underground parking just north of the bank. Open daily, lunch and dinner until midnight. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: chicken green. Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back

at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca-Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Shakespeare Pub 3701 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branstown pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Breakfast weekends, lunch weekdays, and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans, Point Loma, 619-226-6100. This motel hints at a little corner of South Miami Beach, and it's all about fun: You can eat and drink in a tiny indoor dining room furnished wholly with high bar tables and stools (neither wheelchair accessible nor acrophobic acceptable) or out on the heated area surrounding the swimming pool where movies screen for free on Wednesday evenings. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with simple preparations of local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. International wine list at wide

price range, some bargains, plenty by the glass. Full bar. No reservations except for large parties (six and up) and special occasions. — *N.W.*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-682-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ — Kearny Mesa 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Catering available seven days a week; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Centre City Café 2680 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early-bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open

daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.*

China Max 4698 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — *N.W.*

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an oyster bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at oyster bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W.*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Place, Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy house-made key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

NORTH COASTAL

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a loss leader featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashata lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great Armenian salad and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*



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Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-755-3183. This must be the last farmhouse standing in Sorrento Valley's glassy, glossy business park. Corner House Café shares the nearly century-old, yellow, two-story clapboard house with Lily's Closet Café and Caliente Mexican Food. You eat outside in patios and gardens among flowers, fountains, farm carts. It feels like the country. Sandwiches reign. Try the Ironman sandwich (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Also terrific are the full meals. No fancy tableware, but dishes like chicken tequila fettuccini with its green pasta and sinful golden creamy sauce are sophisticated, delicious, and interesting. Open daily till 5 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán — Encinitas 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with

shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-942-5642. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grins." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a nonkosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho

Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Star of India — Del Mar 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY

Café 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Since the place changed hands a couple of years back, the food has definitely gotten more interesting. Breakfast omelets, for starters. The Cortez has sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, Jack cheese, avocado, sour cream, plus fruit or sautéed potatoes. *Paninis* like the Tuscany come stuffed with roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles. They do a fine chicken pecan salad, too. But at heart this is still a Left Bank sort of coffee place for hanging out, talking, arguing, and having deep thoughts. Grab a joe or a large bottle of their hoppy Mermaid's Red Ale, take it outside, start a conversation. Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (kitchen 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.) daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetable pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting. Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And Mediterranean Chicken Salad works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their Californian), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill — Chula Vista 555 Broadway, Suite 1076, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Uno's expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak 'n' cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads.

Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Place, Inland Border Towns, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby, then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for "The Works" omelet. It's loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut vegetables in it that you won't need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180. This is the neighborhood café this neighborhood lacked for years. Which explains why, since it opened in 2005, it's been busy, mostly filled with locals. People come because the waitresses know them and know what they like, but also because the plates are usually overloaded. All the omelets are four-egggers, with generous sides like biscuits and gravy. Portuguese sausage scramble is a bulky way to start the day. Evening meals include fish served European-style with the head still on. Other comfort foods include liver and onions, meat loaf, and pork chops with stuffing. Open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road, Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining

bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M.*

Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, 619-441-0480. Here, 100 years ago, stagecoaches and gold miners from Julian would raise a ruckus at this very crossroads every morning. Today, what has to be the smallest counter-restaurant with the tiniest kitchen in El Cajon serves up decent, straightforward breakfasts, soups, and sandwiches, along with good conversation that can't be a lot different from stagecoach days. Breakfast scrambles, burritos, and *panini* are filling. They have a little living room area packed with books and a cool deck out back. Coffee and a toasted bagel with tomato and avocado are delicious. But be good — Maria, the owner, is an ex-cop. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-582-4024. You're eating in a museum here. You can nibble your *panini* and check out ancient bikes like Rudge's penny farthing or the three-seater bike the Three Stooges used. The little blackboard menu's basically a list of toasted *paninis* and cold sandwiches. Each sandwich gets its name from the bike world. The Tandem is a double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The Tour de France has ham and Swiss on a croissant; the Tour d'Italia is salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and a pot of *marinada*. Add their rib-sticking chicken soup with wild rice and you'll have a cheap and enlightening lunch. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*



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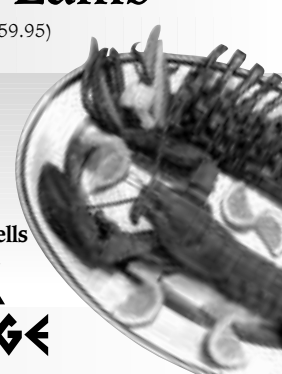
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Broadway Pizza, Downtown

It's good to have a place open 24 hours in downtown. The food is pretty good and has far more choices than many other resturant chains. Food choices include chicken, ribs, steaks, and much-loved fried-shrimp dinner. They do serve breakfast 24/7. They deliver, too, and that is a big plus, even if you are hungry and want food delivered to you at 5 a.m. I guess places like Broadway Pizza are a blessing for a city like ours, which needs more cool hangouts like this place.

By **nightmuncher** 3:51 a.m., Sept. 16

La Jolla Brew House, La Jolla

This was my first visit to the Brewhouse. The first thing you notice when you walk in is the abundance of TVs on the walls. I liked the seat-yourself procedure because my wife and I got to choose a booth with good views of the TVs. The service in this place is very friendly but unfortunately kind of slow at times. The menu is fairly simple with salads, burgers, sandwiches, pasta, chicken, and pizzas. They also brew their own beer on the premises and have a nice selection to choose from. They have a couple of pool tables in the back room along with additional TVs. Parking is scarce, so if you come later in the evening, you will probably end up walking a few blocks to get there. On this day we split an order of cheese fries, a meatlovers pizza, and also each had a bowl of clam chowder. The cheese fries were tasty but a little too hot when they came out. When the server said they were very hot, she wasn't kidding. The soup was a bit of a disappointment. Note to chef: try adding some garlic to the clam chowder. The pizza was above average and filling. All in all, it's a good place to go eat casual food and watch a game in a relaxed atmosphere. It's a nice change of pace from some of the upscale restaurants in La Jolla.

By **spooks69** 9:57 p.m., Sept. 20

Cabana Cove, Valley Center

I found Cabana Cove excellent — ordered the blackened fish sandwich and had lunch overlooking the pool area. I've also tried the buffet brunch. It's \$14 if you have a player's club card. The food was ok, but not outstanding by any means. I think it is a good value for \$14. Info and reviews of Harrah's Rincon casino, hotel, comps, and table games here: sdcasinoreview.com/HarrahsRinconCasino.

By **Chili48** 7:18 p.m., Sept. 21

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In Bulk

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We can easily tell when summer's over. In lieu of the lazy pace of one mainstream blockbuster and an also-ran, plus perhaps one or two "alternatives," we get seven, eight, nine new movies per week, Oscar hopefuls and box-office hopeleses. Here are some of them, some of last Friday's, some of this Friday's.

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Ghost Town. Director David Koepf once made a pretty good straight ghost story, *Stir of Echoes*, and with this he has made a pretty good comic ghost story. A misanthropic dentist (bringing to mind the always-looking-down-in-the-mouth punch line) has a near-death experience under general anesthetic for a colonoscopy, which for some reason leaves him with the ability to See Dead People, as well as Hear Dead People, beseeching him *en masse* to act as a John Edward-esque medium to finish off their unfinished business. Much, indeed too much, of the comedy consists of the worn-out routine of the hero talking out loud to people only he can see. (Not in that category of material is the perfect comic timing of Kristen Wiig as a spray-tanned surgeon, and perfect comic inflection of Aasif Mandvi as the up-

beat dental colleague.) Two things, though, will help see you through to the surprisingly spiritual and sensible ending. One is the doughy Ricky Gervais in his first Hollywood starring role, a bit more constraining than his self-fashioned TV roles in *The Office* and *Extras*, but still permitting his patented blend of the crusty and the crumbling, the tetchy and the touching, and also permitting a spot of romance. Roly-polies have feelings, too. The second thing, even steadier in influence, is the warm lighting and wide palette of cinematographer Fred Murphy, a name you can trust.

Lakeview Terrace. Neil LaBute's neighbor-from-hell thriller, no more than mildly provocative by his toughest standards (*In the Company of Men*, *Your Friends and Neighbors*, et al.), details the escalating ill will between a newly arrived interracial couple (Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington) and the long-ensconced, widowed black policeman next door (Samuel L. Jackson), who has definite ideas of propriety and its enforcement. Reasonably graded and reined-in buildup; unreasonably frenzied and drawn-out ending. The beginning of the end in-



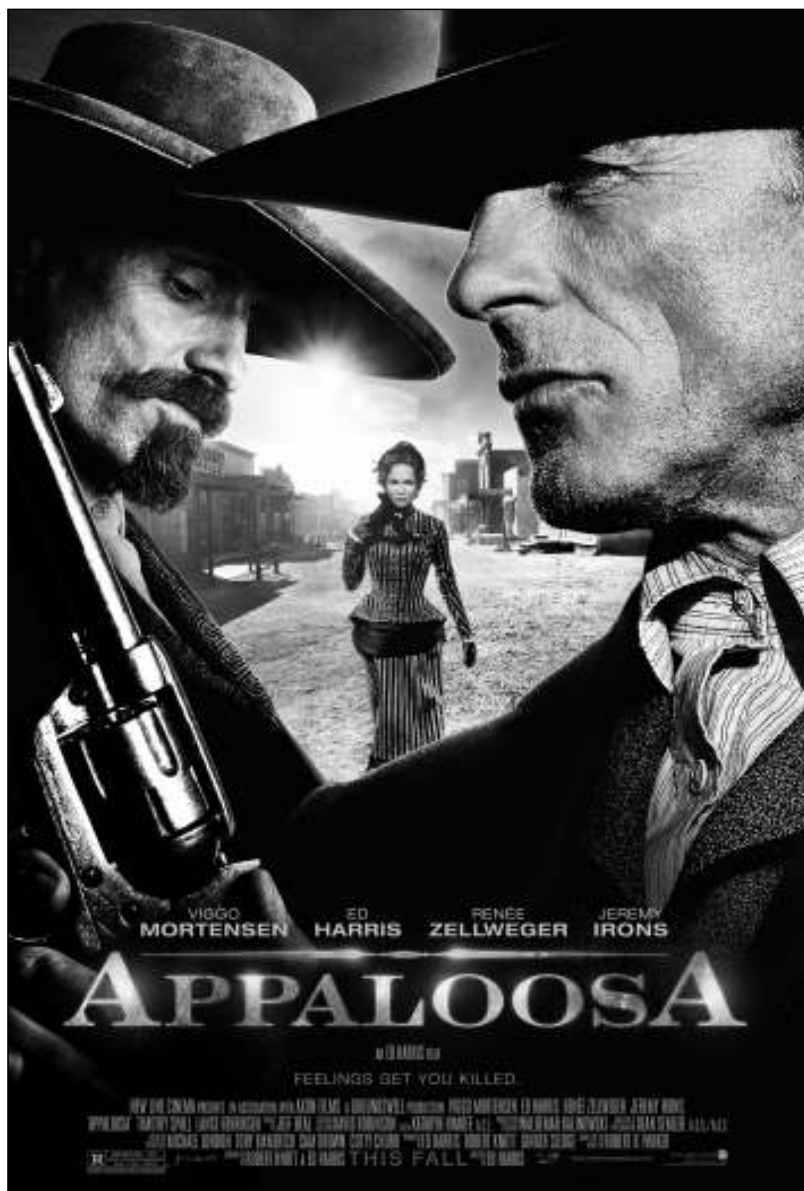
Nights in Rodanthe

volves perhaps the neatest telephone gimmick since *Wait until Dark*, and the raging Southern California brush fire serves effectively as both a plot device and a symbol. The photography could use a hosing-down.

Towelhead. The directing debut of the screenwriter of *American Beauty*, Alan Ball, concerns itself, in a bland beige image, with the sexual experi-

ences of an Arab-American eighth-grader in suburban Houston during the first Gulf War, and with little else. Sex and the Single-Minded Girl: pubic shaving, first period, girlie magazines, masturbation, molestation, defloration, orgasms, condoms, tampons, or in sum, more and in greater detail than you'd care to know. The heroine's ethnicity adds a couple of extra ingredients

(a Medieval father, racism), and the emergence of characters and their personalities, along with the formation of relationships and alliances between them, imparts a rudimentary narrative interest. Summer Bishil, twenty years old in real life (should you be worried about the groping and disrobing), plays the lead role with a docile inhibition that painfully underlines the



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vulnerability. If, after the title, you were in any doubt that this is an Edgy Indie, the dead kitten in a Baggie in the freezer will clinch the deal.

Nights in Rodanthe. Two beautiful strangers of opposite sexes but equivalent hurts (she: “That must have been hurtful”; he: “I know you’re hurting”), alone at an isolated inn on the beach; an approaching storm; a walk in the sand; a roll in the hay; a hope for a new beginning. The promise of unintended hilarity, held out by any adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks novel (*Message in a Bottle*, *A Walk to Remember*, *The Notebook*, so far), remains frustratingly unfulfilled, despite the presence of Richard Gere. Directed by first-timer George C. Wolfe, the film contains nothing but sap, yet not a surplus of sap, not an overflow of sap. It can only be classed a disappointment. The eventual arrival of the storm is admittedly well done, and Diane Lane evokes a real feeling or two.

The Duchess. Fine costume piece. Well, the costumes anyhow are fine. The piece as a whole is only fairish, a predigested potage of 18th-century sexism, blueblood cold-bloodedness, paramours, bastards, the mandatory male heir, all of it “based on a true story.” Rachel Portman’s music, much more than Saul Dibb’s direction, creates the frequent illusion of something better than fairish. And Keira Knightley, unshadowingly surrounded by Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper, Hayley Atwell, Simon McBurney, and Charlotte Rampling, commands the screen with force and nuance and bone structure. The camera, as they say, loves her. I like her myself.

The Pool. American documentary filmmaker Chris Smith (*American Movie*, *The Yes Men*) has here directed and photographed, shakily, a fiction film in Hindi, centered around a spaghetti-thin menial at a hotel in Goa who greedily eyes a paradisiacal pool house, longs for a rightful dip in the pool, wangles part-time employment there as a handyman, and hangs out on his off hours with the rebellious daughter of the gloomy man of the house. Poky, puttery, but steeped in

flavorful atmosphere. And the characters, while not particularly insinuating, are individuals, not types.

Choke. Black comedy, a bit too openly pleased with itself, a bit too hell-bent on quirkiness, revolving around a confessed sex addict and his demented mother, played (respectively) by Sam Rockwell and Anjelica Huston. The broadest smiles, the nearest things to audible laughs, are apt to be elicited by the tourist-trap Colonial Village where our protagonist works as an “historical interpreter,” especially by the earnest efforts of his overbearing boss (Clark Gregg, who also is making his directorial debut) to stay at all times, and under all provocations, in character: “Where dost thou go?” Rockwell, sounding disturbingly like Owen Wilson, acts more as a smile-suppressant. The general level of facetiousness is right up his, or for that matter Wilson’s, alley, but it’s a very narrow alley.

As if the calendar weren’t crowded enough already, we have film festivals stacked up like hurricanes in the Caribbean. The Seventh Annual San Diego Film Festival, with its assemblage of mostly American independent

films, runs from tonight, September 25th, through Sunday the 28th at the Gaslamp 15. (Www.sdff.org.) Then the Sixth Annual San Diego Women Film Festival, films by women, including a program devoted solely to local filmmakers, runs from October 2nd through 5th, the first night at the Museum of Photographic Arts, the rest at the Gaslamp. (Www.sdwff.org.) Then the Ninth Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival, larger and longer, Japanese and Chinese and Taiwanese and Thai and Filipino and Indian and so on, runs from October 9th through 16th at the UltraStar Mission Valley in Hazard Center. (Www.sdaaff.org.) Prioritize as you please. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SDRReader.com.

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. ● (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Bangkok Dangerous — Bangkok 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. ● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Bottle Shock — Unpalatable promo for California wines, more broadly a paean to good old American know-how and a chance, at the same time, to stick it to the French, the British, the Old World. A competitive wine tasting in the Bicentennial year of 1976, boiled down as “a bunch of hicks taking on the French,” has been freely fictionalized into a chipper comedy (or so we intuit from the prodding music), boasting bright photography, a spotty period atmosphere, a flimsy vinicultural backdrop, and, apart from Freddy Rodriguez in a small role, an assemblage of oddly unappealing people: the stereotyped snob (Alan Rickman), the tactless capitalist (Bill Pullman), the dippy hippie (Chris Pine), the blithe blonde (Rachael Taylor), the snooty barmaid (Eliza Dushku), among others. Directed by Randall Miller. 2008. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/25)

Burn after Reading — The Coen brothers revisit their favored stupidity theme: *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 for Old Men*. Back to the well once more. The placement of this timeless theme within the Washington, D.C., intelligence community is, however, 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.”) The central theme has been interlaced with secondary themes of deception, discontentment, self-delusion, double lives, so that while the film is unmistakably a comedy, it’s a pretty deep one. And regardless how repetitive the theme, there is no slacking off in technique and execution. The fast hour and a half is consistently, uninsistently 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. George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, John Malkovich, Richard Jenkins, David Rasche, J.K. Simmons. 2008. ★★★★★ (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 VALLEY 6; SAN MARCOS 18, TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Choke — Reviewed this issue. With Sam Rockwell, Anjelica Huston, Kelly Macdonald, and Brad William Henke; directed by Clark Gregg. ● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

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The Dark Knight — Fashionably “dark” comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for “the bat man,” as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan’s restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment, although we must acknowledge that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker — banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan’s lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can’t trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Duchess — Reviewed this issue. With Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper, Hayley Atwell, and Charlotte Rampling; directed by Saul Dibb. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/26)

Eagle Eye — Thriller with Shia Labeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson, Michael Chiklis, and Billy Bob Thornton; directed by D.J. Caruso. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION

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Ed Wood — Conventional Hollywood “biopic” on an unconventional subject of study: the ignored, ridiculed, and campily canonized director of *Plan 9 from Outer Space*. The disrepute, or nonrepute, of the central figure liberates the film to engage in the kind of myth-making in which the “biopic” once engaged with impunity, but which has been much curbed since the coining of the term “docudrama.” If ever Tim Burton (in the possessive case) ought to have been part of a movie’s title, this surely would have been the one, not *Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas*. Tim Burton’s Ed Wood (*sans italics*) emerges as the very embodiment of psychological “projection.” Burton himself is not bothered, is on the contrary positively delighted, by Wood’s transvestitism, by his valueless production values, by his undetectable aesthetic standards, by his blind eye to detail. And so it comes to pass that Wood, too, is unbothered and delighted by all this; is not, to be strictly candid, unsusceptible to the blue moods of the artistic temperament, but is completely immune to self-torture and second-guessing and regret. No doubt this man could have been portrayed in many other ways, plenty of them more readily believable, but none of

them funnier or more pleasing to believe. Johnny Depp injects into the part a Young Mickey Rooney-ish (“Let’s put on a show!”) exuberance, and in one leap expands his acting range by a couple of time zones. And Martin Landau, all but unrecognizable as Bela Lugosi (unrecognizable, that is, as either himself or Lugosi, looking rather more like late-period Raymond Massey), uncovers one of those elusive areas of overlap between the funny and the pathetic. There is unavoidably a sense in which these filmmakers appear to be slumming: the same sense in which the luscious black-and-white photography (by Stefan Czapsky) is a rebuke at the same time as it is a tribute to the low-grade horror and s-f films of the Fifties. But in the prevailing spirit of unbotheredness and delightedness: who cares? With Sarah Jessica Parker, Patricia Arquette, Jeffrey Jones, Bill Murray. 1994. ★★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/25 THROUGH 27, 7-30 P.M.)

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

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facile avenues of expression: first-person voice-over and classical mood music from Satie and Pärt (yes, “Spiegel im Spiegel” again, for at least the seventh time in the decade). Ben Kingsley, even apart from the polished dome, is well able to impersonate an egghead. With Patricia Clarkson, Dennis Hopper, Peter Sarsgaard. 2008.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Fly Me to the Moon — Badly drawn houseflies (general conformation and consistency of troll dolls) stow away aboard Apollo 11. The 3D computer animation may escape the screen; it can’t escape the insipidness. With the voices of Trevor Gagnon, David Gore, Philip Bolden, Christopher Lloyd, and (as himself) Buzz Aldrin; directed by Ben Stassen. 2008.
● (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

Ghost Town — Reviewed this issue. With Ricky Gervais, Greg Kinnear, Téa Leoni, and Billy Campbell; directed by David Koepp.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION

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Heading South — Very professional, very proficient job by Laurent Cantet, director of *Time Out*, who here details the activities of lonely, middle-aged, largely American women (the vulnerable Karen Young and steely Charlotte Rampling, most prominently) at a Haitian resort in the Baby Doc era, enjoying the easy but not free companionship of ebony-skinned native boys (Ménothy Cesar, almost exclusively) and the camaraderie of their compatriots, although not always enjoying the competition therefrom. The film, meeting us at the airport and settling us into the resort, gets off to a smooth, seductive, enveloping start, like slipping into the shallow end of a heated pool, and it afterwards offers a good deal of dispassionate observation of languorous hedonism. The uncinematic artifice of confidential confessions to the camera (or in voice-over), by assorted members of the cast of characters, is more like having your head held underwater: “I moved my hand down his body. Such soft young skin,” one guest reminisces. And then: “It was my first orgasm. I was forty-five.” Why is she telling us this? Why need



Ghost Town

it be said? That the political backdrop stays forever in the shadows allows the movie to work very well, and not at all to work very hard, as a metaphor of American self-indulgence and ignorance vis-à-vis the Third World. It hardly raises a bead of sweat as a thriller or a bubble of suds as a soaper. 2005.
★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/29, 6:30 P.M.)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Igor — Camped-up computer cartoon about a humpbacked lackey who bucks the class system in the land of Malaria and aspires to be an evil genius instead of just the lispng, switch-pulling assistant. The backdrops are sufficiently Gothic, but the figures are ghastly, and not in a good way. With the voices of John Cusack, Steve Buscemi, Sean Hayes, Molly Shannon, Eddie Izzard, Jennifer Coolidge, and Jay Leno; directed by Tony Leondis. 2008.
● (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)

Journey to the Center of the Earth — The Jules Verne novel serves as a factual guidebook for a week of uncle-nephew bonding. The 3D effects can be a bit crude (twice we get spat in the face, once drooled in the face), and it takes a while to reach the fun stuff (the flying fish, the flesh-eating plants, the floating rocks, the lone dino), but at least the fun stuff is fun. With Brendan Fraser, Josh Hutcherson, and Anita Briem; directed by Eric Brevig. 2008.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Lakeview Terrace — Reviewed this issue. With Samuel L. Jackson, Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington, and Ron Glass; directed by Neil LaBute.
★★ (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;

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The Lucky Ones — Tim Robbins, Rachel McAdams, and Michael Peña as returning vets from the Iraq War, directed by Neil Burger.
(FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 9/26)

Mamma Mia! — The Catherine Johnson stage musical brought to the screen under its stage director, Phyllida Lloyd: a romantic-comic bauble about a scheduled wedding on a Greek island, to which the bride-to-be, unknown to her mother, has invited the three men who are sole candidates to be her biological father. (All three prove to be remarkably uncurious and acquiescent guys.) But that’s a mere pretext for the players at short intervals to warble tunes from the ABBA songbook. Among the things that might be said about the movie are (a) that ABBA, infectious though they can be, are not exactly the Beatles, as witness the latter’s similar use in *Across the Universe*; (b) that another and better wedding movie, *Muriel’s Wedding*, had already successfully plundered the ABBA songbook, without asking its cast to do the singing; (c) that this cast for the most part are not singers (Pierce Brosnan in full throat looks as if his head’s about to explode), although no apologies need be made for Meryl Streep, who, besides her lusty belting, supplements her usual emotion-plumbing with some peppy physicality; (d) that the natural settings, clearly, brightly, sunnily photographed, somewhat temper the inherent campiness; and (e) that this tempering, in a work of such fragile artifice, is not necessarily a good thing. To get down to a couple of specifics, the “Super Trouper” number on the eve of the wedding is a definite high point, and despite the shortage of competition for high points, the closing credits are well worth hanging on for, providing two higher points in the form of encores — twin peaks, if you please — with Streep and her bosom buddies (the blissfully confident Christine Baranski and the indomitably



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★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA PALOMA)

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 re-enactments 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

(surreptitiously ripping a page out of a magazine at the dentist's office), then it would be only natural to solicit from him something in the way of an elegy. The documentary's function as a caper thriller, meanwhile, is on balance a success. The narrative information doesn't always come in the best order or fullest form, and it comes with a good many interruptions and side trips, but the details of the operation will often, for one reason or another, boggle the mind. And although the undimmed history, along with the manifest survival of the talking heads, would seem to put a low ceiling on the suspense, anyone with the slightest touch of acrophobia will not, at the climax, be able to keep palms dry. 2008.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA, FROM 9/26)

Miracle at St. Anna — Second World War film by Spike Lee, with Derek Luke, Michael Ealy, John Turturro, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.
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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 repulence, incoherence, and tedium. With Kiefer Sutherland, Paula Patton, Amy Smart, and Jason

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● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

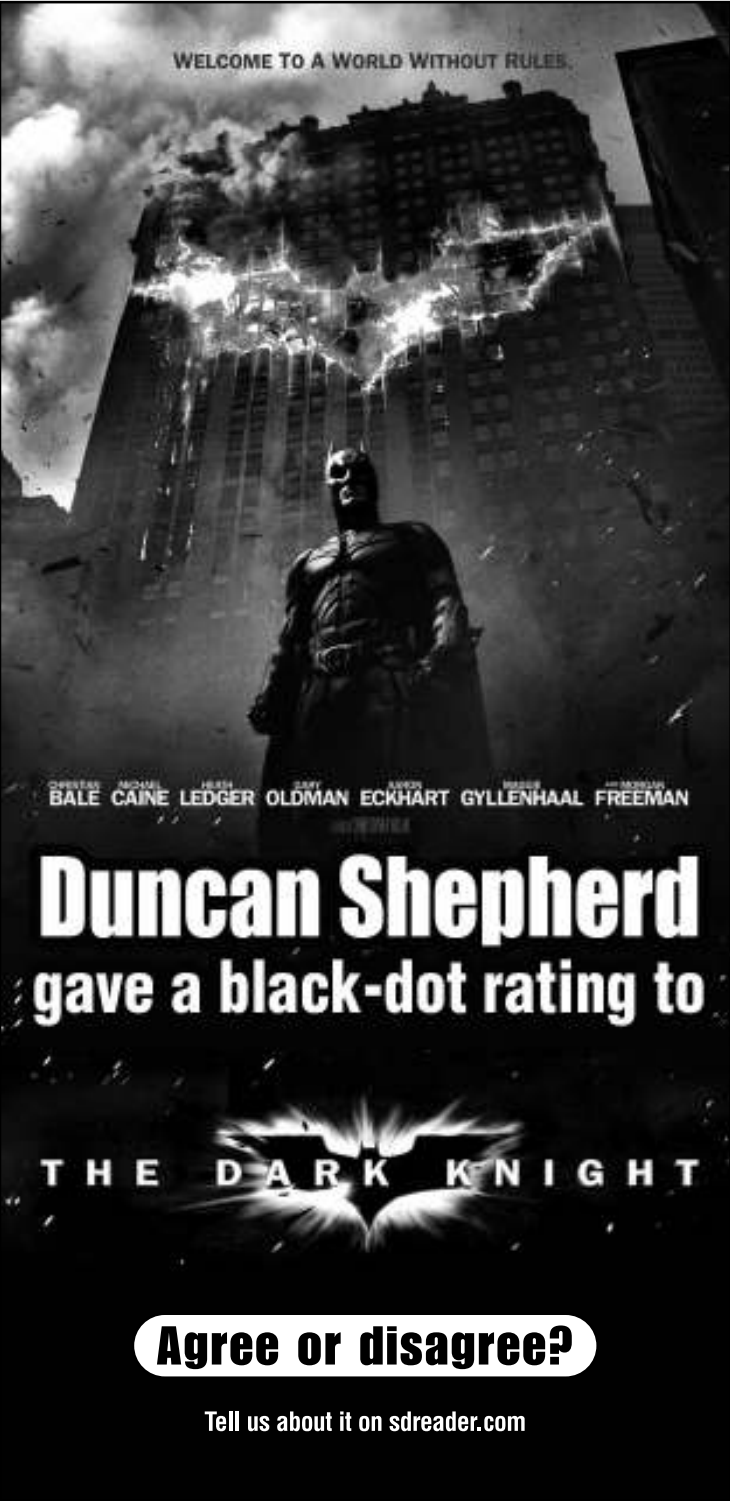
Mister Foe — The journey to manhood of a young Scottish voyeur who stumbles upon a dead ringer for his dead Mummy, only nearer his own age — an uninvolved and unconvincing Oedipal kink fest. The cartoon credits sequence, jammed in tardily and abruptly, creates the false expectation of something larkish, 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, THROUGH 9/25)

My Best Friend's Girl — Romantic comedy with Kate Hudson, Dane Cook, Jason Biggs, and Alec Baldwin, directed by Howard Deutch.
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Nights in Rodanthe — Reviewed this issue. With Diane Lane, Richard Gere, Viola Davis, Scott Glenn, and James Franco; directed by George C. Wolfe.
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Pineapple Express — A buddy comedy, a stoner comedy, a crime comedy from the House of Apatow, about a user and his dealer — best friends — on the run from the mob. As the two dopers, James Franco

mimics the classic symptoms with dedication, while Seth Rogen is content to be Seth Rogen or else powerless to be otherwise. The rampant violence and gruesome 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 suc-

cession, *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)

The Pool — Reviewed this issue. With Jhangir Badshah, Venkatesh Chavan,

Ayesha Mohan, and Nana Patekar; directed by Chris Smith.

★ (KEN, 9/26 THROUGH 10/2)

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 trickiness. 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 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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Burn after Reading (R); **Choke** (R); **Eagle Eye** (PG-13); **Fireproof** (PG); **Ghost Town** (PG-13); **Igor** (PG-13); **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13); **My Best Friend’s Girl** (R); **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Tropic Thunder** (R); **The Women** (PG-13)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
The Family That Preys (PG-13); **Ghost Town** (PG-13); **Igor** (PG-13); **Miracle at St. Anna** (R); **My Best Friend’s Girl** (R); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Tropic Thunder** (R)

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Burn after Reading (R) Fri. (12:40, 1:10, 2:55, 3:25, 5:10, 5:40) 7:25, 8:00, 9:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 1:10, 2:55, 3:25) 5:10, 5:40, 7:25, 8:00, 9:40, 10:20; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 4:30, 8:05; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:15 Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 4:15, 7:30, 10:15; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; **Forever Strong** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:25) 7:05, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:05, 10:10; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 1:15, 3:45, 4:20) 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 1:15, 3:45) 4:20, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00; **The Lucky Ones** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:35) 6:50, 9:40; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:20, 10:05; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:20) 7:10, 9:55; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:55, 9:35

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Choke (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

12:15, 6:30; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:05, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **The Lucky Ones** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; **Miracle at St. Anna** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 2:35, 6:10, 9:45; **My Best Friend’s Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:40; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. 3:00, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45; **Traitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 3:45, 9:55; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10 Sun. 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Burn after Reading (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15; **Flow** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Man on Wire** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30p.m. Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

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Ed Wood (R)

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Fashion Valley 18
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Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Eagle Eye (PG-13) 1(10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) (12:00 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Igor** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:15 9:30; *No 7:15 Tues.; **My Best Friend’s Girl** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Burn after Reading** (R) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Righteous Kill** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45 *No 10:15 & 12:45 Sat. & Sun.; **The Women** (PG-13) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:30 10:15; **Sesame Street: Abby in Wonderland** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Bangkok Dangerous; **Burn after Reading**; **The Dark Knight**; **Death Race**; **Eagle Eye**; **Fireproof**; **Ghost Town**; **The House Bunny**; **Igor**; **Journey to the Center of the Earth**; **Lakeview Terrace**; **Miracle at St. Anna**; **My Best Friend’s Girl**; **Nights in Rodanthe**; **Pineapple Express**; **Righteous Kill**; **Tropic Thunder**; **The Women**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Pool (Not Rated) Fri. 4:55, 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
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Choke (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **The Duchess** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30; **Elegy** (R) Fri. 4:35, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 4:35, 9:50; **Towelhead** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; **Transsiberian** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:50, 7:20

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Bunny; Igor; Journey to the Center of the
Earth; Lakeview Terrace; The Lucky Ones;
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Town (PG-13); The House Bunny (PG-13);
Igor (PG-13); Lakeview Terrace (PG-13);
Miracle at St. Anna (R); My Best Friend's
Girl (R); Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13); Right-
eous Kill (R); Traitor (PG-13); Tropic
Thunder (R); The Women (PG-13)

Carmel Mountain 14
 11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Burn after Reading (R); Eagle Eye (PG-13);
Ghost Town (PG-13); The House Bunny
(PG-13); Igor (PG-13); Lakeview Terrace
(PG-13); Mamma Mia! (PG-13); My Best
Friend's Girl (R); Nights in Rodanthe
(PG-13); Righteous Kill (R); Star Wars: The
Clone Wars (PG); Tropic Thunder (R); The
Women (PG-13)

Escudido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Burn after Reading (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:40) 8:00,
10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:40, 8:00, 10:30; **The
Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:25)
6:45, 10:00; **Death Race** (R) Fri. (4:05) 10:25
Sat.-Sun. 4:05, 10:25; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-
Sun. (12:30, 1:55, 3:20) 4:50, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50,
10:40; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 4:30) 7:25,
10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:20; **For-
ever Strong** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:05)
7:30, 10:35; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.
(1:00, 3:45) 7:20, 9:55; **The House Bunny**
(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 6:55, 9:25; **Igor**
(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 6:35, 9:30;
Lakeview Terrace (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:20)
7:10, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:20, 7:10, 10:15;
Miracle at St. Anna (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50,
3:15) 6:40, 10:05; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R)
Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:20, 3:55) 7:05, 9:40; **Nights
in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:50)
7:40, 10:10; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri.-Sun.
(12:25, 3:10) 6:50, 9:45; **Tropic Thunder** (R)
Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 7:45; **The Women** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:30, 9:35

River Village 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Eagle Eye (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15
10:00; Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13) (11:30
 2:15) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Lakeview Terrace**
 (PG-13) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **My Best
 Friend's Girl** (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30;
Burn after Reading (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45
 10:15; **Righteous Kill** (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:00
 7:30 10:00; *No 12:00 & 2:30 Sat. & Sun.;
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Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Eagle Eye (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:45 7:45
10:45; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) (10:45
 1:15 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **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)
 (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:15 10:00; **Righteous**
Kill (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; *No
 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; **The Women** (PG-13)
 (10:00 1:00) 4:15 7:00 10:00; **Fly Me to the**
Moon (G) (10:00 12:00 2:00 4:00) 6:00 *No
 6:00 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**

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Burn after Reading (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:35, 10:05; **Choke** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 9:50; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 1:45, 2:25, 4:35, 5:10) 7:20, 8:00, 10:10, 10:45; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:05; **Igor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25, 4:35) 7:05, 9:20; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 9:40, 10:20; **Miracle at St. Anna** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:00, 3:00, 4:20) 6:30, 7:45, 10:00; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:00,

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Eagle Eye (PG-13) (10:15 1:00 4:00) 7:00

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 10:15; **Burn after Reading (R)** (10:30 1:00
 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **Vicky Cristina
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Mamma Mia! (PG-13); **Man on Wire**
(PG-13)

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(760-599-8221)



Eagle Eye (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45
10:30; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG) (10:15
12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Igor** (PG) (10:00
12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30 *No 7:00 Thu.;
Ghost Town (PG-13) (10:00 12:30) 5:30
8:00 10:15; **Burn after Reading** (R) (10:15
12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; *No 10:15 Sat.
& Sun.; **The Women** (PG-13) (10:15 1:15) 4:15
7:15 10:00; *No 10:30 & 1:15 Sat. & Sun.;
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Mission Marketplace 13
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Eagle Eye (PG-13) (1:00 11:30 1:45 2:15)
 4:30 5:15 7:15 8:00 10:00 10:45; **Nights in Rodeando** (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:30
 10:45; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) (12:45 3:15)
 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Igor** (PG) (12:00 2:15) 4:45
 7:00 9:15; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) (11:30
 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:00; **Burn after Reading** (R)
 (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; **Righteous Kill**
 (R) (11:15 1:45) 4:15 7:00 9:45; **Tyler Perry's
 The Family That Preys** (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:00
 7:30 10:00; **Fly Me to the Moon** (G) (11:45
 2:00 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:30; **Babylon A.D.**
 (PG-13) (12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30 *No 12:15
 & 2:30 Sat. & Sun.; **The House Bunny**
 (PG-13) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:30;
Death Race (R) (12:00) 5:15 10:30; **Tropic
 Thunder** (R) (2:45) 7:45; **Sesame Street:**
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REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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)

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,



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hounded by a remorseless hit squad, can call in a favor (i.e., troop support) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophiliac in-

fant. 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 rodenty intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as the absent wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) as an uptown lesbian; the formidable Nathalie Baye as a high-priced and all-business attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessive-compulsive cop on the case (exasperated, for example, at his underling’s carelessness in differentiating between the trash bin and the recycling bin); and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, with supreme poise and not a hint of a knee-buckle, shoulders the brunt of the absurdity. 2007.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 9/25)

Towelhead — Reviewed this issue. With Summer Bishil, Peter Macdissi, Aaron Eckhart, Toni Collette, and Maria Bello; directed by Alan Ball.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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Burn After Reading 2008

Actually, I found this to be a major drop-off in quality from previous Coen efforts (well, on pace with the strange *Man Who Wasn’t There*). Maybe it needs another viewing.

First of all, I detected a bit of a Homeric nod with regard to the CD-ROM, the principal MacGuffin of this thing. We aren’t really told what exactly is on the CD, so when Pitt and McDormand discover it, the assumption is that only the “mem-wah” is present on it. However, in the scene in the law office, when the paralegal realizes its missing, we are then told that the CD contains (also contains?) financial records.

At that scene, I was scratching my head — “Were there two CD-ROMs?” I asked myself. Mr. Shepherd perhaps explains what happens a bit more clearly than the Coens did themselves. I’m not sure we’re ever told exactly what the CD was supposed to contain.

Also, Pitt’s and McDormand’s herky-jerky performances, endearing at first, became a bit tiresome after repeated exposure. The Coens, usually such sure-footed directors vis-à-vis their actors, seemed to be giving everyone freer rein in this one.

The funniest part of this movie? Carter Burwell’s overdone, percussion-laced score, perfectly satirizing the usual government intrigue/spy/thriller sort of “suspense music.”
By **joeb** 1:56 p.m., Sept. 17, 2008

Burn After Reading 2008

Duncan’s ebullient praise for the Coen bros. reminds me of *Fox News* anchors’ reflexive defense of the Bush administration. He holds up a few golden nuggets he’s managed to scrounge from a played-out mine and cries “Eureka!” *Burn after Reading* is a pedestrian, uninspired effort that is rarely funny, often tedious, and continuously mean-spirited. Playing for laughs the violent murders of two characters, one involving repeated thrusts of a hatchet, are indeed “lapses in tone” that leave a decidedly bad aftertaste in what is falsely marketed as a “screw-ball comedy.” The direction isn’t particularly noteworthy, given the Coens’ famous use of storyboards, and the dialogue isn’t as clever as they obviously intended to be. Carter Burwell’s excellent score is wasted.
By **Filibuster** 2:59 p.m., Sept. 18, 2008

Burn After Reading 2008

I would exclude Llewellyn Moss from the gallery of Coen brothers morons. Moss’s actions may have been unwise, but he was no dope. And speaking of morons and dopes, I must strongly disagree with Duncan’s opinion of Brad Pitt’s performance in BAR. Pitt is a black. . .pit in the center of the film. I found him entirely unconvincing playing the fool; although his performance suggests that he may well be a fool. We now know that the Coens cannot coax a fine performance from every or any actor. There are, apparently, limits to their rehabilitative skills. *Burn After Reading* at times appears to be a work of someone other than Joel and Ethan trying make a Coen brothers’ film; but the final debriefing redeems the shaky spots that came before it. Four stars seems right.
By **Mudhead** 4:02 p.m., Sept. 18, 2008

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Transsiberian — A couple of Iowa missionaries in China take the long and scenic route home on the Beijing-to-Moscow rail line, and the along the way fall in with drug runners. Director Brad Anderson tames his shaky camera for some recognizably Hitchcockian suspense sequences. With Emily Mortimer, Woody Harrelson, Eduardo Noriega, Kate Mara, and Ben Kingsley. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Tropic Thunder — Major-studio satire on a major-studio Vietnam War epic. The slipshod plotting, the willful misinformation about how movies are made, and the pandering to the groundlings do not close off all avenues of inspiration. Four fake trailers at the top of the movie, introducing the motley cast of the movie-within-the-movie, give a hint of the allowable latitude. The ones of the over-the-hill action star (Ben Stiller, the movie’s director and co-writer besides), the gross-out comedian (Jack Black), and the hip-hop gangsta (Brandon T. Jackson) are but a tepid warm-up to the topper, the one of the multiple-Oscar-winning thespian from Down Under (Robert Downey, Jr.), a monastery love story called *Satan’s Alley*, a tony period piece aimed at the art circuit: the narrator’s clipped phrases, pregnant pauses, and portentous tones are dead-on. Downey dominates the action in the Vietnam jungle as well, his character having undergone a “controversial pigmentation alteration” to play an African-American foot soldier, emphatically putting the grunt in the grunt. His only competition for acting honors comes from outside the jungle (though Nick Nolte has his moments as a wizened Vietnam-vet advisor, the company’s guide to the Heart of Darkness), back home in Hollywood, where a heavily disguised Tom Cruise models a bald dome, bushy chest and arms, a bumpy nose, and a padded middle as a Harvey Weinsteinian bullying studio boss. (Funny notion: his everyday tough talk goes beyond anything ever heard by a cutthroat Asian heroin dealer and hostage taker.) If nothing else, the raging megalomania serves as a full-coverage mask for the actor’s chronic overacting. Similarly, the gut-spilling, blood-squirting gore in the movie — at least the gore in the movie-within-the-movie — is made more palatable by the satire. Through it, you can have a retrospective laugh at the pretensions and pieties of *Apocalypse Now*, *Platoon*, *Rambo*, *Saving Private Ryan*, what-you-will. With Steve Coogan, Danny McBride, Matthew McConaughey. 2008.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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* — 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



Towelhead

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-

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★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Three Damned Characters

“Everything that exists is born for no reason.”

Picture hell. For those who live in Pacific Beach and work nine-to-five jobs, hell arrives every Thursday afternoon. College students schedule their classes Monday through Thursday. Come that afternoon, especially in the “Kill Zone” around Mission Boulevard, music gets loud. Then choruses of popped tops and cries of “yaaaaa, dude!” herald yet another four-day blow.

PB hell is cyclical. The forever-after variety comes from the Bible via Dante’s *Inferno*: crackling flames, impish demons prodding pitchforks, flaming lakes, the damned screaming as if all the prisons in the world let out an everlasting howl.

In *No Exit*, Jean-Paul Sartre envisioned a hell without God. His characters sin and are punished, but the torments aren’t medieval horrors. In fact, compared to Hades, Sheol, the underworld, or Dante, Sartre’s hell looks downright doable, at first.

It’s a drawing room furnished in the Second French Empire style: a chair and two divans, a marble statue on the mantel. The colors clash, especially the red and spinach-green divans, but that seems minor. The building’s like a hotel. It has at least three stories and many rooms, even a valet — some sort of minimum-security hell, you imagine, as if whatever power sends people here is soft on sin.

For Diversionary Theatre, scenic designer Jungah Han papers the walls, window, and fireplace with garish, white and grayish-beige stripes. Even these don’t look so bad until you realize that Sartre’s people will see them for all time. And they will never sleep. And will always have their eyes open. And must be together 24/7. Then the stripes become bars and the room a cage from which there is no exit.

Sartre believed that existence has no Creator, no predetermined plan (“everything that exists is born for no reason”). Because of that, we are “condemned to be free.” We must make choices authentic to our being: “live our own

words, speak our own actions.” The opinions of others, which try to stick to us like glue, should never define us. If we let them, then we are no longer “real.”

No Exit premiered a month before D-Day. Germany occupied France and, if Nazi rhetoric were true, would for another thousand years. The times became a stern test for followers of Sartre’s existentialist philosophy. Given German tanks in the streets and swastikas everywhere, abandoning one’s inner self to the oppressor, even temporarily, may have seemed a reasonable temptation. But for Sartre, who detested limits and authority, there are no second chances. His three damned characters in *No Exit* gave up their right to choose. And when they abandoned the power to define their future, they were damned to hell.

Cradeau, a pacifist journalist; Inez, a postal clerk; and Estelle, a young society woman, don’t resemble candidates for fire and brimstone. They admit to wrongdoing, some: Cradeau was executed for his antiwar beliefs, he says; Estelle’s foggy about causes, but there was a mysterious death in her past. Inez, however, sees through their social guises. Cradeau’s a coward, Estelle’s a murderer, and Inez admits she needs to “see people suffer to exist at all.” This room is no mistake, she says. Everything’s been planned, down to the clashing colors. This place is real, she says, because we haven’t been.

They call death “absence.” The euphemism is apt because they abandoned their authentic beings and need the opinions of others for self-validation.

As the play unfolds, it becomes clear that even if there is no divine plan in Sartre’s universe, whoever designed this room, this hell, did so in minute detail: everything’s tailored for these particular inhabitants, tailored for friction (but if nothing is preplanned, Mr. Sartre, and if there is no omniscient deity, what sort of afterlife designer could do that?). Once



Monique Gaffney, Rhianna Basore, Steven Lone in *No Exit*

No Exit, by Jean-Paul Sartre
Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights
Directed by Esther Emery; cast: Steven Lone, Kevin Morrison, Monique Gaffney, Rhianna Basore; scenic design, Jungah Han; costumes, Jennifer Brawn Gittings; lighting, Jason Bieber; wig, hair, and sound design, Missy Bradstreet.
Playing through October 5; Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-220-0097.

Cradeau, Inez, and Estelle learn the other’s faults, however, they use them like negative reflections to assault their cellmates. And the windowless, mirrorless room becomes a ménage à monsters.

The Diversionary production makes a game go with difficult material. Director Esther Emery treats the play as a period piece. Jennifer Brawn Gittings’s telling costumes evoke spring 1944 — as does Estelle’s blond wig, with twin cornucopias over her eyebrows.

The acting style’s mid-’40s as well. Steven Lone’s Cradeau displays a slick leading-man appeal; Rhianna Basore’s Estelle, ingénue

naïveté; Monique Gaffney’s Inez, an arch toughness (and Bette Davis eyes). They begin as if in a movie from the period, playing prescribed roles. These are the people they wanted to be like. Then, like wax melting in extreme heat, hell slowly peels away veneers. Cradeau, Inez, and Estelle become not themselves but what Sartre called “the Other,” which is everyone outside an authentic self. Cradeau utters the famous line, “Hell is other people” (*“L’enfer, c’est les autres”*). But this doesn’t mean it’s you hounded by everyone else. In Sartre’s hell, you don’t exist at all: you are merely other people against other people. ■

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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. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

Back Back Back

The Old Globe Theatre stages the world premiere of Itamar Moses' seriocomic about steroid use in sports. Davis McCallum directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

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.

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Candide

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Dead Man's Cell Phone

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Sarah Ruhl's "fantastical" comedy about a woman who answers a dead man's cell phone and finds her life turned upside down. (Ruhl wrote *A Clean House*, performed last year at the SD Rep.) Bart DeLorenzo directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWNE CENTER DRIVE, SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO. 714-708-5555. FRIDAYS, 7:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:45 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7:45 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:45 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:45 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 12.

Desire Under the Elms

SDSU Theatre stages Eugene O'Neill's drama about hardscrabble life in 1850 New England. Abbie and Even want the family farm. But Ephraim, the patriarch, thinks he'll have it forever. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, 5500 CAMPANILE DRIVE, SDSU. 619-594-5200. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. MONDAYS, 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

The Dining Room

A.R. Gurney, Jr.'s nostalgia-laced drama unfolds like a kaleidoscope. It's literally the life of a handsome 1910 table and the Northeastern WASP dining room where it flourished for at least six decades. You could call the two-act play *What the Table Saw*. Eras overlap and intertwine: World Wars I and II, Korea, the '60s, "Me Decade" self-centeredness. And life moves



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through the room from infancy and birthdays to a touching scene where a father outlines his funeral arrangements in minute detail to his emotionally choked oldest son. Family traditions and infidelities abound (including a need to save face at the club when Binky Byers impugns a relative's honor). *Dining Room* has 57 characters and can frustrate, at times, with a "hey, wait" quality. Gurney will build a scene then cut it off and jump to another while drama from the previous scene starts taking hold (what becomes of the hippie daughter, for example, rejected by her husband and father?). Though glib with individuals, the play weaves a complex tapestry about a dying institution. Scripps Ranch Theatre's production constitutes a step up in class for the company. The play's demands could create gridlock, but director Eric Bishop gives it an admirable fluidity as scenes and eras flow gracefully. His six-person cast (sometimes changing Sydney Williams's multi-period costumes backstage in seconds) handle myriad assignments with few glitches. Greg Hall heads the group in at least nine roles ranging from a giddy young lad to the father planning his funeral. And Sherri Allan registers as the hippie daughter cast adrift (Dagmar Fields, Allison MacDonald, Max Macke, and Kate Nelson make useful contributions). Maureen Dolan, the props manager, deserves special mention. When the script calls for Waterford crystal or the distinctive clink of hand-blown Steuben glass, Dolan delivers. Even when Gurney requires a butter knife with a pistol-handle, one emerges from the velvet silverware case. Now *that's* attention to detail!

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Dreamgirls

San Diego Musical Theatre presents the Tom Eyer/Henry Krieger musical "loosely based" on Diana Ross and the Supremes. The girl

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Dying City

Cygnat Theatre Company stages Christopher Shinn's drama about loss. A year after Kelly's husband died in Iraq, his twin brother arrives at her apartment unannounced. Frances Gercke directed. CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

Fat Pig

Author Neil LaBute always cuts to the chase, be it a screenplay (*The Company of Men*) or theatrical drama. His *Fat Pig*, in a tight, thought-provoking production at OnStage Playhouse, is the second of his trilogy of plays about America's obsession with beauty, the one size few fit. To change attitudes, LaBute suggests throughout that you must change the eye of the beholder. Against his wishes, since she's a very large woman, Tom falls for Helen. 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 away from the public eye. His company's having a beach party. Should he invite Helen? Brendan Cavalier and Carla Nell do touching work as the star-crossed pair, much of it with unspoken looks and telling gestures (she's been there and done that but will try once more for the gold; he's never felt better with a woman, or worse). Directed by Kym Pappas, the production doesn't flinch when LaBute fires his salvos. 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."

Worth a try.

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

Eve Ensler is 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. Along the way, she interviewed ethnically diverse women. Most agreed that the one thing they'd change about themselves was their weight. Ensler identified, "because I have bought into the idea that if my stomach were flat, then I would be good, safe, accepted, important, loved." The other side of this notion: every imperfect body part's an outward sign that you were "born wrong and bad." *The Good Body* attacks these attitudes. Tormented by her stomach ("my most serious committed relationship"), a character named Eve 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 new (Naomi Wolf's 1991 *Beauty Myth* takes a more in-depth look). What gives the show its freshness are Ensler's humor and a splendid production by the San Diego Rep. Carole Foreman, Deanna Driscoll, and Linda Libby cut loose, playing everyone from Helen Gurley Brown still clinging to the ideal at age 80 to a Brentwood matron wanting to improve her sex life. Directed with flair by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, and wearing Jennifer Brawn Giddings's around-the-world-in-80-intermissionless-minutes costumes, the trio excels. Victoria Petrovich's sleek scenic design also makes a telling comment about the mindlessness of pursuing a Platonic

ideal: six tattoo'd mannequins on stage are headless.

Worth a try.

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Hairdresser on Fire

Compass Theatre's new QPlay series (five plays based on gay and lesbian themes) opens with Scott C. Sickles's seriocomic about "how much we're willing to put up with when the alternative is loneliness." COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 8.

Ion's Intimate Ibsen: The Master Builder

Ion Theatre continues its series of staged readings with Henrik Ibsen's mystery-drama about an architect and a woman who claims they were lovers when she was a young teen. Claudio Raygoza directed. 619-374-6894. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. MONDAY, 7 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29.

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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 TOWNE 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.

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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 offbeat 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. 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 frolic with histrionics). White hair down to his shoulders, Jonathan McMurtry looks like Wild Bill Hickock, until he draws his six-shooters and terrorizes the town. Wynn Harmon's Caius, a French doctor in an aqua jacket, malaprops amusingly. Deborah Taylor, Charles Janasz, and Sloan Grenz enhance scenes. And Bruce Turk, as Frank Ford, turns a minor character into a Falstaff-sized, green-eyed dupe.

Worth a try.

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. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

National Comedy Theatre

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from pro wrestling (“where Ter-rible 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.

Nine

Starlight presents the Arthur Kopit (book) and Maury Yeston (music

and lyrics) musical based on Federico Fellini’s autobiographical movie *8½* .

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No Exit

Diversiory 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 story, as so often in Shakespeare, works on elemental levels. But the second half’s a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy’s opera-like impulses. *Romeo and Juliet* runs in repertory with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *All’s Well That Ends Well*. Call the theater for days and times of each.

Worth a try.

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A Shot in the Dark

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Taming of the Shrew

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The Third Story

The La Jolla Playhouse presents Charles Busch’s triptych of stories: a mother-son screenwriting team; a B movie about a mob queen and a lady scientist; and a Russian fairy tale. Carl Andress directed. 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. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 19.

Troilus and Cressida

Shakespeare at his most philosophical, and irate. Goethe said, “If you would see Shakespeare’s mind unfettered, read *Troilus and Cressida*.” It’s the Bard’s take on Homer’s *Iliad*, but the “heroes” on both sides are slimy, self-regarding thugs who bounce around the Dardan Plain like overinflated balloons. And Helen of Troy’s a weapon of mass destruction, an excuse for conquest and nothing more. The love of the title characters doesn’t just go wrong; it becomes the emblematic tale of infidelity. Goethe said “read” the play, not stage it. *Troilus* is a theatrical monster, demanding actors with muscular physicality and the chops to deliver some of the Bard’s finest poetry. It last appeared in San Diego at the Old Globe in 1976. Aside from anything else, Compass Theatre deserves praise for attempting this epic task. Direc-

tor Welton Jones and George Weinberg-Harter (who plays Pandarus and Agamemnon) have done a smart job of trimming a script that’s literature when read but that waxes verbose when performed. The opening night, however, ranged from amateurish reciting to odd emphases to sprints through the poetry (if you get to speak the lines “when time is old and hath forgot itself/ When waterdrops have worn the stones of Troy,” PLEASE don’t mumble them at top speed to the floor!). Most of the cast (nine actors playing over 25 parts) had yet to internalize their roles. And the better performances — Michael Nieto as Aeneas and Ulysses, Adam Parker as Paris and a drooling Thersites — exposed the others’ weaknesses. The Compass production may, or may not, grow during its run. But then again, if the “past is prologue” for what’s to come, this may be your only chance to see a *Troilus* in San Diego for the next 32 years.

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The Women

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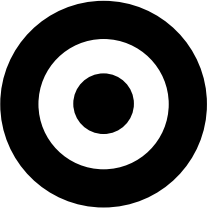
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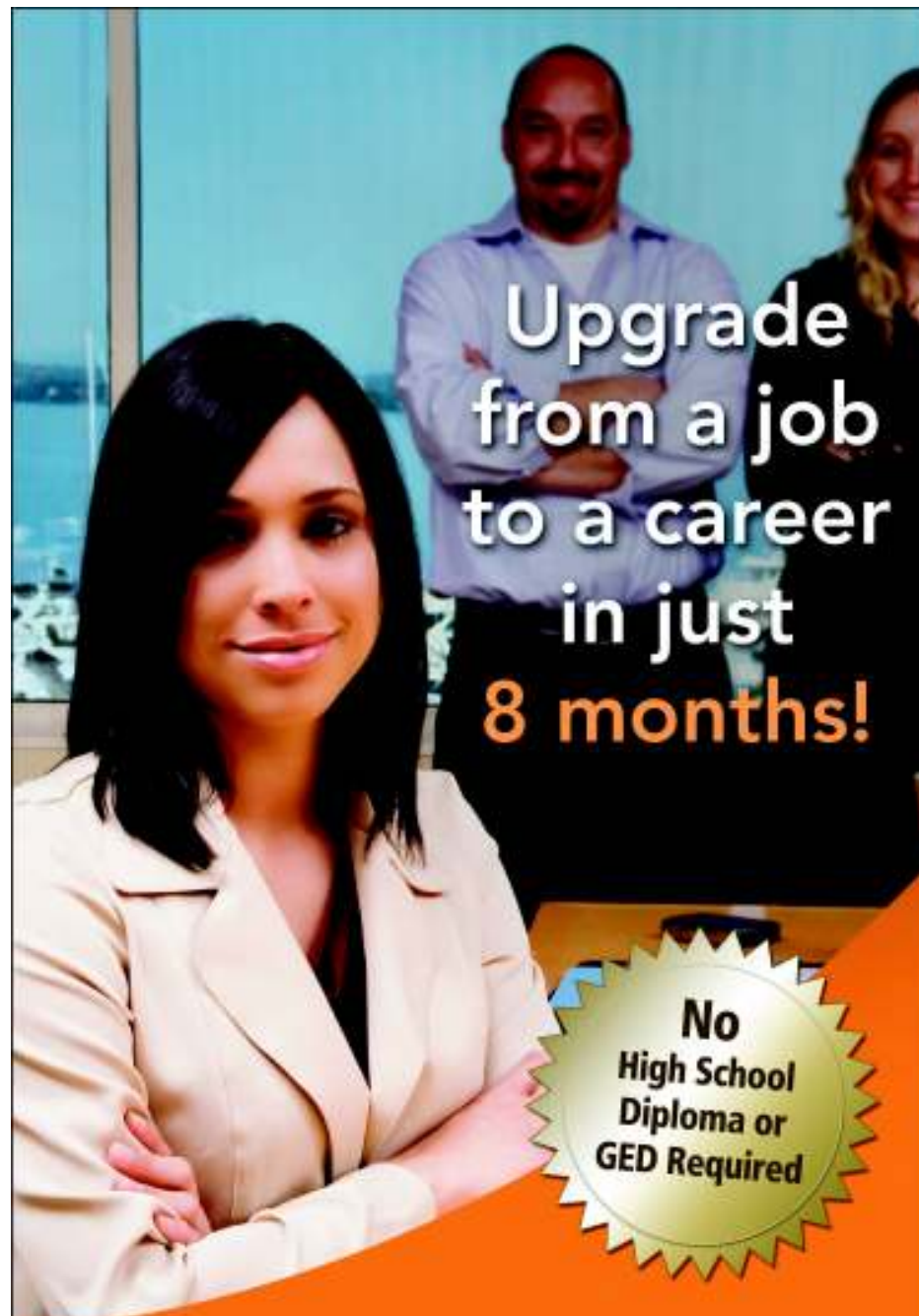
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3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.
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2) 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. Took a hit
- 6. "____ Language" (1993 sitcom star's bestseller)
- 10. Celt opponent
- 13. Bandmate of Bob Marley
- 15. Big Apple sch.
- 16. New Year's ____
- 17. 1963 Jack Lemmon film directed by 59-Across
- 19. Ecu
- 20. 1960 Jack Lemmon film directed by 59-Across
- 22. Neighbor of Ga.
- 25. "Woe ____!"
- 26. One-named Art Deco artist

- 27. Designer Jacobs
- 29. War alternative
- 32. Dive like an eagle
- 34. Mechanic's job
- 36. 1959 Jack Lemmon film directed by 59-Across
- 40. They may be picky
- 41. "Omigosh!"
- 43. Actress Annabella
- 46. Filmmaker Gus Van ____
- 47. Better ____
- 48. Town ESE of Turin
- 52. 2002 film "____ Mama Tambien"
- 53. 1974 Jack Lemmon film directed by 59-Across
- 58. Suffix with lunch
- 59. Director who once quipped "Happiness is working with Jack Lemmon"
- 63. Sock part
- 64. Intestinal parts
- 65. "30 Rock" or "3rd Rock From the Sun"
- 66. Sgt.'s superiors
- 67. 35-Down and others, once
- 68. Certain fisherman

Down

- 1. Prefix with light
- 2. Crew's control?
- 3. Basinger of "8 Mile"
- 4. Israeli resort
- 5. Indian city of 13 million
- 6. Check (out)
- 7. Quito's country: Abbr.
- 8. Raise: Abbr.
- 9. Nikita's no
- 10. Et ____
- 11. 1972 Jack Lemmon film directed by 59-Across

- 12. Blew off steam
- 14. Explorer John and others
- 18. Water gate?
- 21. Graceland's home
- 22. Breakfast hrs.
- 23. Criminals break them
- 24. Suffix with buck
- 28. Succeed
- 29. Singles
- 30. Island garland
- 31. Import tax
- 33. Juicy fruit
- 34. Tony Orlando's "____ Yellow Ribbon"
- 35. Hung. neighbor
- 37. USPS delivery
- 38. Up to snuff
- 39. It's pitched
- 42. Disco ____ of "The Simpsons"
- 43. Village in an Isaac Bashevis Singer story
- 44. Partnership
- 45. Actresses Kristen and Graff
- 48. 2007 reference book published by the Onion with the come-on "Now With 30% More Asia"
- 49. Sneak a peek
- 50. Verb for Tweety
- 51. "Uncle!"
- 54. Slugger's stats
- 55. Cooking aids
- 56. Card or Met
- 57. "If all ____ fails ..."
- 60. USPS rival
- 61. Job ad abbr.
- 62. 1980s presidential inits.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

☛ **Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 15.** "Who is John Galt?"
Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 14. "The mystery man came over and he said, I'm outta sight."
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 14.
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 14. "Cyclists are well spoken."
Ron Meyer, Santee, 14. "Much harder than last week."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 14.
Julie Osburn, North Park, 14. "Quit cheating Santee. You can't catch up anyway."
John Rosenbach, Escondido, 14.
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 14. "Now it's off for a weekend in Julian."
Pamela Swain, College Area, 14. "Flexibility is the key to indecision."
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 14. "Average IQ in Hollywood? South side of 80!"
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 13. "Carol! Yay!"
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 13.

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 13. "Livin' the dream in Lakeside - thank you God!"
C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 13. "Hoo-ha-aha-ha!"
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 13. "I'm in my box!"
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 13.
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 12. "Wake up Ski, I'm a winner!"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 12.
John L. Drehner, North Park, 12. "Imagine Jimmy Stewart as an auctioneer."
Janet Goff, Cardiff, 12. "Our house is almost finished - final inspection today!"
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 12. "Happy first birthday Delilah Rose Wagner."
Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 12. "I'll be back."
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 12. "www.paintwithdan.com"
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 12. "Be ye kind, one to another."
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 12. "LMWK in effect!"

Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 12. "JG, I count the hours every week until Thursday arrives."
Jim Odell, Vista, 12. "Brevity is the soul of wit!"
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 12. "Dan/Barbie: Thanks in advance for hosting out brief escape."
☛ **Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 11.**
Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 11. "Ina Claire? Geez."
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 10. "Double digits, baby!"
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 10. "How about the plastic surgeon who hung himself?"
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 10. "Pretty cool, huh?"
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 10. "Go Chargers! Go Navy!"
☛ **Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 10.** "Go Chargers vs. Jets on MNF!"
Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 10.
Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 10. "Get well Max!"
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 10. "Me and the pygmy pony..."
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 10.
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 10. "Having puzzle parties in Santee?"

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 10. "I hope you enjoyed your vacation, Erin."
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 10. "Appreciation is born of deprivation."
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 10. "There's nothing wrong with being old and an ipod doesn't play mp3s."
Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 9. "Sirius XM rules! Howard Stern! Babba Booe!"
Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 9.
Shirley E. Bolden, College Area, 9. "My precious Jovani is 3 months old and such a cutie pie!"
☛ **Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 9.** "Tennyson, if Italian might have written, Morte de Della."
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 9. "QB for the NY Jets - #4 Brett Favre."
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 9.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 9. "T-shirt winner! Go Kiera! Hi Bodo!"
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 9. "At least I know the diameter of an Oreo cookie."
Barbara Neill, Santee, 9.
Jeff Smith, University City, 9. "I didn't even peek last week."
Eddie Spaghetio, Coronado, 9. "143UNIT15! Recherche! Say when! I'll bring the soy sauce! CIUM21."

Marie Turock, North Park, 9.
Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 9. "Lost ground last week...now #90."
☛ **Tim Clayton, Los Peñasquitos, 8.** "Oz here we come."
Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 8. "Love to T.R., from the Night Owl."
William Cushing, RB, 8. "Maurreen: Looks like this - cheers."
Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 8. "September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month."
Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 8. "John McCain, sage? That is a joke!"
Barry Newman, Escondido, 8.
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 8. "Thanks for being my husband, Stephen. I love you always!"
Jennifer Rabner, Escondido, 8.
Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 8.
John Stead, Santee, 8.
Mike Adkins, Santee, 7.
☛ **Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 7.** "Happy 30th birthday Melissa!"
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 7. "H is for having headaches!"
Brian W. Beach, Santee, 7.
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 7. "I need another T-shirt."
Ben Brainard, Santee, 7.
Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 7.

E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 7. "Go Chargers!"
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 7. "Not as easy as last week's puzzle."
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 7. "Hi Al!"
Doug Coffin, Santee, 7.
Dan Collins, Santee, 7.
Laura Conshafter, Santee, 7.
Mat Dene, Santee, 7.
Andre Desilets, Downtown, 7.
J. DeWitt, Santee, 7.
Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 7.
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 7.
Kathleene Evans, Santee, 7.
Mark Franc, Santee, 7.
Tim Glover, Santee, 7.
Andy Harrison, Santee, 7.
L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 7.
Mark Hill, Santee, 7.
Jim Hutchings, Santee, 7.
E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 7.
Gary Kuske, Santee, 7.
Ronald Long, San Diego, 7. "Frams forever."
Bill Love, Santee, 7.
Melissa Menard, Escondido, 7. "So this is what 30 feels like! Cool!"
Linda Millsberg, Santee, 7.
Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 7. "One book? Re-read Godel, Escher, Bach by Douglas Hofstadter."
Nathan Petty, Santee, 7.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 7. *"Bacon floss!"*
Donnie Nelson, Santee, 7. *"Good show!"*
☛ **Dennis Roth, Santee, 7.**
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 7. *"Finally got one in on time!"*
Shirley Stafford, Carlsbad, 7. *"7 x 15 = 105 T-shirts. Not one for me?"*
Stacy Tool, Santee, 7.
Woody Weaver, Santee, 7.
Tom White, University City, 7. *"Interesting challenge."*
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 7. *"What's with all the entries from Santee?"*
Warren Winters, Santee, 7.
Mary Woodbury, Santee, 7. *"Fun!"*
Ivan Yanev, Santee, 7.
Stephen Young, Santee, 7.
Don Albee, Santee, 6.
Doretha Albee, Santee, 6.
Bud Anderson, Santee, 6.
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 6. *"I'm back! and this should be #7."*
Bruce Bell, South Park, 6. *"Hopin' for T-shirt #7."*
Carl Bennett, Escondido, 6.
Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 6. ☛ **Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 6.**
Neal Brown, Santee, 6.
Margaret Buckner, Santee, 6.
Chris Byzewski, Linda Vista, 6. *"Love gloves."*
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 6. *"Happy birthday Carol Heath."*

John Bullock, Santee, 6.
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 6. *"Happy birthday Ethan - enjoying life at three!"*
Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 6. *"Hi All!"*
Tim Dene, Santee, 6.
Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 6.
G. Doyle, Santee, 6.
Ed Edwards, Santee, 6.
Heather Ellsworth, Santee, 6.
Kathleen Fowler, Santee, 6.
Hugh Hagues, Santee, 6.
Marilynn Harrington, Santee, 6.
Anne Hinton, 6. *"So many Santees."*
M. Jordan, Santee, 6.
Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 6. *"Thanks for the T-shirt."*
Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 6.
Monty Landy, Santee, 6.
Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 6. *"Grandma, we wish you were here."*
Angie Longoria, Santee, 6.
Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 6.
Rick Marin, Santee, 6.
Erin Marin, Santee, 6. ☛ **Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 6.** *"Pat M. sat out last week on principle."*
Kevin McNearney, Santee, 6.
Heber Moore, Santee, 6.
Kevin Moreau, Santee, 6.
Eric Ople, La Jolla, 6. *"It's not a myth - Reader T-shirts actually exist! Thanks!"*

Charles Overdorf, Santee, 6.
Eugene Padua, Santee, 6.
Randy Schimpf, Santee, 6.
J. Schwendinger, Santee, 6.
Diane Sengir, Downtown, 6. *"Happy birthday: Nu-Age Painting today (Richard) and me (Mom) tomorrow."*
M. Sherritt, Santee, 6.
Ron Shields, Santee, 6.
Carol Simpson, Pacific Beach, 6. *"Hi, Mom!"*
Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 6.
Gayle Squire, Santee, 6.
Tom Stam, Lakeside, 6. *"Keep the change Obama."*
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 6.
Lee Woodbury, Santee, 6.
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 5. *"Pull your shorts up S.R.H. boy."*
Dan Abernathy, Santee, 5.
Rick Austin, Santee, 5.
Roy Bailey, Santee, 5.
Ray Batenich, North Park, 5. *"100% brain. Use Google and get them all right - no!"*
Derek Besand, Santee, 5.
Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 5.
Loren Broadstone, Santee, 5.
Dave Capehart, Santee, 5.
Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 5. *"Great job Cachorros."*
Jill Dickens, Santee, 5.
Mike Downey, Santee, 5.
Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 5.
Eduardo Emmett, Santee, 5.
Manny Espino, Santee, 5.
Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 5.
Emma Friemuth, Santee, 5.
Gina Glover, Santee, 5.
Mike Gross, Santee, 5.
Sandra Groves, Bonita, 5. *"Hi Sydney and Macey!"*
Ward Harrington, Santee, 5.

Ricky Hartpence, Santee, 5.
Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 5.
LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 5.
Craig Hollinger, Santee, 5.
Billy Horton, Santee, 5. *"Another day in paradise."*
Eric Jespersion, Santee, 5.
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 5. *"What's up with all the Santee people?"*
Troy Knapp, Santee, 5.
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 5. *"Shame on last week's winners. Purists only!"*
Eben Maat, Santee, 5.
Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 5.
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 5.
Ken Milne, Santee, 5.
Deborah Moore, Santee, 5.
Claudia Nordquest, Carmel Mtn., 5. *"Biden si Palin no."*
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 5. *"I need a T-shirt (again)."*
David Papworth, Santee, 5.
Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 5.
Don Romero, Ramona, 5. *"Safe travels sweet Mei Ling."*
Richard Rose, Santee, 5.
John Shultz, Santee, 5.
Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 5.
Nathan Squire, Santee, 5.
Matt Taylor, Santee, 5.
Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 5.
Sue Worthen, Santee, 5.
Stuart Augner, Chula Vista, 4. *"Brain, what's so wrong with youth in Asia? Pinky poi!"*
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 4. *"O + T = Love 4ever."* ☛ **Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 4.** *"Love = Olga. Joy = T-shirt. Bliss = Olga + T-shirt."*
J. Breckenridge, Santee, 4.

Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 4. ☛ **Mike Deliman, Santee, 4.** *"Karen Otter Superwoman."*
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 4. *"Need a new fax machine?"*
Chicago Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 4. *"Cubs fans are, sofa king we too did. Get it?"*
Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 4.
Edward C. "Horbett, Jr.", Crown Point, 4. *"Hiromi rocks Billy."*
Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 4.
Steve Jenks, Santee, 4.
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 4. ☛ **Gail Kotner, University Hts, 4.** *"If you get off the couch you'll get a bone Sally."*
Carol Kuske, Santee, 4.
Glen Patricio, Mira Mesa, 4. *"I can't wait for Tiger to come back."*
D. Schick, Oceanside, 4. *"McCain is spelled with 2 cs - dummy!"*
☛ **David Burger, Rancho Penasquitos, 3.**
Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 3. *"Impeachment is politically correct. Go sustainability. I love you Laura!"*
Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 3. *"This puzzle is the best puzzle since sliced pizzas."*
Leo D. Juffer, Pacific Beach, 3. *"McCain is a yo-yo. On Obama!"*
Becky Reeb, San Diego, 3.
Jeff Smith, Santee, 3.
Emily Strahan, Lakeside, 3. *"Dear Biceps, wrong way baby! Love, Sherpa."*
Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 3. *"Hubba, hubba, hubba, go MVHS!"*
Larry Hartpence, Santee, 1.

Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 2. *"McLain, get well soon! You are missed!"*
Barbara Blake, Point Loma, 2. *"Thanks Shawn."*
Sunshine Blake, Cortez Hill, 2. *"I love San Diego!"*
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 2. *"Don't cause a hooah over this!"*
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 2. *"18 weeks to go."*
☛ **Norm Spector, La Jolla, 2.** *"Hi Marsh! I got it!"*
Brian Tilley, Clairemont, 2. *"Proving last week wasn't due to that printing error."*
Geoff Clark, Chula Vista, 1. *"Cora, it's easy."*
Alfredo Garcia, San Diego, 1. *"Army Rangers lead the way!"*
Manuel Ramos, San Diego, 1. *"Arriba las chivas!"*
Hilda Apodara, Chula Vista, 1. *"Happy birthday to me!"*
Courtland Creekmore, Golden Hill, 1. *"I love Erika!"*
Sarah Johnson, Hillcrest, 1. *"What's up with the Santee club?"*
Ed Heffernan, La Mesa, 1. *"Got it Kathyl!"*
Michael Long, Banker's Hill, 1. *"I love a hobbit."*
D. Tarantino, Hillcrest, 1. *"If you love a lot you'll lie a lot. -Tori Amos"*
Debra Powell, Santee, 1.
A.D. Albright, Mira Mesa, 1. ☛ **Zonaahrenbrock, San Diego, 1.** *"Keeping the mind agile."*

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This week's questions

1. In "Crush," a wine collector pays \$32,000 for a bottle of what wine? (Include the vintage.)
2. At the Modlins' worst-ever show (in Las Vegas), how big was their audience? (Not counting the sound man or bartenders.)
3. In which cigar shop will you find San Diego's largest walk-in humidor, home to about 10,000 fine cigars?
4. Club-Crawling Barnaby Monk translates the title of Sigur Rós's album *Med Sud I Eyrum Vid Spilum Endalaust* how?
5. At a tailgate party at the stadium, Josh Board encounters some ladies who complain about the lines in the bathroom. What's their solution to the problem?
6. Eve Kelly's husband surprises her on their anniversary with a trip to Italy. Seems he forgot one little detail, though. What was it?
7. At the center of a power struggle this week between Barbarella and her husband lies the fact that a friend offers to bring over some steaks while Barb overwhelmingly craves what?
8. William Crain's "Of Note" references how the documentary *Dig!* traces the rivalry between the Dandy Warhols and their "frenemies" in what other group?
9. According to Matthew Alice, can lack of sleep cause death in humans?
10. Jean-Paul Sartre's *No Exit*, currently at the Diversionsary Theatre, premiered one month before what event?

Last Week's Answers

1. The jellyfish. (p. 14)
2. Deportation. (Reeducation about Tibet also accepted.) (p. 11)
3. Imperial County. (p. 152)
4. Kenny Loggins. (p. 86)
5. Twelve; Elvis Presley. (p. 94)
6. Dudh Khosi River. (p. 110)
7. Skytyping. (p. 20)
8. On 17th Street, between Imperial and Commercial. (p. 80)
9. A J-1 visa. (p. 34)
10. Their weight. (p. 128)

Congratulations to last week's winners: Roger Huff, Jennifer Zonzo, Tiffany Cummings, Traci Deleon, and Nancy Decker

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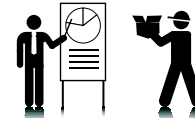
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Blake Davis
Waiter
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Maybe two months ago at work, someone said I looked like Steven Seagal. I don't know if it was just because of the hair or what, because I don't think I really look like him. When I was growing up, I heard Jason Bateman a lot. I think when people are told they look like someone, a lot depends on what shows are popular or what hairstyles people have.



Julie Campbell
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Someone just said Katie Holmes, but I've never heard that before. If I'm told that I look like someone, it's usually Mandy Moore or Britney Spears. And it will be really random places that I hear it. Sometimes I'm at work, other times I'm out and about, and a person will just walk up and say, "You know, you look like Mandy Moore."



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I was told I looked like Janeane Garofalo once. That was about ten years ago. It was a guy I worked with. Maybe he meant because of my personality. I hope that is what he meant. I haven't heard it again since that one time.



Jerry Hopkins
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I get told I look like Jason, from the *Friday the 13th* movies. I probably don't look like the actor when he isn't wearing the hockey mask to kill people. Oh, and Hannibal "the Cannibal" Lecter. But I only get told I look like those two people when I put tortillas on my face.



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CITY HEIGHTS. \$950. Small house (rent). Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath, very clean, laundry,

yard, parking, No smoking, No pets. Near all. 3834 47th. 619-275-2648.

CLAIREMONT. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with large backyard, driveway parking and additional street parking. Gardener included. No pets. \$2375/month. www.timcassidy.com. Cassidy, Broker, 619-275-LIST x4.

CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. \$1950. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Spacious living room and remodeled kitchen, maple cabinets, Corian countertops, newer appliances. Newer Berber carpet, large screened patio, good size yard. Gardener included, attached 2-car garage. Available October 1. Call Kimbra, 858-735-5377.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house, cul-de-sac. Back yard, pool, water paid. 2 car garage. Laundry hook ups. 4664 Revillo Way. 619-698-6911. www.goldenmanagement.com

COLLEGE AREA. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Freshly painted, all appliances, washer/dryer hookups, single car garage, unlimited street parking, large yard. Walk/ bike to SDSU. 5146 Leo Street. By appointment, 619-298-7232. www.sbayproperties.com.

EL CAJON. \$1650. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, home. Garage. Newer carpet/paint, draperies, stove, refrigerator. Washer/dryer hookups. Fenced yard. No pets. Available now. Cell 619-971-1145; 619-579-8027.

ENCANTO. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer hookups. Fire-place and pool. Available 10/5/08. 5889 Toreeley Street. www.stevenleproperties.com. 619-295-1161.

HILLCREST. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors. Completely remodeled. Washer/dryer. Garage. Fully enclosed patio. Very bright. Great area, block from Balboa Park. Available now. 1526 Myrtle Avenue. 619-549-4959; 619-325-1470.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Newly redone 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, new carpet/flooring, garage, large yard, quiet, view. Near nature/bike trail. No pets. \$1500/month. 619-497-1016.

KENSINGTON. 1 bedroom duplex house, \$1200/month. 800 square feet, wood floors, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, 2 space carport, storage shed. Tiny pet OK. Gated, 1 block to village. Available October 1. 4617 Kensington Drive #1. 619-280-1800.

KENSINGTON. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with office/den. Newly refinished hardwood floors, good size vintage kitchen, formal dining room, stacked washer/dryer, private entrance to large fenced yard with garden and fountain. Water and gardener paid. 1-car garage and storage shed. Walk to village shops and easy access to all freeways. Small pet OK. Nonsmoking. Available now. 4631 Edgeware Road. \$1595. 619-683-9274.

KENSINGTON. 2 bedroom, 1 bath historic bungalow with newly refinished hardwood floors, gumwood built-ins and fireplace. Formal dining room with built-in buffet. Newly redone kitchen, breakfast nook, washer/dryer. Vintage lighting and large casement windows throughout. Water & gardener paid, fenced yard, 1-car garage. Walk to village. Nonsmoking. Small pet OK. Available now. 4633 Edgeware Road. \$2195. 619-683-9274.

KENSINGTON. Large 3 bedroom house, 1350 square feet, hardwood floors, all appliances, parking, fireplace, yard and patio. Pet on approval. Water paid. \$1800. Available October 1. 619-284-2832

LA JOLLA. \$6500. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Ocean views! 3000 square feet. Pool. Stainless appliances. Granite countertops. Built-in flat screen TV. Fireplace. Patio with fire pit. 2-car garage. Gardener and pool maintenance included. Available now. Pets Considered. 1681 Paseo Bonita. Alta Vista Properties, 858-274-3600. www.AltavistaManagement.com.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-car garage. New carpet. Deck. Canyon view. Tile floor. Wet bar. No pets. Werner Street. Call Agent, 619-692-4121.

LA JOLLA. University City. \$3495. Must see! Spacious 5 bedroom, 3 bath in UTC. All appliances, fireplace, pool, fenced yard, wood floors, garage. Pet ok. 3544 Villanova Avenue. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA. \$1625. 3 bedroom plus den, 1-1/2 bath house. New carpet. No pets. Yard, good location. 4848 Jessie Avenue. AMI Property Management. 619-697-2555.

LA MESA. \$2300. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Jacuzzi, fireplace. Outdoor grill. 4487 Panorama Drive. 619-640-7530. www.sdforrent.com.

LA MESA. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, all new, fully remodeled, separate granny unit with kitchenette, 1650 square feet. Large fenced yard. \$1995. Call 858-459-9358.

LA MESA/SAN CARLOS Lake Murray. Beautiful 6 bedroom, 3 bath. New microwave, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, water heater. New paint. Near Lake Murray

and shopping. No pets. \$2700. 6179 Balmore Drive. 619-997-2037.

LA MESA/ROLANDO. Cute 1 bedroom house, large yard. Air conditioning, storage, residential area. 4736 68th Street. Available now. \$1000 rent. Willow 619-465-4362; Carol, 619-825-8635.

LEMON GROVE. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Patio room, 1-car garage, 1 off-street parking. Totally remodeled. Available 10/1. Water/trash paid. 619-218-6314.

LEMON GROVE. \$850/rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Water/trash paid. Pets with deposit. 2314 Bonita Street, 91945. 619-520-5144.

MISSION HILLS NORTH Historical residential area. 2 bedroom 2 bath 1600-square-foot house. Garage, patio, fireplace, hardwood floors. On-site laundry. No pets. \$1895/month. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS/MIDDELTOWN. \$2300. 2+ bedroom, 1 bath house, hardwood floors, fireplace, patio. Parking. 3538 Columbia Street. www.centrecity.net. 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Downstairs basement. Washer/dryer. Backyard. Near airport. 610 West Redwood, 92103, \$2300, 619-285-9942, 619-518-1034.

MT. HELIX area. 2 bedroom, 2 bath furnished duplex, lovely wood floors, balcony with view, on hill, \$1800 with utilities. References. No dogs. 619-992-7791.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with garage. All new flooring, paint and bath! Small pet OK. 4579 Hawley Boulevard. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK, \$1650. 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath townhouse, attached garage. Large balcony, patio, fireplace. Washer/dryer hookups. Pool. Quiet neighborhood. 1867 Whaley Avenue. 951-300-6231.

NORTH PARK. \$1000. Cottage. Wood floors. Built-in china cabinet. Gated complex. Laundry on site. Available 10/5/08. 4058 Hamilton Street. www.stevenleproperties.com. 619-295-1161.

NORTH PARK. Remodeled 2 bedroom craftsman duplex. 1400 square feet. Private outdoor covered deck. Gourmet kitchen, Washer/dryer in home. Views. No pets. \$1995. 619-269-0897.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1600/rent. \$1000/deposit, 3 bedroom 1 bath. No pets. Refrigerator, stove, parking, laundry. Near Sunset Cliffs, beach. 4718 Point Lorna Avenue. Available now. 619-226-7368.

OCEAN BEACH. \$2635. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house with detached studio with kitchen and bath. Fireplace. Garage. Yard. Laundry hookups. Gardener included and water paid. 4638 Larkspur. Please call 619-222-6947.

OCEAN BEACH. Dogs allowed. 2 bedroom 1 bath, updated house, large patio, tropical backyard. Seaworld fireworks view. 2719 Clovis Street. \$1595 to \$1895/make offer, 619-822-0093.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1725. 2 bedroom, 1 bath front house. Yard. Pets considered. No parking. Washer/dryer. Available 10/7. 1947 Missouri Street. Agent, 858-514-8201.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1750. 2 bedroom, cute house with 1 car garege plus 1 space. Yard. Laundry room. Gardener. available 10/1. Pet ok. 858-270-4080; 858-483-0567.

POINT LOMA. 2 bedroom 1 bath, single-family home, in quiet neighborhood. Includes gardener. New carpet, paint. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Small pet ok. 1995, 619-517-7476.

POINT LOMA. Cozy 3 bedroom, 2 bath single-story home, harbor/bay view. Newly remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors. Stove, refrigerator. Includes gardener. 2-car garage, laundry hookup. Quiet! Available now. \$2875. For information/application, contact Stella Biggs, GM Realty. 619-384-1945.

POWAY. \$2300. Impressive 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, granite kitchen, gorgeous views, backyard, gated community. Pets considered. Move-in special. 12168 Peppertree Lane. 619-980-6076.

POWAY. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home available now. Renovated, 2-car garage, huge yard with patio. Pets OK. \$2,000. 13014 Morene Street. 619-334-6781. www.poseidonproperty.com.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$2285. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, new flooring, built in 1999, freeway close to I-15. Call Alan, 858-735-6734.

SERRA MESA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Appliances, skylights, 2-car garage, laundry hookups, fireplace, canyon lot with panoramic view. Available 12/1. 3301 Dorchester Drive. \$2050. 858-277-3410.

SOLANA BEACH. Tri-level 3 bedroom, 3 bath, ocean view, walk to beach, brand new twinhouse. No pets. Beautiful, must see! \$3200/month plus utilities. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1500. 2265 Manchester Avenue. Grace Feng. 619-985-8488.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 1 bath beautiful home, panoramic views, small

garage, off-street parking, all amenities. No pets. Available now. 619-733-8599.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1700. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with \$300 off! Wood floors. Spacious rooms. Fenced back yard. Washer/dryer. 2-car garage. Pets OK. 858-598-1111 x128. utopiamanagement.com.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 1-1/5 bath townhouse. Small yard, 1-car garage, electric stove, vertical blinds. Small pet OK on approval. Section 8 welcome! 830 Pecos. Agent, 858-560-1178.

SPRING VALLEY. \$2250. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, half-acre, ample parking, view. Travertine/wood floors, granite, stainless appliances, beautifully landscaped. No pets. Available 11/1. 619-733-8599.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$2295/month. 4 bedroom, 2 baths, 100 year old Craftsman home. Library. Dining room. Breakfast nook. Kitchen. Laundry room. Garage. Leaded windows. Distressed wood floors. High ceilings. 2400 square feet. Available now. No pets, please. 4469 Cleveland Avenue. 858-569-9390.

RENTALS APARTMENTS / CONDOS

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ALLIED GARDENS. \$900. Spacious 1 bedroom with brand new paint and carpet! Parking, laundry on site. 4550 Vandever. Manager, 619-820-2584.

ALPINE. \$950. Spacious 2 bedrooms. New carpet and vinyl. Air conditioning, on-site laundry, pool. Small pets welcome. Call about our move-in special! OAC. 619-445-0805. www.sdaptbrokers.com.

ALPINE. 2 bedrooms, \$1255. Newly remodeled. Private garages, fireplaces, vaulted ceilings. Resort-size pool and spa. Alpaine Woods, 1829 Arnold Way. 619-445-1341.

ALPINE. 55 and up. Spacious luxury living, 1 bedrooms, \$895, 2 bedrooms, \$1175. Up to \$1200 off Creekside Meadows, 1750 Arnold Way. 619-445-2480.

BALBOA PARK. \$750. Upper studio with view in quiet picturesque building near Downtown. Patio and laundry. No pets. 2449 A Street. 619-549-9542; 858-278-6135.

BALBOA PARK East. 1 bedroom, very elegant and unique, lots of wood work and built-ins, wood floors, parking. Lots of natural light and window! \$999/month. 2034 30th Street. 619-236-8159.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1025. Spanish cottage style 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Wood floors. Stove, refrigerator. Private patio. Laundry. Near all. Cat OK. 1922 3rd Avenue. 619-300-9487.

PET CENTRAL

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ADOPTABLE DOGS! The Baja Animal Sanctuary is a no-kill shelter. Our dogs live in foster care in San Diego until they are adopted. Check out our adoptablefances.org to see all of our adoptable faces. Dogs and cats are spayed/neutered and up to date on shots.

ADOPTION EVENT, Saturday 10/4, from 10am-3pm at Petco in Poway. 13375 Poway Road. For more information call Baja Animal Sanctuary at 619-231-6960.

ADOPTION EVENT every Saturday of the month from noon-6pm at PetSmart in Chula Vista, 1840 Main Street. Call Jim from the Baja Animal Sanctuary for more information, 619-341-3145.

ANIMALS HAVE NO NATIONALITY! Volunteer for Humane Society de Tijuana monthly spay/neuter clinics in poorer neighborhoods of T.J. Help end the suffering. Contact michelle@friendsofthstj.org.

AQUARIUM SALE at Octopus's Garden. 20H aquarium \$20; 29 for \$29; 40R \$40. Even a 60E is just \$60. Other tank specials also. Lots of healthy saltwater fish and beautiful corals. Protein skimmers. Lighting systems, pumps, decorations and supplies at low prices at Octopus's Garden. Noon-9pm, 7 days. Call 858-576-7449.

AQUARIUMS AND PONDS! Freshwater/ saltwater fish. Extensive reef animals. 9000 square feet. Low warehouse prices! Expertise not found in Southern California cookie-cutter stores! Aquatic Warehouse. 5466 Complex Street #204, San Diego. Behind Superior Courthouse, off Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. www.aquaticwarehouse.com. Daily, 10am-7pm. Saturday, 10am-6pm. Sunday, 11am-6pm. 858-467-9297.

AQUARIUMS FOR REPTILES. \$10-\$20. Wire and plastic cages, free, 619-449-3762.

BARBECUE FUNDRAISER. Saturday, September 27, from 2pm-6pm at Glen Avon Park in San Marcos. Food, cash bar, Chinese raffle, silent Auction. Tickets are \$25. All proceeds benefit the Baja Animal Sanctuary, a 501(c)3 organization. Contact Karen for info, 760-489-8252.

BENGAL LEOPARD BABY. Take a walk on the mild side of wild. Drop dead gorgeous. TICA registered. Canaries also available. North County/Vista. 760-724-9316.

BIRDS FOR SALE. Finches; zebras white and black cheeked \$10/each. Yellow star

BANKER'S HILL. \$1075. 1 bedroom apartment, view, patio, all utilities paid. Laundry. Great location. No pets. 2011 Front Street #9. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1800. Newly remodeled, 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. All appliances, washer/dryer, wood floors. No pets. Available 11/1. Deposit \$1800. Call 619-301-0874.

BANKER'S HILL. \$725-\$800, junior studios. \$900-\$975, studios. \$1375, 1 bedroom. Expanded cable, storage available, library, rooftop barbecue deck, laundry, small exercise room. City and harbor views. Utilities paid. No pets. Barcelona Apartments, 326 Juniper Street. 619-232-0153.

BANKER'S HILL. Balboa Park West. Spacious, bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors. Large fenced backyard. Washer/dryer in unit. Nonsmoking. No pets. \$1850, 858-272-4990.

BAY PARK. \$925. 1 bedroom. Bay Park's best maintained property with beautiful courtyard and sparkling pool. No pets. 2520 Chicago Street. TPFM, 619-405-7200. www.debonairapts.com.

CARLSBAD. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, parking included, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, balcony, fireplace, 850 square feet. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderealtors.com. 619-367-3333.

CARLSBAD. \$1795. Windsong Cove. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. 1 car attached garage; assigned parking. Pool. Spas. Available 10/1. 812-A Kalpati Circle. 858-344-5517; 858-581-2835.

CARLSBAD. \$925. 1 bedroom. Small complex with off-street parking, community laundry. Quiet street. No pets. 3366 Roosevelt Street. 760-434-7721.

CARLSBAD. Beautiful 1 and 2 bedrooms, some with fantastic views! Pool, community laundry. Gated parking. Barbecue areas. Spacious floorplans. Walk to the beach! No pets. 2303 Ocean Street. Agent 760-434-7721.

CARLSBAD/ The Grove. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs condo in gated community. All appliances. Nonsmoking. 2332 Hosp Way #208. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARMEL VALLEY. Beautiful 1 bedroom condo just minutes from Del Mar beaches, freeway, shopping. Many upgrades, amenities. Pets okay. Available now! info@reformittask.com.

CARMEL VALLEY. Looking for affordable luxury living? 1 bedrooms/2 bedrooms. Flexible leases; call for current rates. Near beaches, shopping, easy freeway access, quiet neighborhood! Free tennis, swimming lessons! Washer/dryer. Parking. Fitness center. Pool. No Pets. The Club Torrey Pines, 12646 Torrey Bluff Drive. 1-866-354-2096. www.torrey.cc. www.sdreader.com/news/rent2106.

CASA DE ORO. Seniors 55+. 1 bedroom \$675. Off-street parking, community laundry, air conditioning. On bus line and close to all conveniences. 9550 Campo Road. 619-697-8432.

finches \$50/each. Doves; silver and rare white diamond doves \$15/\$25. Parakeets \$15, birdsfromparadise51@yahoo.com.

BUY/SELL/TRADE reptiles, amphibians, turtles, tortoises, snakes, lizards. Largest reptile selection in Southern California. Voted #1 in San Diego. Pet Kingdom, 619-224-2841.

CHIHUAHUA MIX, spayed, 9lbs., 2 years, a real clown, happy, energetic. Likes attention. No kids under age 10. Shots, license, microchip \$100, 619-583-5122.

CHIHUAHUA PUPS, 7 weeks old, bottle fed babies. Calm, sweet and quiet. Males females mixed, multi-colors, \$300/each619-994-0044.

CHIHUAHUAS. Baja Animal Sanctuary has quite a few rescued, young Chihuahuas. All different colors, ages, and interesting markings. They are all looking for forever homes. Interested? Call Baja Animal Sanctuary, 619-231-6960.

COMPANION KITTENS, for your cat. Orange tabby male, brown tabby female, 8 weeks, neutered/spayed, cute playful, healthy, shy, Rescue group. \$20/donation, 760-230-1346.

DACHSHUND HALLO-WIENER. 20th annual picnic Sunday, 10/26/08, Balboa Park, corner Park boulevard and Presidents Way. Costumes encouraged, but optional, 858-342-3309, WWW.SDDC.US.

DOG LOVER? Baja Animal Sanctuary is looking for volunteers who are willing to foster dogs. We provide food, supplies, etc. All you need to provide is love. If you reside in North County please contact Patricia, 858-254-8733 or Judy, 858-538-8350. If you reside south of La Jolla, please contact Alisa, 858-270-4056.

DOGUE deBORDEAUX, beautiful female, 5-1/2 years old, gentle and affectionate nature. Well behaved. Worth \$2400. References required. \$350 to great home is 619-298-5353.

DOVE, free 858-279-0492.

DRINK FOR DOGS, Tuesday, September 30 from 5-8pm. Happy Hour at La Jolla Brew-house to Benefit Humane Society de Tijuana. Come by for great food/drink specials and raffle prizes. Contact michelle@friendsofthstj.org.

HORSE, MORGAN MARE. Registered. 10 years old. Chestnut with white blaze. 15.1 hands. Show quality. Fold times three with live births. Trailers/clips. \$1500. 619-303-9887.

KITTENS, MALE, Siamese, \$100. Taby \$10, 619-589-1370.

KITTENS. 8 weeks old, flea free, box trained. They have personality! Mother is purebred Maincoon, 3 persian mix, tabby's, black/white, long/short hair. 951-813-6516.

KITTIES, rescued. Beautiful, all ages. All full of love! Give them the wonderful homes they deserve. Adoption fee includes medicals, spay/neuter and microchip. 760-591-1211.

KOI PONDS AND WATER GARDENS. Equipment and supplies, free water testing,

CHULA VISTA. \$100 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$875 with \$600 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1100 with \$900 deposit. Available September 10. Pool, laundry room. Close to mall/freeway. 433 D Street. Call 619-651-8600.

CHULA VISTA. \$825. Comfortable 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Clean. Quiet. Secure. New paint/carpet. A must see! Laundry and pool on site. 540 Flower Street. Call Krista, 619-733-6928 or Rachael, 619-804-1044.

CHULA VISTA. 1 bedroom apartments, \$720-\$750. Deposit \$500. All utilities included. Pool, off-street parking, Laundry facilities. Call Park Regency Apartments, 619-422-0792.

CHULA VISTA. Downstairs studio, \$725/month. Utilities included. New carpet/paint/ vinyl. Jacuzzi, pool, laundry on site. Lots of storage space. Assigned gated parking. Near all. 212 Palomar. No pets. Call 619-426-

CLAIREMONT. \$875. Upstairs 1 bedroom, senior complex. On bus line. Laundry. No pets. Available October 1. By appointment only. Call 858-735-4099 or 858-560-8362.

CLAIREMONT. Free daily continental breakfast, HBO, concierge service, maid/linen service! 6-12 month lease discounts! Finished studios from \$395/week; \$1195/month! Corporate housing available. Utilities included! Microwave. Mini-refrigerator. Laundry. Pool, spa. Central location. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. California Suites Hotel, 5415 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. 888-475-7147. www.sdreader.com/news/rent2035.

CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. Wexford Manor. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms in beautiful complex with pool, spa, laundry, air conditioning, dishwasher. Sorry, no pets. \$1050-\$1375. Photos at www.WexfordLiving.com. 7870 Stalmer Street. 858-277-4843.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1100. Deposit. Gigantic 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 900 square feet. Garage. Fireplace. Patio. Laundry. No pets. Non-smoker. No Section 8. 5940 Streamview. 619-251-0030.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment, month-to-month lease, parking included, great location 1 mile from campus. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 1 bedroom in nice community. Pool, laundry, barbecue. Close to SDSU and all conveniences. No pets. 4333 College Avenue. 619-287-8380.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 1 bedroom. Near shops. Laundry room. No pets. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

COLLEGE AREA. \$935. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, new paint, appliances, 1-car garage available. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

COLLEGE AREA. 1/2 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom from \$950. Free credit application. \$100 military discount. Internet access. Gourmet kitchen. Microwave. Gas range. Air conditioning/heating. Walk-in closet. Controlled access. Free poolside Wifi. Barbecue/picnic areas. Cat friendly. Parking. Walking distance to campus. Near bus, trolley. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Pontecuzuma Road. 1-800-433-6120. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/news/rent1042.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse, \$1150. On approved credit. Gated entry, laundry, air conditioning. Assigned parking. Pool. Cat OK. 4601 63rd Street. 619-229-9248.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$1195-\$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condos. Balcony/patio. Gas stove, microwave. Central air/heat. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Gated. Pet on approval. Near all/golf course. 619-285-3822.

COLLEGE AREA. Upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 5540 Lindo Paseo #11, \$1850 month to month. Marble counters, tandem parking, steps from SDSU, People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

COLLEGE. 1 week free rent! 2 bedroom condo. Pool, gated complex, underground parking. Chrome appliances/fitings kitchen/bathroom. Small dog allowed. Available 10/1. \$1400/month. 619-265-1260.

COLLEGE/TALMADGE. 1 bedroom, \$775; 2 bedroom, \$925. Large, lower units with courtyard setting and barbecue area. Coin laundry on site. Near SDSU. Agent 619-296-3189.

DEL CERRO/SAN CARLOS. Option to buy. 2 master bedroom suites, 2-1/2 bath. Fireplace, air conditioning, 2 car garage. Walled patio. Expansive kitchen/family room. \$1795. 619-582-6310.

DEL MAR. Block to ocean! 2 bedrooms, \$1725, \$1865 and \$1895. Gated, nonsmoking community. Free cable, pool, spa. No dogs. 201 Fourth Street. 858-481-9585; mikeatla@aol.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$1493. Loft, 1 bath apartment, spectacular views, walk-in closets, central heat/air, stackable washer/dryer, 770 square feet. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2-car parking, balcony, in-unit washer/dryer, island bar. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$1900. Spacious 1 bedroom. Granite countertops, marble and carpet flooring. Air conditioned. Washer/dryer. 5th floor. Walk to Petco Park. 1480 Broadway #2521. www.utopiamanagement.com. 858-598-1111 x193.

DOWNTOWN. \$2150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2 parking, near Petco Park. Washer, dryer, refrigerator. Fireplace. 5th floor, balcony. Tile/wood floors. Marble/granite. New paint. 619-291-1190.

DOWNTOWN. \$2400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2-car parking, washer/dryer, city views, pool/spa deck, barbecue, fitness, clubhouse. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$540 and up plus deposit. Furnished room available in residential hotel with shared kitchen/bath. Includes microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. 1545 Second Avenue, between Beech and Cedar. 619-559-4413.

DOWNTOWN. \$675. Studio, 1 bath apartment, great views, all utilities paid, near Petco Park, controlled access building. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, cat OK with deposit, hardwood floors, paid water/trash/gas. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$800, studio, \$950, 1 bedroom apartment. Hardwood floors, quiet complex, gated parking, remote entry, laundry on premises. No pets. 1830 Market Street. 619-405-7368.

DOWNTOWN. Attractive rooms. Shared bath. Utilities included! Near City College! \$450-\$595/month. Weekly rates from \$125! 719 14th Street, Villa Victoria. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful building, new furnished rooms. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. Starting at \$175 weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new rooms near City College. Single rooms with kitchenettes from \$140/week plus deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmed-sd.com.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable rooms, \$450/up. Studios, \$650/up. Near Gaslamp District. Very quiet and clean. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, community kitchen, shared bathrooms. Near shopping, restaurants, movie theatres and Horton Plaza. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Avenue. Hughes Management. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net, www.sdreader.com/news/rent2097.

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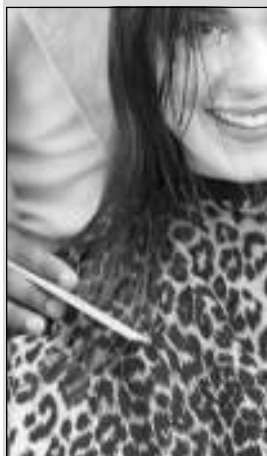
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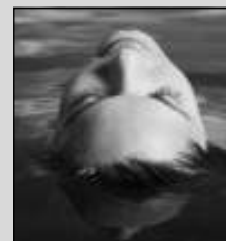
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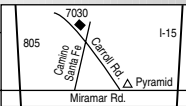
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Compelling Explanations

— Jonathan Williams, 33, was convicted of cocaine possession in England’s Guildford Crown Court in July, as jurors rejected his explanation that the pants he had on (containing the cocaine) were not his. That explanation also failed in August in Naples, Fla., for Richard Obdyke, 19, when police found a stolen debit card in his pants. In both cases, the men said they had no idea whose pants they were wearing.

— Gill Switalski, 51, filed a lawsuit in London, seeking the equivalent of almost \$40 million for her dismissal from the Foreign and Colonial investment firm, claiming she was fired illegally during an illness. However, F and C asserted in June that it found an instance during a particularly sickly spell for Switalski when she interviewed for a job at a competitor while demonstrating enough energy and drive to have received an offer of employment. Switalski said she was using an “alternative personality” during that interview.

What Goes Around, Comes Around

— According to police in Bethlehem, Pa., four kids (ages 9 to 14) grabbed a donation box in August at RiverPlace park and ran for nearby woods, with several police officers in pursuit. Three boys were caught, but the other made it a little ways into the woods before falling into a manure pit built by homeless people at their encampment. — About ten years ago, reported the *L.A. Weekly* in July, Southern California was awash with hysteria over household “toxic mold,” in which lawyers convinced jurors that a wide range of illnesses was caused by fungi that previously had

been minor irritants controlled by ordinary cleansers. (Centers for Disease Control maintains there is no basis for such hysteria and that the only at-risk people are a tiny number vulnerable to specific fungi.) Among the mold alarmists then was announcer Ed McMahon, who received a multimillion-dollar settlement after claiming that mold killed his dog. Recently, McMahon lamented his potential bankruptcy, in large part because no one wanted to buy his house (although the reason now seems more the mortgage credit crisis than the home’s alleged toxicity).

The Litigious Society

— Kevin Hansen filed a lawsuit in West Bend, Wis., in August, claiming that a clump of hair in a steak he sliced into at a Texas Roadhouse restaurant caused “severe and permanent injuries,” pain, suffering, and “disability,” requiring “extensive medical treatment.” In fact, said his lawyer Ryan Hetzel to Milwaukee’s *Journal Sentinel*, “It’s bothered the heck out of him.” (The employee who prepared the steak was fired and later pleaded guilty to a felony, explaining that he was trying to retaliate because Hansen complained about a previous order.)

— Harry Shasho filed a lawsuit against New York City in August for \$190,000, charging that his Bentley was poorly cared for at the City’s automobile impound lot in 2005. It had been confiscated after Shasho fatally struck a pedestrian (for which he was later leniently sentenced, perhaps because the pedestrian was drunk). The City claims the only damage done was from the fatal collision.

Creme de la Weird

— In July, Port St. Lucie, Fla., police stopped Timothy Placko in his car on a wooded road and discovered inside a blond wig, rope, binoculars, a small machete, knives, gloves, two bullet casings, and a film canister that contained 18 human teeth. Also on the seat was a stack of women’s sonograms that Placko said he had downloaded from the Internet. He originally told police that he had pulled off the road to call a girlfriend, but then admitted he was not calling anyone. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

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BACK WHEN

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Thirty Years Ago

My former colleague, Jonathan Saville, has the town abuzz with his “review” of Shange’s *For Colored Girls*.

I found both the poetry and the stage production of *Colored Girls* to be ambitious, adventurous, and artistic. I suppose that makes me “white, male, liberal, and guilt-ridden.” Last time I checked in on Jonathan he was all of that, too — perhaps more on several counts.

—LETTERS: **“PURPLE PROSE,”** Paul Krueger,

September 28, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Our daughters, who are two years old, pick up our phone whenever they feel like it, being bored with their toy telephones: a Princess to match Julie’s personality, and for Jeanne a business model. Those girls love phones as much as their mother does. Jane is panting to get Sprint, though I’ve held her off so far, but I expect in two years the vote will be three-to-one-I-lose. Sometimes I wonder where those Mouseketeers of mine absorb so much commercialism.

—**“THEY OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES,”** Joe Applegate,

September 29, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

On Tuesday morning, September 6, 34-year-old San Diegan Dave Clark smeared his body

with two pounds of lanolin and ran into the water at Shakespeare Beach in Dover, England. Nine hours and 47 minutes later, when he emerged from the rough sea at Cap Gris Nez, France, the beach was deserted.

Swimming the English Channel doesn’t mean much anymore, “not unless you break a world record” was the advice Clark heard from veteran distance-swimmer Florence Chadwick before he left for England. Chadwick, a veteran of four well-publicized English Channel swims and considered to be the world’s greatest female distance-swimmer, is now a downtown stockbroker with Smith Barney.

—CITY LIGHTS: **“FROM ENGLAND TO FRANCE,”**

Sue Garson, September 29, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

The *KUSI News at Ten* crew is a cast of strong, some might say florid, personalities. Unlike the sleeker, slicker 11 o’clock broadcasts on KFMB or KGTV, for example, KUSI’s program seems deliberately rough around the edges. The anchors sometimes cackle, they mispronounce words then laugh at their mistakes. The feature reporters sometimes seem in the grip of some unnameable hysteria.

—AS SEEN ON TV: **“BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE,”**

Abe Opincar, September 30, 1993

Ten Years Ago

On September 18 — the last day of KOGO talk-show host Roger Hedgecock’s annual vacation — the station filled in for him by inviting Larry Lucchino, CEO and minority owner of the San Diego Padres, to guest-host. So much of the show centered around Proposition C on the November ballot — the controversial proposal to allocate nearly \$300 million of public money to build the Padres a baseball-only stadium downtown — that one opponent of the project called the show “a two-and-a-half-hour infomercial for Proposition C.”

—CITY LIGHTS: **“RIGGED MEDIA,”** Mark Gabrish

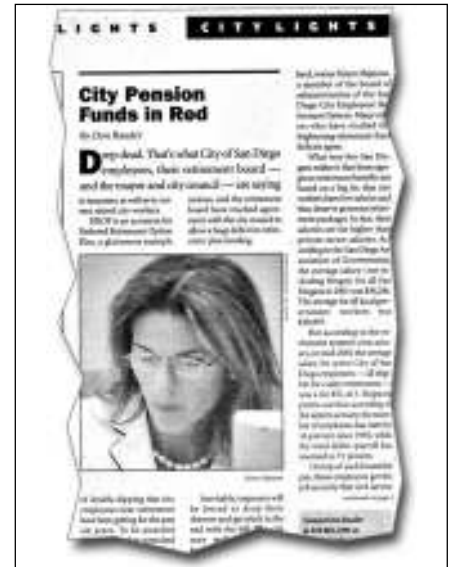
Conlan, October 1, 1998

Five Years Ago

Drop dead. That’s what City of San Diego employees, their retirement-board — and the mayor and city council — are saying to taxpayers, as well as to current retired city workers.

The city may well have to go bankrupt or sell its public land, warns Diann Shipione, a member of the board of administration of the San Diego City Employees’ Retirement System. Many others who have studied the frightening retirement-fund deficits agree.

What very few San Diegans realize is that these egregious retirement benefits are based on a big lie: that city workers have low salaries



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and thus deserve generous retirement packages. In fact, their salaries are far higher than private-sector salaries. According to the San Diego Association of Governments, the average salary (*not* including fringes) for all San Diegans in 2001 was \$36,240. The average for all local government workers was \$38,997.

—CITY LIGHTS: **“CITY PENSION FUNDS IN RED,”**

Don Bauder, September 25, 2003

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AS MY SUPERHERO ALTER EGO, NARCOLEPTIC DINGO, I plan to attack Washington and Wall Street.

Sure, sure, the trio of supervillains, Fedtsy McMoneychanger, the Tax Reaper, and Bendover Herecomesthe-porkbarrelspending Monster will try to confuse me with their exhaustive explanations of how I'm really NOT being screwed. They'll speak in the kitty-cat language, meowish, and tell me all about unicorn kisses changing my taxes into rainbows; meanwhile, my we're-all-getting-the-twin-bed-limbo sense will be going off like a fire alarm. (You don't want to know where that tingles.)

Hark! From the vice-presidential debates I hear the cry of Hayden Panettiere. "Help me, Narcoleptic Dingo! Senator Biden holds me captive. Hurry, before Sarah Palin returns with the hot sauce and Scotch tape. Oh, hurry, Narcoleptic Dingo!"

On my way, ma'am!

En route, I encounter the trio of douchebaggery, bent on stopping me.

"Look, we are in pinstriped suits and we know about finance," Fedtsy McMoneychanger growls. "We're in charge; you just need to sit back and let us —"

POOM! That's when I kick him, right in his gooseberries. With Fedtsy bent over and turning a lovely shade of heliotrope, I resume my quest.

Out of the shadows jumps the Tax Reaper. "How much did you make last year? If it's less than 250 skidillion dollars, you owe us...EVERYTHING. BWAHAHAHAHA — ulp!"

You guessed it. One swift heel, right in the pills.

Having witnessed my quick dispatch of his accomplices, Bendover Herecomestheporkbarrelspending Monster leaps from his hiding place in the alley, armed with the only weapon capable of stopping me.

"Wouldn't you like a bite of this tasty bagel?"

"Fiendish devil! You know I can't resist Jewish baked goods. But if I eat it I will fall into a heavy slumber and my efforts thus far will have been for naught!"

"Where are your pants? Never mind that. Breakfast is the most important meal of the — Oh, ho-ho!"

WHAMMO! A right boot to the Jackson Pollocks. I snatch the bagel from his clutches and tuck it into the folds of my cape for later snacking deliciousness.

"Help me, Narcoleptic Dingo!" shouts Hayden, the imprisoned damsel.

I'm on my way, Hayden. Watch out, Senator Biden. I'm not eating this bagel until your McNuggets dangle from your nostrils and Hayden's bikini hangs from my chandelier.

And I really want to eat this bagel.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SURVIVOR GABON

CBS 8:00 P.M.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Every countryman has the right, nay, the responsibility to watch one season of *Survivor* and then hate it for the rest of their natural born lives." Besides black girls, T-Jeff also loved a good reality game show. I'm not making that up; it's in the Constitution.

MY FAMILY'S GOT GUTS

NICKELODEON 8:00 P.M.

My family's got chemical dependence issues and an army of jackalopes in *luchador* masks. I win.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

NBC 6:00 P.M.

I'm holding out for the talent and evening-gown portions of the pageant. Obama's chainsaw juggling will top McCain's ventriloquism, but poking out of the old fighter

pilot's sequined dress is a pair of calves you just want to slap and bite. (Ew, I even grossed *myself* out with that one.)

THS INVESTIGATES: CULTS, RELIGION & MIND CONTROL

E! 8:00 P.M.

I see we're all in our fishnet stockings and Viking helmets, so I hereby call to order the first meeting of the Cult of Wilford Brimley's Mustache. First order of business: Yahtzee! and mix tapes. Second order of business: jumping bicycles off the ramp. Thirdly: vodka popsicles. Any questions? Good, let's get started.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

THE SANTA STRANGLER

MSNBC 8:00 P.M.

Back at *Law and Order* headquarters, a field agent takes a call, hangs up, and shouts across the room: "Looks like this is a serial case. Last week's leprechaun in that dumpster in Queens, and just now someone reported a floater, ass up in the Hudson. It's the Easter Bunny, folks."

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

THE CHEETAH GIRLS: ONE WORLD
DISNEY 8:00 P.M.

Is this about strippers? God, I hope so. If there's one thing missing from today's programming, it's shows about strippers. Doctors, lawyers, and cops I got coming out of my ears, but single mothers working on bail money for their boyfriend one-buck-per-taint-shot is a depth of society yet to be fully plumbed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

HALF THEIR SIZE: THE PEOPLE MAGAZINE WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

ABC 10:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

DIRTY SEXY MONEY

ABC 10:00 P.M.

Finally, a show about Republican congressmen and the desperation of cocaine addiction in Hollywood's privileged nightlife scene. Or, wait, I might be mixing my political views with Robert Downey Jr. in *Less Than Zero*. No, no, I was right the first time.



Dirty Sexy Money

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

CBS 7:00 P.M.

Hold steady, Hayden. Hold steady. Narcoleptic Dingo rides tonight!

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COWBOY BOOTS, Tony Lama, excellent, men's 8D, as new \$50. Filson cotton vest, new, men's medium \$50. Sheepskin coat, men's medium, good, \$100. 619-260-8482.

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MySpace, where Cherry X. Flaymz and her crow's feet grin at Baldwin from cyberspace.

By John Brizzolara

Visitation weekends are an anxiety experience for Baldwin, punctuated by sheer bliss. Baldwin is in his 50s and lives in Mission Hills. His little boy is 32 years old. Since 2003 he has registered bipolar into the red, now reading schizophrenia after having metered past schizoaffect some two years ago. Danny Baldwin lives in Oceanside, a block from where his mom works at a corporate job for a lawn-furniture manufacturer. Driving west on 78 on this Friday evening, all Baldwin can think about is his first stint in rehab after Danny's diagnosis and Baldwin's subsequent public intoxication charge at some chain restaurant in Mission Valley he does not recall.

The therapist, a black man named Figg, asked the group of men, "How many come from a divorced couple?" Three out of five raised their hands. Baldwin's parents had stayed together, though the young Baldwin had often prayed for a divorce, even a death (he confessed this 40 years later to a priest he never saw in a North Park confessional), so he sat back. He watched Figg lift a sheet of blank typing paper and say, "This is what divorce does to a kid," and ripped the sheet pretty cleanly in half. One guy, about 40, wept into his hands, and the whole session was about him after that. Baldwin now remembers how he had laughed, maybe aloud, and muttered glibly to himself, "It ain't me, babe."

Now, eight years later, as he pulls up to Dan's building, the image of his son as two half sheets of paper seems ridiculous. Father and son will talk about moving in together again over this weekend, make some sensible choices; Danny sounded fine, in that stable phase between manic and emotionless. It is his birthday.

The light in North County is different, he thinks as the sun sets toward Japan — more watery, if that makes any sense.

Baldwin thinks of amniotic fluid for some reason, and this is accompanied by a phrase he hasn't thought of in decades: meconium staining. It was why Dan was turned away at Lennox Hill Hospital on another Friday night three decades ago and sent downtown to Beth Israel, where they had the right machine or something. The phrase meant that his son had shit in the womb. Baldwin grins, shakes his head.

"Hi, Dad. Do you have to smoke?" Dan's not smiling, but he seldom does. His eyes seem darker than the hazel Baldwin remembers. It's on the birth certificate.

"No, not right now. I won't if you say the word." His son, every bit of 300 pounds, had dyed his hair blue a month ago. It appears a kind of cocktail-lounge-pianist henna now, and something in the young man's voice alarms Baldwin. "Is your mom coming? Because I brought some steaks."

"Any minute. I'm starving. There's nothing here." Baldwin hears this constantly and goes to the refrigerator. It is empty except for bottled Arrowhead and two-liter Mountain Dew and Pepsi. His son has again thrown out everything: mustard, fruit, and butter, all kinds of stuff, to present a picture of hardship. He would later claim they were expired. Baldwin says nothing.

"Dad, there might be a girl coming over. I'm kind of embarrassed."

"What? Really?" This could be bad. Danny hadn't been in the company of a woman his own age since shortly before he was beaten by her former boyfriend stalker, launching his son's mind across the parking lot of Pizz-Orama in Vista.

"She's a porn star." His son points to the computer screen: MySpace, where Cherry X. Flaymz and her crow's feet grin at Baldwin from cyberspace.

"Dan, man. This is a goof, man. She's in L.A. and she's a pro. She's not coming, buddy. No. Look, let's..."

"Dreams don't come true. Not with you, Dad. Right? You're a failure, so dreams don't come true." He's fuming, strangling fistfuls of nothing. A knock at the door. "Come in."

"Hi, Dan. Hi, Bob. I've got some groceries." Anne immediately senses it's going south. "What's up?"

"I have a girl coming over, and Dad is ruining it."

"What?"

Baldwin explains briefly. His son simmers.

"Your dad is..."

"He's always right. You hate him and he's still right!"

"Nobody hates anybody. Calm down."

Danny propels himself several feet toward his mother. Baldwin steps between them, faces his son — "Whoa, whoa!" — who reaches past him, grabbing his mother's necklace.

"That's Grandma's. Stop it! You're hurting me!"

"You're making Dad mad."

"I'm not mad. Look at me, I'm crying. What's wrong? Stop this. Don't hurt her."

His right arm is around Danny's shoulders in a hug, and his left arm grips his son's wrists. He is trying to pull them away from Anne's fingers, which are at her throat, clutching the broken necklace. He says, "You don't want to do this. Please."



"This family is going down. See?" He commends his full weight to his parents. Everyone is sinking to the linoleum. "Dad can't support me. You can but you won't. You have thousands and thousands of dollars and you won't! You see? This family is going down and you won't stop it!"

Baldwin fights tears. His ex-wife no longer bothers. When her former husband frees their son's wrist from her sweater and fingers, she lunges backward, reaching with her left hand toward her son's shoulder for balance. Danny lies between them as they try to extricate themselves from this brutal, comic posture. A man and woman, the man in his late 50s, the woman in her early 60s, are poised over the large bulk of their prostrate son on the floor and vainly trying to stroke, lift, pat, cradle, extend hands, and at the same time free themselves.

Anne manages her way to her feet. Baldwin waves her toward the door. "Go, go. Call them. Do it." Danny gets to his feet and bounds after her, but Baldwin stops him at the head of the stairs beyond the front door. Other doors are closing, slamming, or slowly creaking shut in the summer night with the whimper of whipped dogs.

Baldwin stays the night but does not sleep. His son does not sleep but paces and surfs the computer almost violently, the volume too high. The sounds of websites booming, fading, jabbering, rapping, fade and swell as Danny paces and kicks at debris on the floor.

Near 5 a.m. Baldwin drifts off long enough to dream. His son, born just seconds earlier, has slipped off of the delivery table. His mother gropes, helpless from above, while Baldwin looks drunkenly down at his child: pale and bloody with the umbilical cord bisecting his slick body like a wound. Baldwin says something to his son that only makes sense later, and even then, barely. In the dream he says, "Let me get another sheet."

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