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A man and a woman are seen from behind, looking at a large, vibrant abstract painting. The man, on the left, has curly brown hair and is wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans. He is holding a small digital camera. The woman, on the right, has dark hair and is wearing a black tank top and a red skirt. She is holding a small green card or brochure. The painting they are looking at is a large, colorful abstract work with splatters of red, yellow, blue, and green paint on a white background. The overall style is expressive and dynamic.

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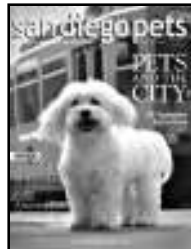
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messy loose ends. Latest development: Copley has settled a trademark violation complaint brought on February 29 of this year in federal court by Mannis Communications of Pacific Beach, owner of the *La Jolla Village News* and other local papers. Mannis claimed that Copley's *Union-Tribune* had impinged on its rights regarding a monthly magazine Mannis began publishing in December 2005 called *San Diego Pets* and its tagline "A Lifestyle Magazine for Pet Lovers." The

suit calls both the name and tagline "valuable and irreplaceable assets of plaintiff." The 60-page pet-publication idea was so successful, the suit recounts, that Mannis hired a business broker who offered to sell both the publication and website to Copley, which turned the idea down in August 2007. But then, less than two months later, in October 2007, the complaint says, Copley "advertised it was starting a new publication called 'Tails' in direct competition with plaintiff." Copley's tagline was "lifestyles of the San Diego pet," which Mannis alleged was "not independently created, but rather a modified version of the plaintiff's tagline." And that wasn't all, Mannis claimed. Just before launching the publication, Copley changed the name from *Tails* to *SD Pets*, even though it had "knowledge of the plaintiff's 'San Diego Pets' publication." Making matters even worse, the complaint says, Copley "undercut plaintiff's advertising rates for San Diego Pets Magazine." In its April response, Copley denied it stole anything from Mannis. Last week, the parties settled out of court for undisclosed terms. The firm's **Julie Mannis Hoisington** declined to comment on the case or its outcome.

Flip-flop

Back in 1997, Chargers owner **Alex Spanos** didn't have anything at all good to say about voter referendums. That was when the multimillionaire developer was waging war against San Diegans who were seeking to put taxpayer financing of a \$78 million addition to Jack Murphy Stadium on the ballot. Spanos lost that battle when thousands of citizens lined up to sign petitions in record time to put the project before voters. He went on to win the war when the city council — led by then-Mayor **Susan Golding**, a beneficiary of Spanos



Alex Spanos

campaign cash — killed the public vote by canceling \$18 million of the public financing and selling the stadium naming rights to Qualcomm for the same amount; a judge later upheld the backstage deal.

But now, in his hometown of Stockton, Spanos is mounting his very own referendum drive. Last month the city council there reached a settlement with state attorney general **Jerry Brown**, who threatened a lawsuit challenging the city's Spanos-favored general plan allowing urban sprawl and a doubling of the city's population by 2035. The deal with Brown calls for "green standards" for new buildings and other ways to reduce greenhouse gases. In response, Spanos has formed a referendum committee to put the settlement on the ballot.

Called the Alliance for Responsible Planning, the group is running newspaper ads claiming that "the public was shut out of the process that led to the dramatic changes that have just been made to the Stockton General Plan." That drew an incredulous editorial response from the *Stockton Record*: "Come on, the Spanos Cos., one of the most savvy, aggressive and deep-pocketed developers around, was cut out of the process? If so, it likely would be a first. No, the Spanos Cos. liked the developer-driven General Plan approved earlier but does not like what it perceives to be the green-leaning, in-fill-promoting settlement the council worked out after being sued by the Sierra Club and threatened with a suit by Brown."

Campaign moola The pro- and anti-gay-marriage campaigns continue to rack up prodigious contribution totals. Last week the Yes on 8 forces, seeking a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in the state, picked up \$5000 from La Jolla's **Jim Vargas**. Rancho Santa Fe's **Jonathan Bullen**, CEO of Eagle Gate College Group, a Salt Lake City-based career college chain, gave \$20,000 in favor of the measure, which lags in recent polls. ... Democratic assembly candidate **Marty Block**, running to replace the GOP's termed-out **Shirley Horton**, received a cool \$208,500 from the Democratic State Central Committee last week. ... Assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña**, running for her final term, threw two fund-raisers here last weekend. The first: her second annual "Golf Tournament and/or wine reception," at Mission Valley's Riverwalk Golf Club. Title sponsorships went for \$3600. It was hosted by Speaker **Karen Bass**, with special guest **John Laird**, chairman of the powerful budget committee. Later, a VIP reception for Laird was held at Wine Steals in Hillcrest; the tab there was \$1000 a person.



Marty Block

— Matt Potter

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The Disreputable Inherit the Earth

By Don Bauder

Hubris and horse manure go together. Just look at the national economic scene: in the past half century, America has

turned economic logic on its head, with the gunslingers grinning all the way. Now we face the consequences. It's true of San Diego too. The old values have been arrogantly jettisoned. Now the piper wants his money.

Let's begin with the national picture. Fifty years ago, derivatives were almost unknown, and for good reason. People knew them to be gambling instruments, not investments. Back in the old days, guys with green eyeshades and fat cigars peddled puts and calls from smoke-filled offices that were often shared with bookies. It was not a reputable business.

Then in 1973, the Chicago Board Options Exchange was born. It sold these instruments — the puts, calls, strips,

straddles, swaps — on an organized exchange. Initially, respectable people cocked an eyebrow at this wide-open gambling. (Derivatives are not assets or investments but



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Nancy Graham

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Derivatives expanded exponentially and so did hubris. Financial companies claimed they had discovered a magic method for handling risk. Derivatives known as credit default swaps would guarantee a company's debt. These swaps were then traded over the counter, almost totally

unregulated.

Deregulation was critical to this new mentality. The old walls between banks and brokerage houses were torn down. Bank-reserve requirements were loosened; after all, banks had new computerized risk models and new tools — such as derivatives and offshore hideaways — that lessened the need for those stuffy old reserve requirements of yore. Thus arose the shadow banking system, which resembles a Ponzi scheme.

Remember when banks referred to themselves with words like "trust"? Back then, it was not a sin for a bank to be conservative, cautious. Now the face value of global derivatives is more than a quadrillion dollars. The U.S. government is going broke bailing out institutions like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as well as the banks and investment banks that are tied to derivatives. Then when the bankers were drooling over a \$700 billion taxpayer bailout, they bitterly opposed the House of Representatives' passage of a bill to give credit cardholders more rights. The Federal Reserve fears the interconnectedness of the derivatives that caused the chaos; that is another way of saying that these crapshoot gambling chits of 50 years ago now control the financial world. Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, Fannie and Freddie, AIG, Lehman Brothers — their woes were

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Neal Obermeyer



Gas Trackers

By Joe Deegan

Kenneth Reisig belongs to a bevy of volunteers who post retail gasoline prices on *sandiegogasprices.com*. The resource belongs to GasBuddy Orga-

nization Inc.'s collection of websites that allow consumers to compare gas prices in cities all over the United States. "It's not that hard to post prices," Reisig writes in an email, "and it would be nicer if a few more people would take the little bit of time to help out."

Reisig lives in San Carlos and keeps an eye on three gas stations at the corner of Lake Murray Boulevard and Navajo Road. "Competition plays a great role in prices," he says. "Apparently the person [who] makes the decision to raise or lower the prices for the Exxon station goes home at a certain time on Friday night, and then Chevron will go out and lower their prices to stay lower on the

other two stations."

But Reisig usually buys his gas elsewhere. *Sandiegogasprices.com* has a map of the lowest prices in town that allows him to find the stations he frequents at the most opportune time. "I have a Shell credit card," he says, "where I get a 5 percent rebate. So I tend to watch the Shell stations to see what they are doing. This is where it's nice to have San Diego gas prices around. Even though I don't go past the Shell stations as often as the [stations] on Lake Murray and Navajo, I can get on the Internet and see what the price is before I make the drive to the Shell station."

Without the rebate Reisig gets with his credit card, he is

24 hours, with some coming in only an hour or two earlier. On the last day I looked, there was not a Shell, Chevron, or Mobil station among the lowest priced. On the highest-priced list, there were five Shell stations, three Mobils, and two Chevrons.

Across San Diego County, prices can vary over a dollar. Early last week, the lowest price for regular unleaded was \$3.48 at an Arco station in Imperial Beach, while the highest was \$4.69 at a Shell on the corner of Euclid Avenue and Division Street in National City.

Vicki De Mull, another gas buddy, lived in the Fallbrook area until July, when she moved to Ramona. In her view, the move took her from the most expensive gas-price area to the least expensive. "In Fallbrook and Bonsall," De Mull tells me by phone, "I think it's the low volume of gas sold that's responsible for high prices. The lowest price was at an AM/PM station, and it was higher than at most of the stations in Ramona." De Mull cites greater competition among Ramona's stations as the reason for its low gas prices.

"I wouldn't call it exactly a gas war," says De Mull, who has been posting to *sandiegogasprices.com* for two years and says she follows a strict budget, "although the Stars station took their diesel prices real low a little over a month ago. [*Sandiegogasprices.com* reports on prices for diesel and premium gasoline as well as regular unleaded.] So a truck company in Chula Vista brought almost its entire fleet up here and pumped all night. The manager at Stars told me they spent over \$12,000."

A comparison of two Valero station prices, however, indicates that volume and competition aren't the only factors governing gas prices. Early last week, the Valero in Ramona offered regular unleaded for \$3.69, while the price at the Coronado Valero was \$3.99. An additional cause for the difference was likely "zone pricing." Oil companies establish zones of higher and lower prices based on numerous criteria, including average income in an area.

Jason Toews, who co-founded GasBuddy Organi-



Shell station at Euclid Avenue and Division Street

zation, Inc., in 2000, tells me by phone from his headquarters in Minnesota that zone pricing can cause price variations of as much as 20 to 30 cents per gallon. "A lot of zone pricing is simply what the refineries think the market will bear in an area," he says. "If it's an affluent neighborhood, people tend to be a little less price sensitive and a little more focused on factors like a convenient location or a station having a nice car wash."

Is the proximity of some stations to the border, I ask, likely to affect prices? I am thinking of Imperial Beach, where gas wars have kept prices lower than the rest of the county. Wouldn't Pemex prices in Tijuana tempt at least the owners of motor homes to fill empty tanks? Toews cites hassles, such as having to go through customs, as making gas prices on the other side of a border unlikely to influence consumers.

For an external perspective on GasBuddy's efforts in San Diego, I call Charles Langley, an oil industry analyst for the local Utility Consumers' Action Network. "Boy, I'm glad you called," he tells me. Langley carries a bit of resentment toward GasBuddy for commercializing an idea that he says he and his brother Robert launched as a non-profit effort in 1996. "We had the first cheap gasoline website in the country at *fuel-tracker.com*. Last year, the webmaster, who happened to be my little brother, died unex-

pectedly. We were able to keep the site limping along for about six months, and then everything imploded. I've recently been rebuilding the website. It will be running again soon."

Langley does agree with Toews about the heavy hand that zone pricing lays on gaso-

can underprice his gasoline, and they can use it to slowly strangle the independent guys to death.

"The message is that, if you, Mr. Independent Dealer, price your gas more than two cents below the nearest Arco, you will be disciplined. If you



Dawn DuRall

line markets. What keeps prices low in some areas, however, is a large number of independent stations, which the major companies have to compete with. According to Langley, local independents commonly get their gas from a "spot market" in Los Angeles, which is created by brokers buying up the surplus gas of refineries and "splash blending" a little ethanol into it. The process can bring the wholesale price for the independents down as much as 30 cents.

"What often happens," Langley tells me, "is that a brand-name refinery like Unocal, Shell, Chevron will subsidize one of its dealers in a very competitive market like Ramona so that that dealer

go too low, we are going to hurt you. You are vulnerable, and you better watch out. We've got the money to sell gas at what for you would be a ten-cents-a-gallon loss. Even Costco toes the line. If you go and look at an Arco and a Costco, the Costco will be two cents cheaper than the nearest Arco, unless there's been a rapid price change. Sometimes you've got to give them a few hours to react."

"Arco maintains a price floor," Langley continues,

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Thrifty station at 33rd Street and University Avenue

weekend. The Exxon station keeps their prices where they're at until Monday, and then they adjust to beat the Chevron station by a penny or so, so that they are the lowest. I think that, without the competition, the Exxon station would be much higher. The Arco station affects the prices also, but not as much. Arco usually runs about ten cents lower than the

unlikely to find a good price at a San Diego Shell station. He probably won't do well at Mobil or Chevron stations either. On *sandiegogasprices.com*'s home page, there are two revealing lists: the 15 lowest prices for regular unleaded gas in San Diego County and the 15 highest. For both lists, most prices have been posted within the previous

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all tied to derivatives, most of which are deliberately so complex they are impossible to understand.

Thus did derivatives climb out of dank bookie joints and come to dominate the world financial structure. But even though the government bails out the malefactors, \$100 million-a-year executives still prefer deregulation. They want the government to hand them money but not tie their hands in any way. Hubris and horse manure go together.

Just look at San Diego. In 1996, the City hosted the Republican convention. The idea was to tout then-Mayor Susan Golding for the U.S. Senate. Golding's money manipulator, Jack McGrory, found a source of lucre for supporting the convention: the pension fund. It was tapped. When the labor unions found out, they screamed. So they were promised more bene-

fits. The city council gave workers the ability to purchase, at a below-cost price, benefits for which they had not worked. When the mistake was discovered, employees were given several months to purchase credits at the actuarially inaccurate rates. People piled in, and the City lost \$146 million. Employees also got the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), which is egregious double-dipping. Employees at age 55 say they will retire in five years. They continue getting their salaries, but in addition, 90 percent of their highest one-year salary is deposited into their personal account each year, drawing 8 percent annual interest and cost-of-living adjustments. Then they retire with both an annuity and a lump-sum payment from the DROP account.

With astonishing hubris, officials declared this manna wonderful. They seemed surprised when a huge deficit arose. Then they illegally con-

cealed the deficit in bond prospectuses. "They thought we could increase the benefits and decrease the contributions and there wouldn't be a deficit," says City Attorney Mike Aguirre, who is being attacked for going to court to try to do something about it.

The developer Sunroad decided to defy the Federal Aviation Administration by placing a tall building too close to an airport. Mayor Jerry Sanders, who had received major contributions from Sunroad and its owner, tried to help. They were thwarted, but not before Sanders's ethics czar wrote a hilarious study attempting to whitewash the mayor's role.

"They ignored the fire problem," not following suggestions of a fire chief who resigned in frustration, notes Aguirre. "And they ignore the water problem, although we are more dependent on water from elsewhere than other cities," says Aguirre. But all along, the Sanders adminis-

tration has assured the public that both the fire-protection and water problems are under control. Yes, horse manure inexorably follows hubris.

Just as derivatives came to dominate international finance, redevelopment came to dominate and distort the local real estate scene. It started with the state telling cities that it would let them take a much larger percentage of the tax increment if they did redevelopment in so-called blighted areas. Prevarication became the main tool of governments: downtown San Diego was declared blighted. The City set up the Centre City Development Corporation and Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, and their missions were to line the pockets of developers by twisting the definition of blight.

When an organization's core mission is dishonest, there are going to be scandals. An audit has found that Carolyn Smith, president of

Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, authorized more than \$870,000 in sometimes fraudulent extra pay to herself and her subordinates between 2003 and 2008.

When Nancy Graham was named head of Centre City in late October of 2005, the search committee boasted that it had "conducted a well-defined and thorough national search," according to a news release. Yeah, it was thorough. The South Florida media at that time were full of stories about Graham's conflicts of interest with a private developer named Related. I had a *Reader* column hitting on those conflicts in November of 2005, before she arrived. The California wing of Related was named to do a big project at Seventh and Market. In April of this year, I asked Graham if she had any conflicts of interest. "I have intentionally stayed away from this deal. I was at some meetings where we were not able to reach agreement," she snapped,

adding that she was getting annoyed with "unfortunate rumors or conspiracy theories that get started around here." It later came out that she had accepted money from Related in 2007 while receiving \$248,000 a year from Centre City. She resigned and left San Diego; the project was canceled. Aguirre is prosecuting her.

But Sanders reappointed three Centre City boardmembers who hadn't done their due diligence on Graham, and the council agreed by a 7-to-1 vote. Donna Frye dissented, saying Centre City needed an ethical overhaul.

When she was running for mayor against Sanders in 2005, Frye said that Centre City should pay back \$100 million that it owed to the City. Sanders "said it would kill a cash cow; he was all gloom and doom about the idea," recalls Frye. But in his new budget, he is asking for money from Centre City, "and everybody says what a great

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idea he has. I find it entertaining," chuckles Frye, who sees Sanders's biggest problem as "the failure to deal with the financial problems."

San Diego's basic fault, says Frye, is that "it continues to reward bad behavior," just as Congress rewards Wall Street's bad behavior. It takes hubris and buckets of horse manure to do that. ■

Gas trackers

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"and they can raise or lower that price floor at will. For Arco, which is a cash-only station, the enemy has always been these little unbranded independents, and they'd love to see them go. They just see them as ticks on the belly of the big-oil cash cow."

Langley tells me that the Utility Consumers' Action Network "used gas spotters

for years," even before launching *fueltracker.com*. When gasoline cost only \$1.35 a gallon, the concern on local residents' minds was that gas prices were 25 cents higher here than in Los Angeles. "Now, over the years, we've seen the gouge gap diminish to just over a few cents, which is pretty much accountable to what it costs to move the stuff through the pipeline," says Langley.

Today, people want to use the Internet to find the best gas prices they can. By helping them do that, *sandiegogasprices.com* "has become a great com-

mercial success," says Langley. "*Sandiegogasprices.com* is not a nonprofit organization," he explains. "And I'm troubled by some of the products that have been advertised on their website, such as fuel-saving devices. When people go to a cheap-gas website, it's because they're hurting financially. Then they see the advertisement for a pill that's going to magically give them 40 miles per gallon."

Such ads aren't the only kind on the site. It also displays ads for credit-card companies — and even Nordstrom, which doesn't seem to figure, given the site's appeal to peo-

ple who are supposedly in financial pain.

Strict financial limitations, however, do characterize the lifestyle of Dawn DuRall. She is a mother of three, and her husband is disabled. DuRall uses a minivan for errands, school pickups, and trips to the doctor. She also works full time in Point Loma. The DuRalls live in North Park. "I post prices on *sandiegogasprices.com* for gas stations along or near University Avenue in North Park and in Point Loma. But I've recently been using buses and the trolley to go to work. What I discovered when gas prices

reached \$3 a gallon was that it's more economical to use public transit than drive our minivan. And we don't have enough money right now to buy a more fuel-efficient car."

DuRall uses the *sandiegogasprices.com* map to find the lowest prices she can before making a trip across town or even out of town. "For instance," she tells me, "when we want to go to Los Angeles or Orange County, I don't have to rely on gas just off the freeway in Tustin, where it's real high, but can locate a station three or four blocks further away that's more reasonable." ■



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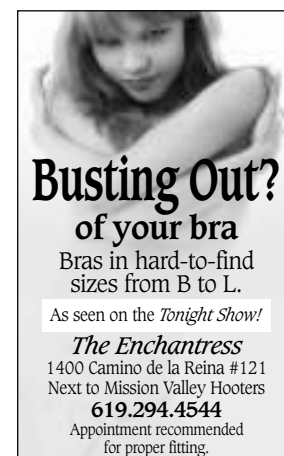
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A Puzzle, A Dog, And A Smoke

I just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed reading the article entitled “I Never Inhale” (Cover Story, September 25) as I was sitting on my balcony watching the golfers on the 18th hole while smoking a Hoyo de Monterrey, which I purchased from an Internet company. Nothing better than a good cigar, the *Reader* puzzle, and your dog by your side. Life is good.

Glen D. Cournoyer
via email

Moving Targets

Reading the article “Road’s End” (“City Lights,” Sep-

tember 25), I had to laugh. Of course participation in the Rosarito Ensenada Fun Bicycle Ride is down. Who wants to get shot at, raped, kidnapped, or worse while riding your bike? City officials and business leaders in Rosarito think they have received bad and unfair media coverage??? I guess in their mind, the truth hurts — business that is.

To blame you and the rest of the media for hurting Mexican tourism is a joke. They need to take a step back and look at themselves in the mirror. There’s so much crime and corruption down there, they should only be blaming themselves. The public relations director for Rosarito, Ron Raposa, better start looking at all the crime in his city as reason for the demise of the bike ride instead of the so-called biased, unbalanced, and unfair reporting. Who the hell wants to go to Mexico???

D.S.
via email

Seven-Year Survivors

My husband and I (both in our 60s) have lived in Mexico for several years. We have a cliffside beach home that would cost several million in the U.S. (cost us \$385,000) and are surrounded by beautiful mountains and ocean bays, see dolphins and whales from our balcony. We are 250 miles south of the Arizona border in San Carlos, very close to Guaymas (state of Sonora). We travel by car on the toll road from here to the border on a monthly basis to visit family, and I have traveled it alone several times.

Last year we visited 25 states of Mexico, covered 7000 miles, for a period of five weeks, sleeping about half the time in the back of our converted van. We never *once felt in danger* and had the time of our lives. The crime here is minimal, although I have to admit there have been some recent news articles regarding capture of drug dealers. However, we feel very safe, and as my husband says, “even feel safer here than in Phoenix.” At least no school shootings!

Crime happens everywhere. Yes, one must be careful. The police here are very helpful — no bad

dealings with them at all. I’ve been stopped for speeding but usually get off with a warning. I think I will stay out of Tijuana, however, and the Texas border seems to be experiencing problems as well. I ask myself why the Arizona border seems relatively safe (although there have been drug-related killings there as well). But again, there are weekly drug-related killings in Phoenix also, as well as, I am sure, in all major metropolitan areas of the U.S.

All I can say is, *we love Mexico* and will be here probably the rest of our lives. We live at a much higher level on less money and love the warm, friendly people, the beauty, the fresh fruits, vegetables, fish, lobsters, crab, shrimp, etc., etc., etc. Must say also the youth as a whole are wonderful kids. We teach country dancing to them and find them delightful! Recently had a dance festival in Hermosillo with an attendance of 800 kids from the northern region of Mexico. Find the youth very kind to one another and respectful!

Pamela Lopez
via email

We’re Cornball Rednecks

What was the point of this article (“Foreign Tourists Invade,” Cover Story, September 18)? Was it ghost-written by the San Diego visitors’ bureau? You picked four or five tourists who enjoyed San Diego, with the typical comments about the weather, beaches, etc. But how about the other side of the story? When I have visitors or relatives over, within a day or two I hear the same complaints about the sweltering heat, lack of things to do, the inadequate “downtown,” mediocre restaurants, and lack of significant culture. My Asian relatives from Hawaii say they feel “uncomfortable in this redneck town.” (Now, there is an angle worth investigating, don’t you think?)

As you know, a basic rule of good journalism is to present both sides of the story. Otherwise you end up with a biased and probably boring article. The article was bland pap; tell us the dirt on San Diego, what people really think; then you have a story with edge

and interest. To blather on about the so-called weather and the beaches is preaching to the converted. We have all heard this propaganda countless times; who cares?

The truth of the matter is that anyone who has lived in a real city knows what a cornball place this town is. If you are a jock, like to work out, follow the silly sports teams, think beer and burritos are gourmet dining, then you will love San Diego. The rest of us just suffer in silence.

Rico Gardiner
Mission Hills

“Sporting Box” Surprise

Kudos for Patrick Daugherty’s very funny article, “A Word About Electrical Safety” (“Sporting Box,” September 18). I’m cutting it out to use as a sort of model of just how funny good writing can be, in hopes that I’ll eventually have a potential author to show it to and say, “*Read this and understand*, (you heathen!)”

You deserve a medal, for starters, for coming up with such a witty title. (For precise reasons that elude me now, it really cracks me up.)

Then, the winding, roundabout pace of your article is somehow exactly right, as is your use of repetition, which seems to me is probably hard to do (i.e., “before that we were college students, travelers, pipeline laborers, college students, and travelers”).

Nicely phrased “all comprehension flees,” by the way, and I love the idea of your trying to communicate your question in sign language!

Finally, “with the electrical season coming on” is just a brilliant way to end your piece; it reminds me of *The Goon Show* or *Monty Python* at their best.

So, I never bothered reading *anything* in the *Reader’s* “Sporting Box” feature before — it just seemed too boring for words. From now on, though, I’m going to have to take a more considered look at *every corner* of the @#\$%^&* *Reader*, before it finds its inevitable way into the recycling bin.

Mark Allen
via email

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Dear Matt:

They're already starting to advertise for old people to get flu shots this year. It's starting to piss me off. I don't get the flu in the winter, I have about five colds. Why do they have a vaccine for old people for flu, when many, many more people get colds every year? It makes more sense to eliminate colds. Why hasn't anyone come up with a cold shot?

— Achooo, via email

A cold vaccine? Oh, poor baby. Crazy from the sniffles? Sneezing got you low down? Tickle throat made you swoon? Well, suck it up. No head-cold shot on the medical horizon in your lifetime. Researchers would say they have enough on their plates, what with all the conjuring of preventive vaccines for the serious and deadly things that takes up their days. At last count, there were nearly 250 different cold viruses flying around in our germy air. Tackling them one by one would be futile. The sweat-benefit ratio simply isn't there. Every year in the U.S. about 36,000 people die from influenza. When was the last time you saw a headstone that read, "Here lies Walt, dispatched in his prime by what he'd insisted was the worst head cold anyone ever had"?

The flu virus appears in only three forms, A, B, and, um, oh yeah, C. Type A is the one that hits most people. One thing type A is good at is mutating — continually tweaking its internal structure a bit. This is why today's vaccine is most effective on yesterday's virus. As fast as they research, science guys are always a year behind. But any type-A vaccine is better than no type-A vaccine, so doctors still strongly recommend that certain populations get a shot every year. The true flu virus invades the whole respiratory system and hits it much harder than does the cold virus. It also causes a high fever and general fatigue. Healthy people can eventually shake it off, but old or compromised people might not be able to.

So, what about stomach flu, you ask. Well, you didn't ask, but I'm going to answer it anyway. So, stomach flu. Is that just the regular type-A influenza virus with a bad sense of direction? In fact there's no such thing as stomach flu, which won't stop us from using it as an excuse to call in sick to work, though. What we call stomach flu physicians call gastroenteritis — a severely twitchy and irritated gut. Caused by bad bacteria from things like spoiled food or funky water.

Best way to avoid both cold and flu viruses? Wash your hands. Wash 'em like you're OCD. Viruses can lurk on hard surfaces for several hours. And avoid sneezers and coughers. Good advice even after flu season, I'd think.

Dear Straight from the Hip:

This may be a strange question, but it must be asked on my part. Over the year I have noticed a strange plant disease. It is bright orange, so it's hard to miss. It can grow on bushes and trees, killing its hosts in a matter of weeks. I have seen it on the way to Barona, coming home from Carlsbad, on Telegraph Canyon Road, 94 to Dulzura, and close to my home in Chula Vista. Since I have seen it first up north, it was a curious thing to see. What maybe I could do to stop the spread.

— Curious Spreading, Chula Vista

The creepy, bright-orange-colored spider web that spreads over bushes along our roads is called dodder. Like nature's own Halloween decorations. It is a parasitic plant and dang hard to get rid of. It's not likely that you'll end up with the stuff around your house; it's mostly an agricultural and wild-area pest. But if you have a good host plant and a seed wanders by, you might get dodderized.

From a distance, what we see is a thick mat of pale green, yellow, or orange stems covering the host. Up close we'd see bunches of small white flowers that produce three tiny but tough seeds each, from spring through fall. Thousands of them. We'd also notice that the dodder stem has wound around the stem and branches of the host plant and at intervals has sent suckers (haustoria) into the host's vascular tissue. They're sucking out the juicy juices.

So, what to do about it. If the dodder's established, you have to cut down the host plant below the first haustoria attachment. The evil suckers left inside the host can regenerate a whole new dodder plant if you just rip off the stems of the old plant. Put the whole mess into plastic bags, seal them, and dump them. Professionals can light a controlled burn if the infestation is widespread. There are some biological and chemical controls too.

The sneaky thing that you might not notice as you're chopping down your infested plants is that dodder seeds are hitching a ride on your shoes and clothes. So when you're through dedodderizing your plants, strip off all your clothes and burn them before you leave the area so you don't spread a trail of seeds behind you. And expect to have to do this year after year unless you replant nonhost plants. Dodder never sleeps.

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By Patrick Daugherty

Old School

The Dalles, Oregon, is found on the south bank of the Columbia River, 85 miles upstream from Portland. Today's population of 12,000 is about what it was 20 years ago. They grow cereal grains, sweet cherries, apples, and wheat hereabouts. I'm in town to attend the 90th birthday celebration of Doris Anderson, mother of my best friend and, on occasion, a stand-in mom for me.

The Dalles is an unusual town to an outsider because so much of it is intact. The downtown, surrounding homes, and high school look untouched from 50 years ago. The small, paint-chipped J.C. Penny's is still open for business. Tony's Clothing still sells the finest "town and country" apparel. The StitchNiche and Klindt's bookstore are ready to welcome you. Out on the west end of town there is the sinkhole of Staples, Kmart, all the crap, but somehow, traditional small town businesses have survived. It's not cute. It's not historic. It's a working downtown.

The town's bowling alley is Columbia Recreations Lanes with the big, early Vegas-style neon sign running across its front façade. Inside, the decor is Bowling Museum. Think Atari computer, disco glitter ball, rugs featuring Dayglo bowling pins and bowling balls. There are eight lanes on the ground floor and eight more on the second floor. The man behind the counter is Bob Wright, 56. He looks retired military, with a linebacker's torso, close-cut grey hair, and big white mustache. He's been working here since 2004.

I ask, "What's your normal Saturday night like?"

"From April through October everybody works in the fields, 7 days a week, 12 hours a day. They usually come in on Sunday afternoons.

"We don't have anybody in here on Saturday nights any more. It's gotten really scarce. We have regular leagues during the fall, and they'll go all the way to May 31. And there's a girls team and a boys team from high school. We used to have their trophies down here, but now that bowling is becoming a college sport, the school is starting to keep the trophies, so we don't have the trophies anymore."

I ask, "How did you come by the job?"

"Got tired of the other work I was doing," Wright laughs. "I did security for 25 years. I was

in charge of a security company in Arizona. I got tired of standing up all night.

"I started off in the back as a pin chaser, watching the machines for pin jams, collecting balls that got stuck. Once I learned a little bit about the back end, they moved me forward."

Wright tells me he's been married 17 years and has a 13-year-old son. His son has, "...Asperger's, and a little Tourette's. He's home-schooled. He likes it here because it's small and quiet. He had trouble in the big school and the big city. Here he doesn't. Bowling is the first thing that he's ever liked.

"The second year I was here I got into a league with my son. It was hard for him at first because he's not good with big crowds. He wasn't doing too well. Then I gave him a dollar for every strike, 50 cents for every spare. He got pretty good.

"We have a recap board that shows the highest bowlers, the ones who have the best averages. He's up there with the second or the third highest score. He's got a bunch of trophies and things."

Wright takes me upstairs and down a narrow hallway into a workroom to look at pin-setting machines. This is a 1950s country mechanic's shop. Tin ducts overhead, work tables, parts bin, the feel of oil and grease and the sound of big machinery. Everything is *well-used*. The noise is terrific.

Wright says, "I started out as a pinsetter. You're supposed to walk back and forth along the machines (There is a small plywood walkway over the bank of pinsetters), and make sure that the pins don't jam. These are the old machines. The distributor bar is all ball bearings. Sometimes the little cotter pin on the ball bearing will break, or the felt breaks. Usually, it's a spring or a belt."

We talk for awhile and then turn and retrace our steps along the hallway. Wright stops before a framed poster. The poster reads, "Marvel Heroes Bowling Club. Bowl and Get Your Favorite Marvel Heroes Bowling Ball & Bag." There are depictions of Spider-Man, Iron Man, Incredible Hulk and Fantastic Four. Wright says, "It is a piece of history. Marvel Heroes for the kids. You get a superhero ball, a duffle bag, and everything else for bowling the season." Wright studies the poster, says, "Matter of fact, if you want that you can have it."

"Well, sure Bob, I'd love to have it."

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Helix and Otay Ranch play even through final whistle

Posted September 27, 2008, 2:00 a.m.

The Highlanders and Mustangs tied Friday night 19-19.

For Helix senior receiver and defensive back Travon Van, the tie did not feel so good.

"I hate a tie — I'd rather lose," said defensive back Travon Van. "I can't stand it."

Otay junior quarterback Juan Leary: "It's not as disappointing as a loss. We had our mistakes here and there, but all in all it was a good game," Leary said.

In his third start as varsity quarterback, Leary finished 13-for-25 with two touchdowns and an interception. He picked up big gains on the ground by running the option.

Both teams matched one another's big plays. Both teams also matched one another's miscues, including missed field goals and extra points in both halves.

Otay Ranch responded with a pair of touchdown passes from Leary to senior running back Jordan Jenkins. The second of the scores was a 30-yard strike that put the Mustangs ahead 19-12 with 4:44 remaining — a lead that didn't last for long.

Just 21 seconds after falling behind by seven, Helix evened the game at 19 on a 77-yard touchdown pass from Highlanders quarterback Ty Culver to Van.

"Coach Starr was, like, 'We need a break out of you. The team's under adversity — you better strike,'" Van said. "So I had to come through for my team."

The ball changed possession three times in the final 4:27 of the game, but neither team could manage any more points.



Helix linebacker Anthony Diaz is helped off the field after injuring his shoulder in the fourth quarter

Friday night scoreboard

Posted September 26, 2008, 11:20 p.m.

Kearny 56 at San Diego Southwest 34

at Ramona 49, Horizon 12

Mission Hills 23 vs Chula Vista 0 (at Otay Ranch HS)

at Valhalla 35, Brawley 0

Olympian 42 vs Escondido Charter 7 (at Escondido HS)

at Calexico 65, Vincent Memorial 0

at Mission Viejo 42, Vista 20

at Cathedral Catholic 30, Carlsbad 13

Clairemont 16 at San Marcos 14

Serra 40 at Mar Vista 8

Christian 42 vs Sweetwater 17 (at Hilltop HS)

at Francis Parker 63, El Centro Southwest 12

at Fallbrook 24, El Camino 0

Mt. Carmel 35 at Rancho Bernardo 7

Rancho Buena Vista 28 at San Pasqual 21

at Poway 18, Torrey Pines 14

at Granite Hills 42, Orange Glen 21



Otay Ranch tight end Martin Cuiriz

Valley Center 34 at Mater Dei 6
at West Hills 27, Montgomery 14
Central Union 39 at Santana 30
Monte Vista 7 at Grossmont 0
Otay Ranch 19 at Helix 19 (tie)
at Eastlake 21, Steele Canyon 14
Anaheim Esperanza 51 at Mt. Miguel 7
Bonita Vista 28 at Castle Park 20
Imperial 16 at Palo Verde 13
Tri-City Christian def. San Pasqual Academy, forfeit
at Arrowhead Christian 60, Midway Baptist 22
Santa Margarita 18 at La Costa Canyon 14
Lincoln 60 at San Diego 10
at Patrick Henry 31, Hilltop 6
at Scripps Ranch 47, Morse 7
St. Augustine 28 at La Jolla 10
at Lucerne Valley 60, Calvary Christian 6
at Hoover 55, Crawford 7
Mira Mesa 55 at Point Loma 14
Coronado 44 at Mission Bay 19
at Army-Navy 20, Holtville 0
Canada Foothills 25 at Julian 16
Desert Chapel 62 at Warner 18

Westview teams up for hot start

Posted September 26, 2008, 1:37 a.m.

Westview has started the season 3-0 for the first time since 2004. The reason for their early-season success is no secret.

"We're all close. We've bonded really well," said junior quarterback Tommy Hansen.

Playing as a team helped Westview overcome sticky situations in their first two games of the season. Against Francis Parker on September 5, the Wolverines trailed 17-0 to start the game and scored 10 points in the final quarter for a 27-24 win.

The following week against Granite Hills, Westview trailed 20-7 in the first quarter. They quickly overcame that deficit to take a 21-20 halftime lead but again had to rally in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Eagles 16-0 en route to a 37-27 victory.

"Westview teams of the past have just given up when they got behind. We haven't," said senior wide receiver Steven Sousa.

After the two dramatic wins, Westview crushed University City 59-13 on September 19. Though each of the Wolverines wins has been distinctly different, they do have one thing in common — they were all played at home.

"It's going to be strange going on the road this week," Woodward said about Westview's game at Orange Glen next Friday.



Otay Ranch cheerleaders screaming for the Prep Pigskin Report camera

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Independent Christian Churches
Address: 6970 San Miguel Ave, Lemon Grove, 619-465-1888
Founded locally: 1963
Senior pastor: David Skates
Congregation size: about 300
Staff size: 6, including part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 112, including adults
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: young adult program
Dress: casual to semiformal
Diversity: majority Caucasian, also Hispanic and African American
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Website: cclg.org

"New Eyes for New Hearts" was the theme of the service at Christian Church of Lemon Grove. On the stage, four tall boxes wrapped to look like presents made splashes of bright color in the mostly gray room and heralded the church's new motto: "Commit [to Jesus], Connect [with His church], Learn [to grow], Give [back what He's given]."

A little ways into the service, the band slowed from their wind-and-brass groove and got slow and sentimental: "Open our eyes Lord/ We want to see Jesus/ To reach out and touch Him/ And say that we love Him..."

Before Communion, a speaker meditated upon that desire and that sight. "We were created in His image, but sometimes we don't understand all the ramifications of that." One such ramification: "We should think and act like God. He's a God of loving relationships.... He and Christ and the Holy Spirit have always coexisted. I believe God wants us to have a similar lifestyle" — a loving relationship with Him, with our families, and with our church. "If it's all about God, these relationships will glorify Him.... To be in this designed relationship with all these different groups requires us to be in obedience to His commands.... I challenge each of us to study God's word, to learn the rules of living the life we were designed to live...and focus on the love of God."

During the sermon, Pastor Skates pointed out another way to learn those rules — by putting on Christ. "Jesus wants to work on all of us, so we can have His vision. The vision to see reality, to see the truth in the midst of the lies that we're surrounded by in this world." (Earlier, he had mentioned the importance of defining marriage as "one man and one woman.")

The choir sang: "Be thou my vision... Be thou my best thought."

But more than intellectual sight, Skates dwelt upon seeing others through Jesus' lens of compassion. He talked about "spiritual myopia, where we see only what's up close — 'It's all about me!' Spiritual lazy eye, where we

see the problem but we don't do anything. And spiritual dry eye, where we see the problem and it doesn't break our heart. We lack compassion." And compassion, said Skates, was Jesus' hallmark — so much so that He is the only actual person to whom it is applied in the New Testament. "It's the strongest word they had in the original Greek to describe being deeply moved." Skates ran through several examples of Jesus' compassion — toward the sick, the confused, the blind, the demon-possessed, the hungry, the grieving, and even the sinful. ("Her many sins have been forgiven," He said of the woman who washed His feet with her tears, "for she loved much.")

To help gain this compassionate sight, the church had scheduled a Faith in Action Sunday for October 12. Children's Sunday school would be held at a park, where others might see and hear. A cleanup project was scheduled at the home of a single mother. More cleanup at a restaurant that trained

homeless teens. Visits to shut-ins. And outreach to prisoners through the Kairos ministry. "Is there anyone here who cannot pray?" asked the organizer. No one raised a hand. "Right. So pray for us. We have specific dates to let you know the time to stop and pray for us. Prayer is very important for this program. But so are the letters, so are the cookies, so is the prayer chain.... Last year, this church sent more Agape love stuff — the letters, the cookies, the prayer chains — than any of the other churches. This makes a difference to these prisoners. Kairos has a better than 50 percent success rate of turning these guys' hearts around and bringing them to the love of the Lord. Guys in the prison system know that Kairos makes a difference because Jesus makes a difference."

Before the collection, a congregant

offered this prayer: "As we go into our pockets...we are doing a powerful thing. You are paving the way for us as we do this to further Your great kingdom. I just pray that You use us, use the money we give You, in any capacity You can."

At the end of the service, the choir sang: "May our homes be filled with dancing/ May our streets be filled with joy/ May injustice bow to Jesus/ And the people turn to pray."

What happens when we die?

"I think that in this life, we're choosing where we want to spend eternity," said Skates. "God votes for us and Satan votes against us, and we cast the deciding vote. To die is to be present with the Lord; He wants us to be with Him, but He's not going to force us to be with Him."

— Matthew Lickona



DAVID SKATES

Christian Church of Lemon Grove
Lemon Grove
★★

Sermon

content.....★★½
delivery.....★★½

Liturgy.....★★½

Music

congregational.....★★
band.....★★½

Snacks.....★½

Architecture.....★½

Friendliness.....★★½

Poor to satisfactory.....(none)

Good.....★

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

Halloween-costume planning around here starts before the previous Halloween's candy has been eaten. Detailed conversations, elaborate sketches, and shopping lists are tossed about among the kids in preparation for the next year's holiday. This past year was no different. The kids were working with multiple costume ideas, all of which seemed to involve a lot of money and a lot of Mom.

Dad got wind of it and announced at the dinner table that this would be a year of homespun costumes, minimal purchases, and maximum creativity. After some grumbling, the kids got behind the thought, and I set to work collecting some ideas.

"My sister and seven of her friends went as an eight-pack of Crayola crayons," offered friend David. "They bought four-by-four-foot sheets of thick, colored paper and drew the Crayola emblem and the color name on the paper. Then they rolled them into tubes, which they wore around their bodies suspended by strings over their shoulders. From another section of paper, they rolled cone hats for their heads. It worked out well as a group costume."

"My pals John and Mike went to a college Halloween dance as oysters on Triscuits," laughed hubby Patrick. "They put black plastic trash bags over their heads and duct-taped pieces of cardboard to their backs. With an orange trash bag, you could go as cheese on crackers," he added.

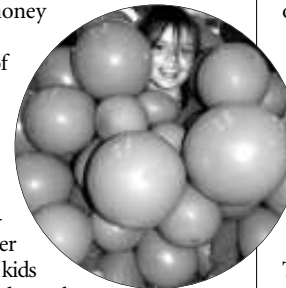
Following the cheese theme, pal Mary suggested a chunk of Swiss. "We took a huge cardboard box, cut away one of the sides, and shaped the bottom into a triangle. That got us the wedge shape. Then we spray-painted it yellow, cut holes out for the head, arms, and torso, and my son went as a hunk of cheese. But go for a small hunk of cheese; we went big, and it was a bit difficult navigating crowded porches."

"With the same idea, but using brown spray-paint, you could go as a slice of chocolate cake," she added.

"For a costume party one year," offered friend Bernice, "my son went as Sherlock Holmes. I happened to own a houndstooth dress, which my mom helped cut down into a cape. We did go out and buy a Sherlock Holmes hat, and he wore black pants and carried a magnifying glass and a pipe."

"His friend went as a fall tree," continued Bernice. "They bought some silk fall leaves from a craft store, attached them to sticks, and had a huge branch of them coming up from the boy's back. He wore a green shirt, and around his legs, they formed a wide trunk from brown packaging paper. And they painted some fall leaves on his face. He won a prize at the church Halloween party."

"At boarding school, I went to a party with a friend as parallel lines," offered friend Cathy. "We were studying the ancient Greek geometer Euclid at the time, so people understood the costume. We each dressed all in black,



"The Statue of Liberty was one of my best homespun costumes."

and we did a skit moving constantly in parallel lines to the second movement of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony."

"I threw together a last-minute costume once," my friend Patty said with a smile. "I blew up a bunch of purple balloons and pinned them all over my body and went as a bunch of grapes. Another time, a bunch of us took black trash bags and went as the California Raisins."

"The Statue of Liberty was one of my best homespun costumes," replied sister Nancy. "I dyed a sheet of gray-green color and wrapped it in toga form around me. Then, from foam board, I cut out the crown, and I carried a cardboard torch."

"I also made a clown costume for my daughter from felt and pom-poms," she continued. "I loosely stitched felt triangles to the collar of a white sweatshirt and pom-poms down her front. I wrapped a party hat in felt and glued pom-poms on that and tied pom-poms to her shoes. She was the cutest clown ever."

"And my husband went as Midas," she added. "He wore a toga and painted his skin gold."

"One Halloween I went with a bunch of my friends as the holiday of Christmas," said Julie. "One guy took a cardboard box, cut holes out for his head and arms, and wrapped it in wrapping paper. And he had a huge gift bow on his head. Another friend dressed in brown and attached fresh boughs from a pine tree all over his body. Halfway through trick-or-treating, he was complaining of being sticky from sap. And another friend dressed up as Santa Claus. It was fun to see people's reactions when they opened their front door to a different holiday."

"There are a couple rules in our home," explained sister Meg. "The costume has to be homespun, and if you are dressed up as a person, you have to pick a historical or famous person. I think you might as well combine a little learning with all the fun. One year we had Cleopatra, with a sheet wrapped around her, heavy black eyeliner, and dyed black hair. Another year we had an Annie Oakley and a Marie Antoinette. We had found a Marie Antoinette wig at a garage sale; how can you pass that up? Another year, my daughter went as a hobbit. She fashioned a corn-cob pipe and wore a vest and a cape, and she glued fuzzy brown fur to her shoes for the hairy feet. She happened to be going through — how do you say this nicely? — a short, squat stage, so the idea worked."

If her kids don't want to be historical figures, Meg lets them be inanimate objects. "My son was a Lego once. He took a cardboard box and glued tuna cans to the top and spray-painted the box red. Another time, he went as dice, spray-painting the box white with black dots."

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by Barbarella

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— William Morris

David was both appreciative and apprehensive when I offered to help him. He desired my company while tackling the dreaded grunt work, but he worried about the extent of my involvement, probably because I'd made that comment about donning my "no-mercy hat" as we got into the car. David wanted an assistant, not a director, but he knew the chore ahead would be less miserable for both of us if I were allowed to take control.

When David signed the lease for a studio in East Village over a year ago, the 600-square-foot space was to serve the dual purpose of office and storage. The plan was for David to move his computers, desks, and photographic paraphernalia to the studio, thereby expanding the area of our home where we entertain guests. Even with

all his work equipment in the studio, there would be room left over for all of the stuff currently squeezed into a 70-square-foot storage closet we own on another floor in our building, thus freeing that space to store frequently accessed items such as wine, toolboxes, candles, and other items now squirreled away in bathroom cabinets and hall closets.

I had assumed the moving would begin as soon as the ink dried on the lease. But I had forgotten about all the crap in the 400-square-foot garage beneath our old apartment in Kensington, which David had continued to rent after we moved into our condo. Because that

lease was up and the new one had begun, David simply moved the two-car garage's worth of boxes and crates to the studio. And there the load sat, untouched and uninspected, for one year.

"It's like unclogging a drain," David said, as we stood surveying piles of boxes and cardboard cylinders containing large photographs. "And this studio is the ball of hair."

"So, like, everything's going to flow once this is cleaned out? You'll move your stuff out of the living room and storage unit over to here, and we'll actually have a dining table for the first time...ever?"

David bristled a bit when I mentioned the dining table, our lack of which has restricted us to frenetic cocktail soirees with canapés in lieu of the calm dinner parties with courses that he'd love to host. The table had nothing to do with the matter at hand; we don't even plan to put it anywhere near the area of the living room he's currently using as his office. Being naturally antagonistic, I just couldn't resist an opportunity to remind my love of yet another thing on our task list — a part of me delighted in seeing that exasperated look on his face, probably because, a moment after it appeared, I was able to banish the disgruntlement with reassuring sentiments.

"What I mean," David said, once I had

him smiling again, "is that I've been holding off on home improvements because everything starts with organizing this space. This is more than cleaning up for me. It's making progress in life."

"All right, then, let's get started," I said. "First we'll go through these boxes."

"No, first we have to move everything to that wall, because I plan to put shelves along this wall," he said.

"I know it seems daunting to go through this stuff, especially seeing as you haven't opened some of these in I don't even want to think about how many years. But, beh beh, instead of moving shit back and forth, let's actually deal with it. I have a feeling a lot of this will be trash, and if we throw it away now, we'll have less to move back and forth later."

"You want to throw my things in the trash?" David said this in a heartbreaking, "How can you say there's no Santa?" tone of voice.

"Look, I'm just trying to help," I said, hoping to guilt him into acquiescence. "Remember that organizing seminar we went to a few years ago? What did she say?" Rather than waiting, I supplied the answer. "She said if you haven't used it in five years, it's got to go. I bet if I chucked half this stuff, you wouldn't even know what was missing."

David sat on the floor and began

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unloading a large box; I stood beside him and sifted through a crate. Every few seconds, I would hold up an item and say, “You don’t need this. Trash?” I’d wait for him to nod before placing it in the big white plastic bag. David grumbled here and there, but an hour in, I’d filled three large bags and broken down four boxes. It all seemed so simple and easy. But that was before David happened upon a box filled with my stuff, things I’d forgotten I’d had, but which, upon seeing, I couldn’t live without.

“What are you going to do with two packages of magnets?” David asked. “They don’t even stick to our fridge.”

Stumped for an answer, I went on the offense. “You’re one to talk, or did you not notice that you’re holding a box filled with rocks?”

“Whoa, now, each one of these has a story,” he said, before insisting I hear each story right then and there.

“Okay, I get the rocks are cool; I have a little collection of pretty things on my desk too. But these tapes — what did you call them? Beta? Right out.”

We agreed to keep the dominoes and two sets of Scrabble (to add to the four we have at home).

We also opted to hang on to the handcrafted box David’s sister Michelle had made for him and the beautiful blown-glass oil lamp. We made ourselves swear that we’d find a place at home to display them, or else they, too, must go.

I was perplexed by a collection of strange, gearlike contraptions and suggested we toss the whole shebang. “No, wait, these are the alternate pedals that go with my bike, and I might need them for when I sell it,” said David. I gave him a “Yeah, right, you’re going to sell the bike you’ve had for 20 years” look, to which David snapped, “I’ve even begun researching how much it’s worth.”

I raised my brows. “Remember what she said — it’s only worth something when you sell it.”

“Come on,” David said, “I didn’t give you a hard time about those colored pencils, even though you never draw. And what about the electronic piano you haven’t played since we moved?” I sighed my understanding and returned my attention to the heap I’d been working on.

“Yoo-hoo,” I trilled a few minutes later. When David looked my way, I waved an old tennis rac-

quet back and forth. “When was the last time you played?” David’s eyes went skyward. “You don’t remember, do you. Okay. Goodwill bag?”

David hung his head and, in the softest voice he’d used all day, he said, “I know it makes no sense, but I can’t get rid of it, not yet.” Before I could ask why, he continued, “It’s not particularly sentimental, and if we do start playing, I know that any cheap, modern racket at the store is probably better than that one. It’s just that I remember playing with that racquet, and a part of me thinks that I won’t be able to play well with another one.” That was more introspection and explanation than I’d expected, so I relented and set the racquet not in, but beside the trash bag.

After three hours, we called it a day. There was still an overwhelming

amount to organize, and plenty of things from which we needed to detach if we were to clear some serious space for all those other things we hang on to and want to put there. After he lowered his dusty body into the car, David said, “You know what I just thought? Imagine how liberating it would be to completely purge everything.”

“Mother Teresa did that; she seemed pretty peaceful,” I said.

“I mean, to just completely let go. Of all of it.”

“That’s all very Zen, beh beh,” I said. Then, in an impulsive flash, I actually thought it was a good idea. “Let’s do it, then. Seriously, I’ll get rid of yours and you get rid of mine, and that way it won’t be so hard, and we’ll just lose everything in both storage areas.” I could tell from the manic energy coursing through

my veins that my eyes were probably wet and wide, my nostrils most likely flaring.

For a beat, and not one instant more, David seemed to consider my proposal. Then, looking at me the way you’re supposed to look at someone

who just said something preposterous, he said, “Now, that’s just crazy talk.” ■

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Artists are the



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I: Acquisition

This story begins with an ending: an estate sale in a Hillcrest apartment, scanning the rooms of the deceased, picking through what was left behind. I once heard that Hillcrest used to be referred to as the Gay Nineties, "since everyone there was either gay or ninety."

This particular apartment almost certainly belonged to one of the latter category — everything dim-lit and draped, full of heavy furniture and frilly knickknacks, a bygone elegance gone to seed. And a painting, beat to hell but still displaying the artist's skill: a

painting of a saint, bedecked with robes and halo, writing at a desk while an attendant angel held his inkwell. A writer's painting — even if you didn't subscribe to the whole angels-and-haloes scenario, it was a short imaginative jump to seeing the thing as depicting a visit from the Muse. The saint's hand was raised in surprise as he lifted his head from his paper and beheld the angel, bearing a feather-pen of another color. "Oh, I didn't see you there! What's that? Try writing *this* way? Why, thank you!"

"Sixteenth-century Spanish Colonial," read the tag. "\$400."

"How much will you take for the painting?"

"Make me an offer," said the man running the sale, his voice slippery with confident ease.

"How about \$75?"

The man's voice picked up a little grit. "Oh, no. I couldn't let it go for less than \$300. A man came in just a while ago and said he'd pay \$500. He said it might appraise for \$5000." (This was some time ago, when *Antiques Roadshow* was at

its cultural peak.) Risible as the claim was, I didn't argue. I wanted the painting — not for appraisal, but for me. I paid the \$300.

For years, the painting hung in my foyer in all its low-rent glory, a sad testament to the fear of becoming bourgeois: "See, I may own a gen-u-ine old-fashioned oil painting in a big gilt frame, but it's okay — look at that gash in the canvas! Look at the flaking paint! See the ragged edge down there at the bottom! For heaven's sake, it even looks like somebody ran a strip of duct tape over half the saint's face! See here, how

the canvas is flattened, how the colors are less faded, how bits of paint have been lifted away?"

But when, two years later, you're driving the kids down to Baskin-Robbins in La Mesa, and there, just across the

II: Assessment

"Artists are the worst people," says Milroy Harrison, art restorer, bending my somewhat ruined canvas. "They don't care what they paint on. These painters, unless they were sponsored, they'd got no

What's more, "Those men in the 1800s were making their own varnishes and their own cleaners. Eighty percent of the paintings in museums are finished or restored improperly."

Some are even begun improperly. "When an artist paints," says Harrison, "he gets his achievement out of that last day on the easel. For the artist, that's the end of the painting's life. But it's not, really; it's the beginning of its life. A hundred years later, you might get something like this old German painting." He gestures at a nearby easel displaying an image of a landscape. Near the top, the hazy blue sky is bulging out, doing an impression of a windshield after some poor soul's head has slammed into it. "This is what we call 'cupping' — there's air gotten underneath." Harrison points to the tiny lines radiating out from the bulge's center. "And this is what we call 'the spider's web' — very soon, it's going to go out in a circle and start cracking, and the paint will fall off. It's because it was ill prepared. The undercoat is not even gesso." Without the animal glue — "the only glue that can be regenerated with water" — in the gesso, the paint has little hope of

Harrison says, "We're trying to get the painting to talk to us."

street, you see the gold-lettered sign for Harrison's of London, Art & Frame Restoration, Art & Antique Conservators — well, how is a body, bourgeois despite all fears, to resist?

money for materials. They'd use any damn thing. I had a painting once that was done on two pieces of plywood; it looked as though the artist had fetched them out of the dustbin."

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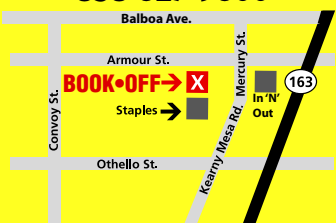
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clinging to the canvas for over a century's worth of expansions and contractions brought on by changes in temperature and humidity.

But the trouble, in my painting's case, did not come in the beginning, nor in the finishing. And it had never been restored — not really. A session under a black light convinces Harrison

lay. Fungus, on the other hand, would show up as white dots; happily, he finds none.

Mostly, the problem is just that the painting is old and was poorly looked after. The fraying along the bottom? "I've seen this before. I think this was on a screen in an old stone Catholic church. Then it was propped up in the base-

not good. It's almost too tight. If anything fell against this, it'd go straight through. The canvas moves all during the day and night." If the frame can't be adjusted as the canvas shrinks...

Whether it was the too-tight canvas that caused the great right-angle tear in the painting, we shall never know. But the tear is there and patched by a couple of pieces of brown linen glued to the back of the canvas. "Feel this — it's like cement," notes Harrison, tapping the fibers of the original canvas where they are stuck to the linen backing. Farther up, a small hole has received similar treatment.

The back of the canvas also sports an odd symbol that runs off the edge — more evidence for the cut-down theory. Harrison is stumped as to the symbol's meaning, and it bothers him. But the

"Feel this — it's like cement."

that whatever paint remains on the canvas is original. Newer stuff, laid over the original varnish, would have shown up as dark patches, he explains. The golden vine trailing along the saint's robe and cloak appears black under the light, and Harrison guesses that, while original, the vine was painted on after the initial painting had dried — a kind of dramatic over-

ment of the church, virtually sitting in water. It's been cut down — you wouldn't get an artist cutting off the bottom of the tablecloth like this."

And after it was cut down, it was glued onto a frame. Not wrapped around a proper stretcher, with blocks at the corners that allow for manual expansion and contraction, but glued to a fixed wooden rectangle. "That's

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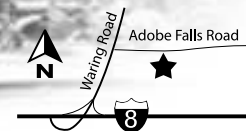
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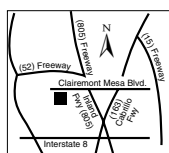
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biggest mystery, the thing that remains stubbornly silent when Harrison says, “We’re trying to get the painting to talk to us,” is the tape. It’s gone now, but its former placement is plainly visible on the painting’s face — long, overlapping rectangles of damage, the flaked paint and brighter colors bearing witness to a protective covering that took a toll when removed. But a gummy residue on the painting’s backside makes it pretty clear that the tape was placed *there*, not on the front. How to explain the effect? And why was

the tape put there in the first place? Its path covers no crack, no fault or tear. A mystery.

Finally, says Harrison, “It’s been scrubbed. Look at the nubs of the canvas” — bare and brown amid the red of the robes. “A painting can have up to seven layers of paint — the last two or three are glazes, to get the depth of color. Those are gone here.”

Restoration will mean, to some extent, replacing what has been removed. “We don’t want to repaint the original,” says Harrison. “We’ll

never get it back to 100 percent, but we may be able to get it back to 80 percent.” To do that, he says, “You’ve got to know colors,” know the way they’ll blend when layered and glazed. “You can use

“Saliva is the strongest solvent you’ve got.”

black, seal it, put a thin layer of white on, and you’ve got gray — the black bleeds through. Then you can start working with your other tones — your blues and

purples. The biggest job in restoring — and this takes years of training — is that you’ve got to figure out how the artist mixed the paint, how he painted, what kind of brush he used. I remember, back

when I’d just gotten out on my own, I got an oil painting by Stanfield, a well-known English marine painter. Somebody had put a cigarette through it. Stanfield

always did beautiful sunsets, and it took me weeks to get the color of the evening sky. I was going with whites and blues, and then by sheer luck, I put a touch of black in there one night, and *bang*.

“Some paints are thick,” he continues, “and leave great lines on the canvas. And some are flat and runny. I’ll use a glass palette, and I’ll keep all my warm colors in one place and my cold colors in another place. You put a nub of each color you need in the center, and you keep playing with them. You can always see

where you’ve done work, because you did it. But many people can’t.”

But painting is a long way off. (In fact, Harrison won’t even be the one to do it. He’ll retire to Colorado before the painting is finished, and the job will fall to his successor at Harrison’s of London, Teresa Brunston.) Before the glorious edifice can be made new, there is the matter of the unseen foundation. Before poppy oil, pigment, and glaze, there is good old malt vinegar, a trade secret Harrison brought with him from England.

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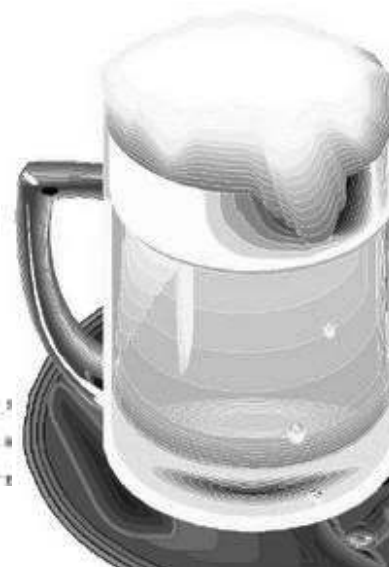
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III: The Picture-Repairer: A History

Easter, 1945: A country village in Sherwood Forest, to which Harrison and his family had been evacuated. "I was 14, and they put us out of

school — the teacher was still at war, and we had no chance of staying on. I remember my mum saying, 'What do you want to do?' I had no idea. But I had always been good at drawing, so she took me

down to the Nottingham School of Art. That was a good job, going to an art school. Pleased me to no end. It was a Monday morning, drizzling. My mum booked me in, and as we walked down the

corridor, there was a hyacinth — I can still smell it; every year, I have to buy at least one. We got to the room, and there were quite a few easels. The lecturer said, 'Come on up,' so I worked my

way up between the easels, and there, at the front, was a nude woman. I'd never seen one before. I thought, 'Well, you can't go wrong here.' And the lecturer said, 'Go, sit over there, and draw this

model your way.' "

Harrison's art school idyll lasted only a few weeks. "My dad was a coal miner, and he always said, 'You'll never go down a coal mine.' " (Though the hazards of the job probably wouldn't have killed him — Harrison, compactly built and large of knuckle, seems to possess a kind of bulldog indestructibility.) "One day, he came in and said, 'I've met a picture-repairer.' They call them restorers now, but they were workmen in those days — my mentor, Bill Mullins, wore a flat cap and overalls. Dad said, 'I'm putting you in as an apprentice for seven years. I'm going to pay him, and you'll have two and sixpence a week pocket money.' " And so the course of Harrison's life, for the next 63 years, was set.

"I settled in quite nicely," he recalls, "and after a few months, Mullins put me in the Guild, which was a godsend. The Guild was like a mother; it looked after you. They didn't teach you, but they made sure you were taught. They sent me to Italy when I was a teenager. I was in Siena, working with this old man. He had me up on this ladder, working on a figure set into a wall; we were going to take the gold off, seal it, and re-gild it. I said, 'When was this gold put on?' He said, 'About 500 years ago.' I nearly fell off the ladder. This runs through me all the time: they always said, 'You're not really interested in the client; you're not interested in the money; you're not interested in you. You're interested in the piece.' I was touching something that had been gilt 500 years ago."

During his Siena sojourn, "We used to go and sit on a little bank under a tree just off the main square for our lunch. He used to bring a little bottle of wine and some crispy bread and some cheese, and his wife

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sent some for me. While he was eating, he used to scratch at the clay and put it in his box." Later, "He took me down to Pompeii," to work on restoring a mural. "At one point, he said, 'Get me some raw sienna.' I'm a typical British kid; I'm going through his beautiful box of paints, looking for a tube of raw sienna. And he's laughing at me. He got down, took a piece of the clay and a mortar and pestle, and ground it with some poppy oil. We made our own raw sienna. It's the old school."

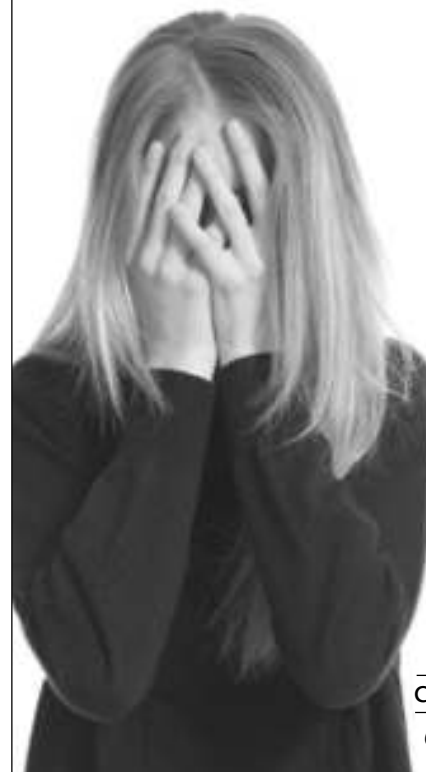
Harrison's stay with Mullins lasted 22 years. When his mentor died, "He left me all his little mixtures, his little recipes for cleaning solvents. You've got to get a solvent that will remove the old varnish but won't touch the paint. A lot of people think you can patch it without cleaning, but you

can't. When you patch colors to dirty colors, it looks like a scab. You've got to clean it."

Those little mixtures are still with us on the day I return to the studio to check on Harrison's progress in cleaning up my saint, stored in brown glass bottles alongside industry cleaners with names like RVR6 Varnish Remover and SVR12 Synthetic Varnish Remover and C1123 Smoke Cleaner. And Murphy's Oil Soap. And malt vinegar.

Little dabs of labeled masking tape dot the surface of the canvas — Harrison is testing the effects of various cleaners. First up: saliva. He licks his thumb and rubs it on the canvas; the colors bloom

under the damp sheen. "My old mentor used to say, 'It's the strongest solvent you've got.' This is what it will look like when varnished. The colors will come out. I'm just getting through the dust here." Had one of my children licked a finger and rubbed my fancy oil painting, I would have scolded them. Now, all I can do is wince and trust that the man knows what he's doing. His mentor was a workman, and so is he, and so maybe it's not surprising that I keep thinking he's handling my work of art like a slab of meat, turning it, rubbing it, picking at its surface with his thumbnail. I have to remind myself that he has reverence for "the piece," that he knows what it can



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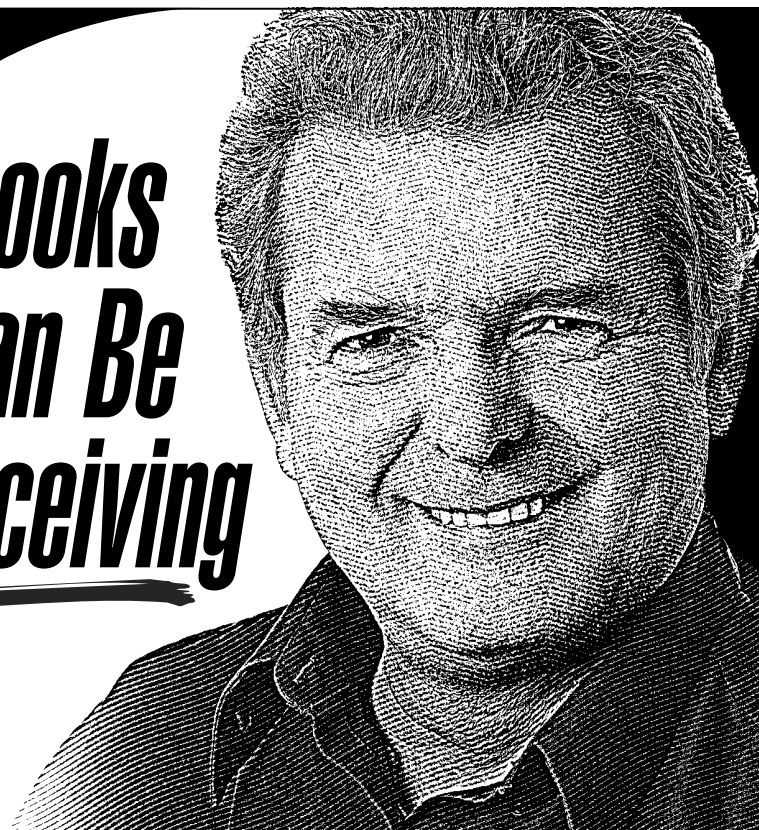
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and cannot withstand. I have never before been so conscious of a painting's architecture, the stable, homely systems that undergird the beautiful ornamentation.

Harrison works with cotton balls and Q-Tips, applying bits of this or that cleaner to this or that spot and gently rubbing in a circular motion. One, two, three circles, and then a check to make sure none of the pigment is ending up on the cotton. All he wants is dirt and the yellow of old varnish. Some do almost nothing. One actually makes the blue of the saint's tunic fade even further. The oil soap and the RVR6 seem to come closest to the saliva. "This is what takes the time — not the actual cleaning, but finding out which one to use. If you're not careful, it can be too late. You always have mineral spirits — they'll stop the action. But you only

operate in the area you can monitor with your eyes — a four-inch square is the biggest you should do," even after you find the right cleaner.

"Sometimes, painters mix wax with the oil — they do some diabolical things. If you find wax, you go around it with your solvent — you gently clean it, but mostly you leave it alone. Once, I was a young apprentice, and I got overconfident — a half-inch became one inch, and that became three inches. I'd got it hammered out, and then I came to the face. Nobody ever told me that this particular painter did the eyes in watercolor, to get translucency. It's been 60 years, and I can still remember the feeling" as the eyes disappeared in a blue smear across the canvas. "You never know what the painter has done." (The painting's owner allowed the eyes to

be painted back in, and Mullins was merciful to his careless apprentice.)

Harrison took over his mentor's operation and carried on, a Victorian workman working on Victorian paintings in post-Victorian England. Then he took a vacation. "We came to San Diego in the early '70s on holiday. We loved La Mesa — it has a village atmosphere, like in England." The visits got more frequent, and longer. In July of '83, he and his wife Pat moved here for good. "I came here to retire," he says. "I had visions of wearing a Mexican straw hat and painting on the beach. It's never happened in 25 years."

What happened? "A certain well-known motor trader was talking to us. We hadn't been here many months. He said, 'I've brought this painting to show you.' Pat was sitting over at the desk. I

RESEARCH STUDIES



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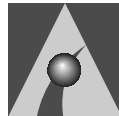
Do you or someone you know have trouble staying asleep? Is it affecting daytime activities? A study of an investigational medication is under way for people who have trouble staying asleep, characterized by waking up throughout the night (sleep maintenance insomnia).


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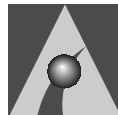
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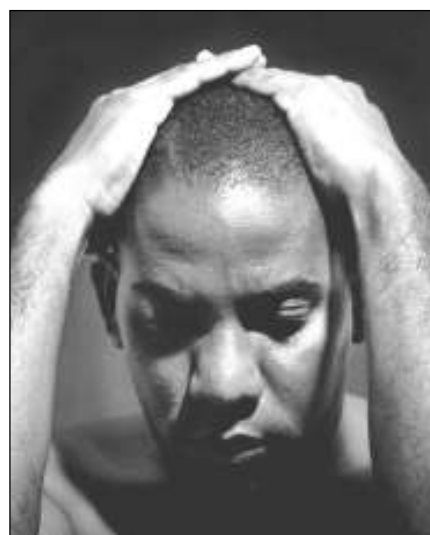
"I feel controlled by my anxiety."
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**Are you living in the shadow of
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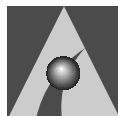
We're working to bring future treatment options to light.

As a person with bipolar I, you know what it's like to live with the darkness of depression. So you may want to know about this clinical research study examining an investigational drug for bipolar depression compared to a placebo, an inactive substance, when used in combination with a mood stabilizer, if:

- You are at least 18 years old
- You have a history of at least one bipolar manic or mixed episode
- You have been diagnosed with bipolar I and are currently experiencing a depressive episode

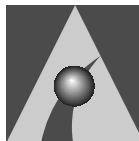
Participation may last up to 12 weeks, and includes study-related care and monitoring from specialists in bipolar I, access to a mood stabilizer, and potential access to investigational medication, all at no cost.

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looked at it.

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“I was trying to be tactful, but Pat burst out laughing. *It was a chocolate box top.* You know how they impress a printing on chocolate boxes? There were brush marks pressed into the cardboard. I said, ‘You’d better get your money back.’”

He tells other stories — of Thomas Kinkade prints being taken for costly masterworks, of gallery owners proudly displaying computer transfers, even of a collector asking his opinion of a Mona Lisa, wholly innocent of the original’s existence. “This is the American public,” Harrison says, wondering. “I wrote home once and said, ‘I could be a millionaire....’”

But, he says, he also wrote, “‘These people are like five-year-olds,’ and I meant it in a complimentary way. They’re thirsting, grasping for knowledge — and it’s improved over the last 20 years. There were just a lot of things in our genes over there, because we’d lived with it. I gave a talk to the Picture Framers Association 15 years ago, and they didn’t know about acidity in paper. They didn’t know about fungus in paper. They were putting size in their conservation materials.”

Harrison went back to work, a long way from Victorian England. “I moved into a space on University Avenue, and a very nice lady walked in with a painting of an Arab boy — a Spanish-style thing. I didn’t want to restore it, really, but I did it. Years later, I was watching *The Pirate* with Gene Kelly and Judy Garland, and she smashed that painting over his head. I

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WITH UNUSUAL SYMPTOMS

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don't know whether it was the same one, but it might have been. People say to me, 'Why the devil did you come here? You had all that history in England.' Yeah, but in England, you can't touch the history. Here, you can touch it. You get electric shocks up your arms. A guy walked in here once with a folded piece of paper; it was torn and worn at all the bends. He said, 'I don't know if this is worth anything; would you check it out?' It was an Indian treaty, an original, dated 1851 and all in script, with the Yerba tribe in Northern California. It gave them 500 pins, so many needles, a roll of cloth for everyone over 15...fascinating." Another time, an invalid telephoned Harrison, asking him to examine a photo that had become stuck to the glass of its frame. Harrison's son got a look at the photo and

exclaimed, "That's Josie!"

"Who's Josie?"

"Wyatt Earp's third wife! Dated 1895? That was taken 16 minutes before the gunfight at the OK Corral."

"And if you look at the film *Tombstone*," continues Harrison, "when all the brothers are walking down to the Corral, he points off to the hotel, and there's Josie, taking a photograph. I'd never looked at Wyatt Earp as history; I'd looked at him as a cowboy. The man rejoiced when I got the picture off the glass. It's a trust."

IV: Rebuilding

Before rebuilding, Harrison must unbuild. He's got to get the painting off the frame, and he's got to get the patch off the back — because the canvas needs relining if it's going to be properly mounted onto a stretcher. "Relining" means sticking

the old canvas onto a new one, and if we don't get the patch off, the suction that fixes new canvas to old will result in a great raised outline of the linen patch in between.

"Up until 20 years ago," says Harrison, "we used to do relining with wax resin. You'd have a pot on the stove, and you'd put in two-thirds wax and one-third resin and get it going into a brew. We had an extendable rack; you'd fix your new canvas on that, draw the outline of your old canvas onto it, and then brush the wax on. Oh, it would stink. Then you'd let the wax go hard." The old canvas got placed facedown, and the new one lay on top. "Then you'd heat one of those great big Victorian irons on the potbellied stove" and get to work. "The iron would melt the wax and fuse the two canvases together."

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you suffer pain caused by Cancer that has spread to your bones?

Doctors at UCSD are participating in a clinical trial studying the use of a new treatment for palliation (pain relief) of painful bone metastases (tumors) using Magnetic Resonance-Guided Focused Ultrasound Therapy. This is a completely noninvasive (without surgery) therapy to relieve pain. Patients who have been diagnosed with bone metastases and for whom radiation therapy is not an alternative, who have up to three painful bone metastases with one much more painful than the others, and who are able to undergo an MRI imaging exam are eligible to participate in this study.

If you have questions about this study or are interested in participating, you should contact:

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GOT MIGRAINES? ...how about an inhaled study drug?

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Possible participants must be:

- Male or female, 18-65 years of age
- Migraine history of 2-8 migraine headaches per month
- Willing to undergo pulmonary testing and echocardiogram

Participants will receive at no cost:

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"This business doesn't move much; it's still very old fashioned. It's only since I've been here, in the last 20 years, that various things have come out. Changes — whether they're good or bad, I don't know. I put up a barrier as soon as someone starts talking about plastic. I don't want to know what he's on about. But with the BEVA, I've given in; I've taken a step to the other side."

And that other side can be a scary place, one in which painting restorers (and painting itself) can have trouble finding a place. "The guilds have just disappeared. I'm guessing it was because of mass production, which means there was very little hands-on. We were a trade, and the trades were just pushed aside. The big firms that used to fund the guilds were pumping out plastic, you know what I mean? They didn't need us anymore." What's more, technological innovations in print production have sometimes resulted in frauds that evade even Harrison's experienced eye. "I had a gallery owner take me to his showroom some months ago. He asked my opinion of a painting, and I said, 'That's an oil.' But they completely fooled me — somehow, they pressed the paint marks into a canvas and then litho'd a painting on top of that."

So my saint was destined for the vacuum

table, but first, there was to be a long engagement with the more traditional lineup of malt vinegar, razor blades, and trowels. Again and again I wince as I watch Harrison at work. *Tink tink tink*, brush stirring in a glass jar, then dabbing on vinegar that wicks up the strands of the old canvas as if they were straws with four-year-olds at the other end. *Scratch scratch scratch*, razor blade dragged across the nubs, taking with it tiny globs of ancient adhesive left over from the mysterious tape — and hopefully, not

too much of the nubs themselves. ("This canvas is top quality, handmade on a loom," he says. Still, "We've got to make it flat," or else we'll wind up with more bumps pushing up through after the vacuum session.) And a faint *tom tom tom* of the taut canvas, bouncing away from Harrison's proddings at the patch, which is stiff and cracked as any old scrap of animal hide.

"This adhesive is some kind of concoction," marvels Harrison as he works at the patch. "I want my solvent to soak

through to the linen, but it won't soak through; the adhesive is a barrier." It won't soak through the patch, but it's doing a bang-up job of seeping into the surrounding canvas. "We're going to check the other side in a minute, because it's started going down through a little hole. Against popular thought, oil paintings are very forgiving. One thing I've told my apprentice many times is, 'Be confident.' You can stop if it starts to go wrong." Of course, Harrison himself has helped create that popular thought, at least

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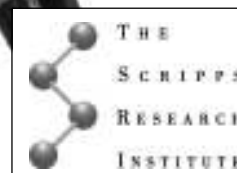


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in my case. "A high percentage of my work is through amateur restorers," he says to me at one point, telling stories of paintings smeared by Windex rubdowns. And even in his own shop, he grants that "things do happen occasionally. I'm being very careful; this is why you do things an inch at a time." While we've got it flipped faceup, he brushes more solvent onto the patch from this side, and it seeps through a crack in the hide-stiff linen.

Tap tap, scritch scritch, prod prod. Harrison is a busy man — pieces regularly come in from New York collectors and from a fire-damaged restaurant, from cowboy enthusiasts, connoisseurs, and the merely sentimental. He gets to my saint when he can, and eventually, he gets it clean. But 63 years in the business is enough, and it's his longtime assistant Teresa who relines it and mounts it on a stretcher, pulling it taut around the wooden slats with pliers and pounding in fresh brass tacks. "I've never stopped working in the whole of my life," Harrison tells me. "We brought a container of antique English furniture over 25 years ago for me to work on in my spare time. We've still got it, and we're going to send it up to Colorado, where we've bought a house. And I'm going to settle down to paint. I've got so many paintings that I've just started."

Before he moves, however, he does one last job for my saint — filling in the nasty gash below his knee, the great tear that brought on the stubborn patch in the first place. Now it's backed with fresh new canvas; it just wants filling in.

Dozens of empty Fancy Feast cat food tins line a standing set of shelves in the workspace on the other side of the wall from Harrison's showroom; a client brings them. They're not really

empty, of course; they just don't contain cat food anymore. Very little is empty in the workspace, save for a few broad surfaces upon which Harrison may lay his canvases. Everything else is racks of

projects in progress, photos of completed projects, paintings for sale, frames, drawers full of papers and molds, shelves packed with sprays and jars and powders and tools and tapes and paints...and cat


food tins. He uses them to store all manner of items, some more obviously useful than others: rusty tacks, corks whose springy bodies help to lodge a painting firmly into its frame, screws and thumb-

tacks and buttons...

Harrison finds an empty tin and places it on the dull metal circle of a coffeemaker — not, however, the same coffeemaker he keeps on the same counter and actually

uses to make coffee, coffee that is poured into dainty cups whose bright floral pattern matches that of the accompanying saucers and is then drunk black. (An electric teakettle and toaster share the counter


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But (of course) there's a step before that step. Harrison adds a little raw sienna powder to the melted wax and a little burnt sienna as well. Then he spreads a strip of canvas onto the mirror lying on his work table and smears the tinted wax onto it with a narrow

trowel. "Because it's oil paint, you can mix it into the wax," he explains. "Remember when we were talking about colors. Rather than just putting a color straight on, it's best if you can build up to it with a base color." The precise red of the robe will be easier to obtain if the underlayer already has something of the eventual shade. Again and again he mixes, one smear after another stripes the canvas, until he finds a shade he thinks satisfactory. Then he begins pressing the reddened wax into the gap in the canvas, tiny strokes of a trowel making the low place a level plane.

V: Restoring

Teresa Brunston spent years working at Aaron Brothers, telling people that "framing art is preserving it. If you frame it right, you won't have to do it again." She had started there while attend-

ing community college art classes, and her tenure continued after college didn't. "But it was the law of diminishing returns, and I started thinking, 'What to do? What's the next thing?'" That turned out to be Rick's Custom Framing in La Mesa, where she got to do more creative work with higher-end materials. And that's where she met Roy Harrison.

"She'd been in framing a long time," recalls Harrison. "I didn't want to get back into this full-time, so when Rick started up on his own about 18 years ago, he said, 'Why don't you rent a desk from me?' I threw in with him, and we did restoration. She was working with him, but she was absolutely fascinated with what I was doing in the corner. She left Rick's, and then later, she contacted me about work."

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to do this," explains Brunston. "A lot of it was born out of being really bored as a kid. I would make things, entertain myself. I always liked working with my hands, and I started painting with oil paints in high school. And I love old things, fixing things up rather than buying new. They don't make things like they used to. I bought and refinished old furniture. I learned to

sew."

Brunston says that "meeting Roy was a miracle, an answer to my prayers" — the happy union of her urge to make art with her restorative impulse. "My daughter was learning how to surf, and she wasn't driving yet. So I would spend a long time on the beach, just sitting there. And one day I opened my Bible and my notepad and just kind of

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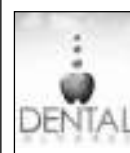
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started writing stuff down. ‘What do I love to do? What do I wish I could do?’ And at the top, I put ‘Art restorer.’ I didn’t finish college, so I thought that was a lost cause, but it wasn’t long after that that I met Roy. I talked to him and asked if he ever gave classes. He had seen me work; he knew I wasn’t afraid to get dirty. I used to get manicures, but I don’t anymore — all this stuff that you’re in. He always said a good framer would make a good restorer, and he agreed to take me on as his apprentice. I had to pay him, and I worked a second job to be able to do that. I left for a while because of some allergic response I had to the working conditions.”

The former apprentice was happy to become the master, training Brunston as he had been trained decades earlier — no college necessary. “I trained her for about five

years, and then she left me. And then she came back. She’s had about seven years’ experience. You run into people who want to become art restorers overnight. Once, I had this girl write me, and she had a good résumé — she was coming out of Pepperdine. I phoned her, and she’d been lecturing in museums on the restoration of paintings. I said, ‘What experience have you had in actually restoring paintings?’ She said, ‘I haven’t yet.’ I said, ‘I’m sorry, love; I don’t believe in paper. I want to know what you can do with your hands.’ ”

Brunston began in 2001, and Harrison had just the project for her. “The longest I’ve ever spent on a painting was four years. I almost admitted defeat. This postman — he’s a lovely person, and he collected baseball stuff. He’d found

this oil painting of a baseball player on the Internet, but they hadn’t told him that it was all cupped. When it arrived, 60 percent of the paint was at the bottom of the box. You’ve got to earn your rent, and I was getting frustrated, and then Teresa joined me. I said, ‘Now I can earn the overhead, and you can work on that baseball player and take your time.’ And it worked.” The baseball player was Brunston’s first completed restoration, the product of a solid month of painstaking work.

Now the Picture-Repairer is gone to Colorado, leaving behind his name on the shop and the woman he trained to replace him. His workspace, once a riot of detritus, a labyrinth fathomed only by its maker, is comparatively bare and open. My saint is propped up near the front of the shop, so that the light from the

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window rakes across its surface, highlighting the flattened areas where the tape somehow pressed through. “The texture is smoother there,” Brunston says, “and so the varnish I put on to make the infilling reversible reflects differently. When we get the final coat of varnish on, it will blend in.”

Brunston is repainting — infilling. “I don’t know what the light is going to be like in someone’s home or office, so I try to work with true colors, natural light. Normally, when you’re painting, you use pointillism, little dots of color. You don’t want to cover what the original artist painted, you just want to fill in the missing paint.” But out toward the edges of the painting, amid the red curtains that surround the scene, “There was a lot of missing paint, and a lot of discoloration. So I’m not doing as much pointillism there.” Instead, she is allowing herself quarter-inch brushstrokes with a tiny sable brush. “They have the best hairs for holding and distributing paint. The length of hairs, the flexibility of the bristles, and the type of stroke you use will determine the way the paint appears. You try to follow the strokes of the artist.”

In this case, there aren’t really any strokes to follow — the paint is too thin, and the texture of the canvas is visible throughout. But that suits Brunston just fine. “I don’t like to keep too much paint on my brush at a time. I prefer to do several thin, translucent layers — put in a base color, and then go back and do the highlights. It helps the color blend in — you can get a better match. And then there will be a layer of varnish. It’s a matter of experience, knowing how the colors will look when they dry, and then again when they’re varnished. If you look closely, you can see where I’ve filled it in. But I’ll match the colors well

enough that someone just looking at the painting won’t be able to tell.”

In amid the curtains, “There was a little bit of red undertone, but so much of the paint had lifted. I’m mixing umber

into the crimson, darkening the red. I don’t like to use a lot of black; it can make things look dull. I’d rather use blue or green. And I don’t use a lot of white, because it can make things look chalky.

As you go along, you have to change the color slightly, even in a tiny area like the face. It’s amazing how many colors are actually in there — and they’re funny colors. Purples and grays and

browns.” The face offers another testament to her skill — there more than anywhere, the ravages of the tape had been apparent. Not only because of the flaked-off paint but also because of the change

in texture and brightness from one side of the face to the other. Now, the difference is all but invisible, the result of new paint judiciously applied to both sides of the border between taped and

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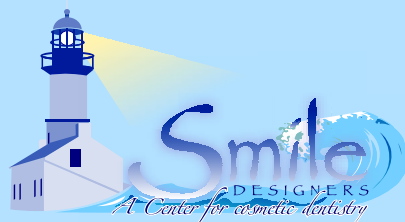


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untaped.

Watching Brunston work, I am conscious of the quiet. Part of it is the serenity brought on by the newly opened space. But part of it is Harrison's absence. "I like the quiet," says Brunston, "and I like what I do. I take things that have been forgotten or neglected, cast off or abused, and bring them back to their former beauty, which is like what God does to us. That's one of the driving motivations for me."

VI: "Art is cheap, framing is expensive"

— Tom Weller,
Culture Made Stupid

When Harrison was reminiscing about his happy days in the Guild, he mentioned that there was another Guild devoted entirely to framing and frame repair and that they too had mothered him and seen to his training in their art. "We used to have

to hand-carve the rosettes on broken frames. But then silicone came out — it's another way the guilds were pushed out." Suddenly, "As long as you had a mirror image of the rosette on another part of the frame," you could simply take a mold and cast a new piece. "It picked up every mark, every line of the grain, and it saved all that carving." And because it all got coated with a fresh layer of gold leaf, the repair was completely invisible.

Sometimes, however, the damage is deep enough that the old ways prove necessary. Brunston shows me a mirror frame that simply gave way all along the bottom, splintering into shards and dropping the mirror to the floor. Her husband, a contractor, has cut out a wooden backing and screwed it into a stable section of the original frame. For her part, Brun-

ston has pieced together enough of the shards to get a sense of the original pattern and will now carve the decorative front of the new base out of wood putty. Again, the gold leaf will cover the line between old and new material.

My own frame was undamaged. But it was also ugly — brown glaze mashed onto gold leaf with smudgy, circular brushstrokes. Bourgeois that I am, I can see that sticking my newly magnificent painting back into its old frame would be akin to serving Château Margaux in a Dixie cup. So I'm delighted to see that Brunston has spruced it up: stripping and prepping the wood, pressing new sheets of (imitation) gold onto its surface, and then brushing on a new layer of varnish to tone down the gold's showy glow. ■

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and my sister, Margie, was living in that South Bay city. However, I was about to pay a visit to a total stranger just about ten or fifteen miles south and across the International Border.... Junkies can smell heroin.... Once I was in TJ, it was all of 30 minutes before I connected and had a jackhammer in my arm full of the ever-so-needed heroin that my body, mind and spirit craved and needed....

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I asked him the question

most writers fear most:

"How's the book coming?"

Hastily scrawled note in margin of manuscript:

Had addiction been defined by the American Medical Association (as it did decades later) as a disease, the world would be dramatically different today....

The above are all excerpts from *Heroin Chronicles*, an unpublished work-in-progress by 56-year-old Rick Ortiz. I met Ortiz in the summer of 2005, "in the rooms," as they say in anonymous-recovery circles. Like myself, Ortiz was a recovering alcoholic, but with many years of sobriety and recovery from the use of narcotics. He was a substance abuse counselor at facilities from Rancho Labri (an expensive resort-style rehab) to Donovan Prison. A former amateur "Silver Gloves" boxer, and born in the Bronx, Ortiz learned that I was a writer and had published books. He introduced himself and told me of the "chronicles" he had

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been working on for some years. He asked for advice on publication and showed me pages of his manuscript — including the following:

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More deaths, to say nothing of lives ruined, imprisoned and collaterally damaged have resulted from Harrison's puritanical crusade in the past

hundred years than the sum total of casualty lists of every war fought by this country in a commensurate period of time. Not hundreds of thousands, but millions. This says nothing of statistics impossible to obtain by polling anonymous organizations like Narcotics Anonymous

"I'm not a conspiracy theorist, but if we have the technology to knock a man to the moon, why can't we eradicate the coca leaf?"

or Cocaine Anonymous, to name two.

Both gritty memoir and extended essay, the nonfiction work-in-progress has grown in the three years since I first met the author. Recently, we became neighbors in Hillcrest and reacquainted ourselves. Rick Ortiz is of Puerto Rican descent, has a New York accent never softened by his nearly 30 years in San

Diego, and while some may find the ex-New Yorker's raspy, hoarse boxer's vocal delivery a bit rough, I found it cinematic, as if he had stepped out of a 1940s Wallace Beery film. I recently updated that assessment to having stepped from any of several, more recent Al Pacino movies. Ortiz is a born sto-

ryteller; he has had me laughing during some harsh times with stories such as his arrest at 12th and Broadway years ago for assaulting a police officer who was, in fact, a horse he had punched à la *Blazing Saddles*. Some of his stories, all true and verifiable (he has no time for fiction, though he was kind regarding my own) as well as convincing, are not at all funny, but share a quality of

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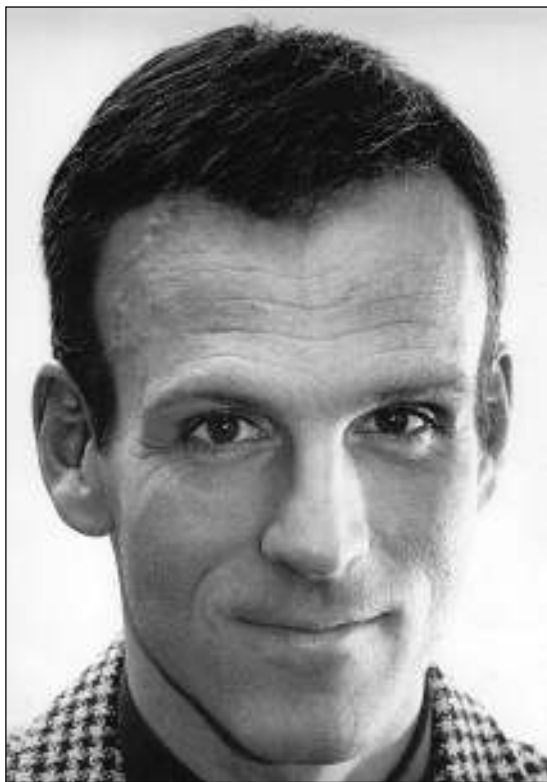
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resonance, in my case, that is resistant to the passage of time. Naturally, I asked him the question most writers fear most: "How's the book coming?" His answer was to hand me a formidable stack of both handwritten and typed sheets. The first of these, beneath the word and numeral "Page 1," read as follows:

I hadn't noticed I had pissed my pants until we reached the 110th Street subway station. I was smack down in the middle of "El Barrio," Spanish or East Harlem.

It was Chubbs, John Boy and I somewhat and mercifully decompressing from the explosive trauma of just moments ago. The Harlem winter cold had a way of announcing that my jeans were soaked in urine, especially once we entered the much warmer train station one flight down from the icy streets still glistening from the previous day's light snow-fall. I remember thinking that a cold-blooded homicide and cold pee against your leg has a way of letting you know that the word has some horrifying

variations.

"Where's the mother fucking stash? Where's the mother fucking stash? Stop lying, mother fucker! You got a lot more dope than this, you lying mother fucker!"

"I swear on my mother and my kids, that's all of it!"

"I ain't bullshittin' you, bro! That's all of it. They didn't bring the package."

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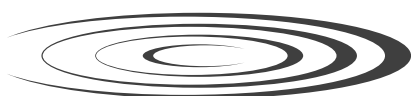
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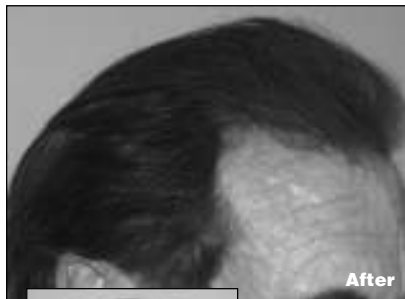


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hundred dollars, lay on the floor along with a few fallen bags.

“¡Oye maricón! ¡Yo le meto un pepaso a este puta!” He was threatening to shoot the woman tied up in a chair; the translation being, “I’ll pop a cap in this whore.” I’ll forever remember his jagged-looking teeth, jaundiced eyes, the sweat-streaks on his face, the odor in that apartment of cabbage, singed cotton and the carbon-smoked hot metal of spoons or the jagged bases of cans. I couldn’t in a million years tell you what his partner looked like. My focus was out-the-door. I rarely looked at the shooter but it took only moments to embed his face in memory. Not long ago and 38 years later I had some spoiled food left out for too long and it reminded



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me of that morning in Spanish Harlem, the stench in that apartment and the yellow-eyed killer all as if I were watching it in living color once again. P.T.S.D. in Hi-Def. ¡Oye maricón!... That woman had been shot and was dead before he had finished the profane, insulting sentence. She had taken

a large caliber bullet to the chest fired from a chrome-plated revolver.

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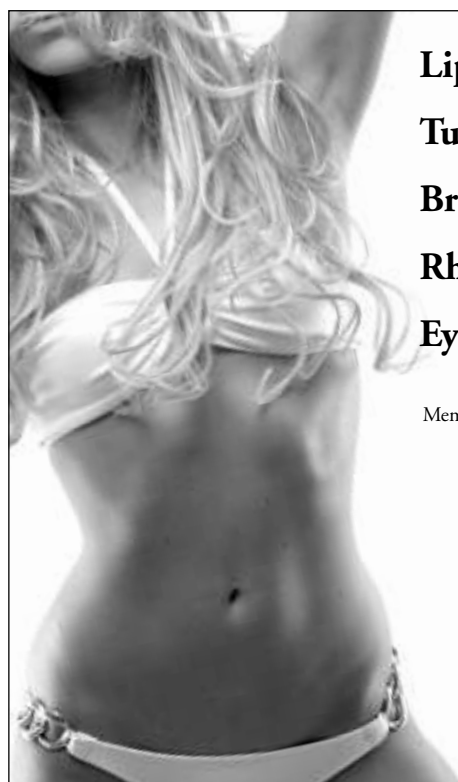
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knew that her picture was in that photo album that lay on the counter-top or the kitchen table...the filthy floor, the dirty door to the refrigerator. Images so vivid, my eyes focused on them rather than the shooter and the dead

woman, considerably older than her mate, her leg and arm, she bled profusely, and her pastel robe soaked in blood... ¡No, me mates!... The man sobbed. Hysterical. In that moment I was fully in touch with mortality as never before.

Never until that moment. That crazy shit happened to other people. I was too hip, slick, and cool to be caught up in this kind of drama. Hip, that was my jacket, man. Not criminal, not junkie, not dead. I was 18 and living in the volatile

world of heroin addiction. People were being killed every day. Two years into the game, and I had managed to do a short stint on Riker's Island and the Bronx County Jail and Detention Center. I had witnessed violence, had been

a participant on both ends: street fighting with baseball bats and knives. I'd been stabbed but never seriously back then.... "¡No me mates coño!" The sobbing man is begging for his life and he tells them where the dope is.

Right there, in the kitchen in a Bustello coffee can. The jagged-fanged man asked me how much dope I was there to buy. One dime and I was sixty-five cents short. I also had a few subway slugs, back in the day those slugs worked

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in pay phones and turn-stiles. Chubbs was buying two bags for \$18 and John Boy just one. That was considered a good fix in those days, though there was never such a thing as enough. It's not a word in the vocabulary of addicts until they arrive at that address and look up, stunned.

Chubbs knew the other guy, the partner whom I had no vision of at all. Why he is a blank has, most

likely, a psychiatric explanation that is none-too-difficult. I have never been, in any way, curious. No me mates BANG BANG.

There were a few pasteles on the floor. Faceless took all our money but gave Chubbs the pasteles. We were told to get out as they left as well. We did as I waited for a bullet to the back.

I still hear that pitiful sob and that phrase in Puerto Rican-accented

Spanish in endless variations while dreaming. Please don't kill me! And then BANG BANG. I don't know where those shots landed but—he was killed.

37 years later I have quite a collection of horrifying memories but none measure up to that morning. Smells, sounds, images and cold piss and the relief my pasteles provided from them....

Two years later John Boy was dead from an over-

dose. Five years later and Chubbs stopped talking about it too; he was dead from a gunshot wound to the head. No details provided. BANG BANG.

When I first read this, my instinct was to advise Ortiz, as I once had been advised, "Get that bang bang tone out of your style." I decided against it.

In Ortiz's apartment are stacked research materials and boxing magazines, as well as magazines about salsa music; his father, José Ramón Ortiz, was a famous figure in Puerto Rico and the US as a salsa-music innovator. Rick hosted a radio program in Highland Park, Illinois, while working for his father at that station, WVVX-FM. The research includes several pages of the Harrison Act, a lengthy *Consumer Reports* document from the 1970s on that legislation, and brochures from the Harm Reduction Coalition in New York. One of them is called "H is for Heroin," and includes information such as: "Contrary to popular belief, heroin itself does not cause serious, long-term health prob-



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ment of the drug's use. Here, also, is information such as, "A Safety Manual for Injection Users." These were the top handful of materials in his disorganized pile.

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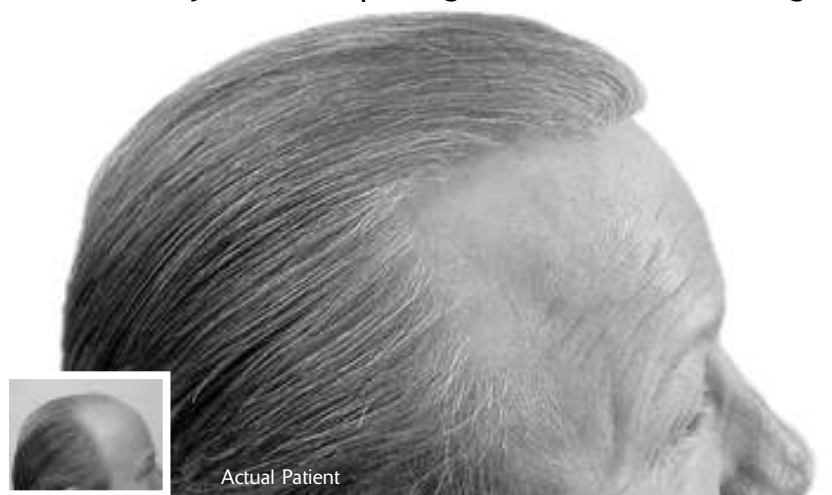
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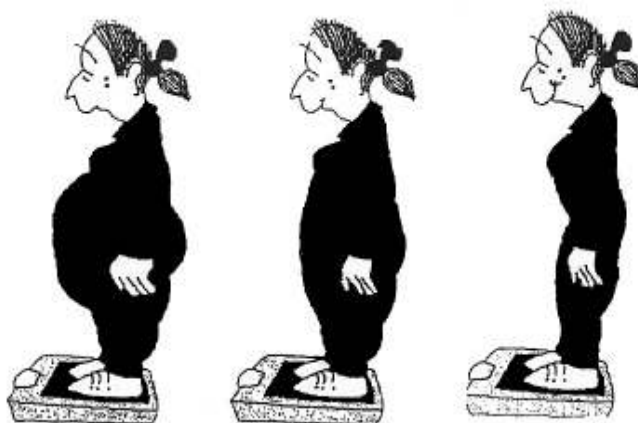
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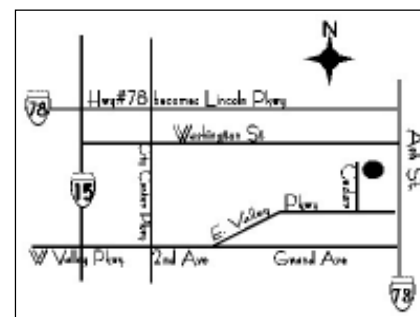
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more like the CO in the old Phil Silver show, *Sergeant Bilko*, an actor whose name I cannot remember. The quote (approximate) was from Burroughs's cameo appearance in the 1980s movie *Drugstore Cowboy*:

"Drugs have been systematically scapegoated and demonized in this culture," I intoned. "The idea that anyone might use narcotics without disastrous consequences is anathema to these idiots." This produced some laughter, mostly mine.

Interviewing Ortiz, he told me, "I don't think the public is that foolish. I think our intelligence has been insulted for such a long period of time. I'm not a conspiracy theorist, but if we have the technology to knock a man to the moon, why can't we eradicate the coca leaf? The poppy? We still have the ability to do that. Like Colombia? Millions of millions of casualties annually because of cocaine. If it was oil, the only thing left there would be banana peels."

To say Ortiz speaks with an animated passion might be understatement. He is burly and mustachioed, with the features of a bushy-browed conquistador, expugilist that he is. His face bears some traces of that boxing career, but his arms, legs, and torso display scars from gunshot wounds, stabings, and a history of IV drug usage, including several old abscesses. A populist voice in the wilderness, possibly, but he bears bodily evidence that he knows whereof he speaks.

"On the other hand," he said, "ask any economist worth their salt, and they will tell you that the proceeds of drug money finance virtually everything you can name: the movie industry and the record industry, for example. If we stopped dope right now, the country would not only go into a recession, it would go into a severe depression. That's how big of a spoke narcotics is in the wheel of our economy."

"San Diego is a major player in narcotics, just like Philadelphia, L.A. — probably more so. The reason this has been obscured is that it is a border town, agriculture, say. We're too big. To put any shame on that, you're messing with the powers that be. They do not want this book, for example. Not the pow-

ers that be, just people interested in the truth — or at least some perspective.

"One motivating factor that propelled me to continue with the *Chronicles* was that segment on the Oprah Winfrey show with the writer

James Frey [author of *A Million Little Pieces*, *My Friend Leonard*, etc.]. I took exception to an embellished story about drug addiction, though I agree with you," and here he laughs, "the book was written very well."

I then asked Ortiz what he expected from the book: legalization?

"No. It's too late. I don't think it should be illegal, I think it should be decriminalized. It's too late to be made legal, but it's not too

late to change some things. The vast majority of the people in jail in this country are there are on drug charges. There are an alarming number of people doing serious time for a dime of crack. It's worse with heroin.

"I know everyone says this, but I hope to raise consciousness, yeah. I suppose the real reason for me to write this book is that it's my personal redemption." ■

— John Brizzolara and Rick Ortiz

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LETTERS

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Trash The Bag

In my opinion, you did the San Diego community a real service by researching and reporting on those ghastly and omnipresent plastic bags ("Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds," Cover Story, September 11). The first page, explaining the gyre 500 miles west of San Diego, was shocking. Who would believe that there is a huge, floating plastic-bag patch twice the size of North

America in the ocean? That was new information to me. The dangers of plastic bags to marine life I did know about already. Someone referred to in your article said that our plastic-bag problem isn't as bad as that of the third world. Was that supposed to be an argument for not doing anything about it?

I, for one, will make my voice heard with the City of San Diego. What are we waiting for? More information? Your article did an excellent job of providing all the information we need to make a decision to just *ban*

plastic bags. We can all get used to using our own cloth bags. Maybe when people learn that plastic is, in fact, derived from petroleum they will recognize that we can no longer afford this use.

Thank you for a most informative article.

Pat Taylor
South Park

A Plate Of Plastic

I'm so glad you had "Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds" on your cover (September 11). It's crucial that this word gets out because I think we're eating plastic. I mean, if animals are eating it, if fish are eating it, there's more plastic plankton out there. I hope people wake up to this message, and thank you for putting it out there.

Melody Myer

How Rich We Are!

I like all those plastic bags all over the place ("Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds," Cover Story, September 11). When the supermarkets ask me whether I want plastic or paper bags, I always ask for plastic. They are so handy and cheap and come

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in all sizes and colors. We all know about the many cost-benefit studies completed showing demonstrably that plastic bags are better than paper. When I see that plastic-bag litter all over, it reminds me how rich we are. When I see the dead albatrosses on the beach with their rotting skeletons filled with bits and pieces of plastic, it reminds me how stupid that bird must have been to stuff itself with plastic — no calories there.

I liked it in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Peru, and Brazil, plus Ukraine, Moldova, and Armenia (places I worked for 15 years) when I would see poor people carrying plastic bags and then discarding them all over — it made them feel rich too!

One great use for plastic bags is to stuff them full of other plastic bags. Great compressibility... Think of all the jobs that plastic bags create! All those car payments afforded by being able to discard those wonderful plastic bags at will. They are like flags flying, caught on airport fences, declaring how fortunate we are to have our ancestors come back to the surface again to commune with us. We should pass a law having all plastic bags printed up to look like American flags. It's really neat running after plastic bags in the street in a good wind. They are conveniently designed to act as sails across almost everything. It's great to be able to rip them to shreds when you are angry at yourself and the world for not recycling. Plus, you can wrap up your other garbage in them, living the great American dream as you chuck your daily bagful down the chute, listening to your garbage hit the other waste in the bin below in your four-story condominium.

Let's hear it for those plastic bags, a great symbol of our mobile world society! Besides, they are waterproof and make wonderful toys for small children. Don't hold your breath too long, Sammy.

Wally Greenleaf
Mission Valley

Tote Into Tote

Hey, I know what we should do with all of those plastic bags ("Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds," Cover Story, September 11)! We should use them to make...plastic bags! Think about it! One

could weave together about a hundred of them to make one nondisposable bag. Depending on the size of the bag, one could use even more of them. People are now buying cloth or other plastic bags to reuse for

groceries. Why not use the original plastic bags in such a way to make nondisposable totes? Or what about weaving them together to make laundry baskets too? The possibilities are endless. I'm going to try this, and I'll

send a pic if it works.

Lisa Miller
via email

Comments from Reader Website

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Blurt, "Multiple Fetuses Okay"

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Posted by StairsAndFlowers on September 17, 7:21 p.m.

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City Lights, by Ernie Grimm

Published September 24

Posted by Ponzi on September 25, 12:57 p.m.

I have lived in San Diego all of my life and used to enjoy going to Tijuana, Rosarito and Ensenada. In the 1980's.

It just feels unsafe and dirtier than I recall. The bargains are really gone, perhaps due to free trade. We can purchase things here a lot cheaper. Why do so many Mexcians come to shop at Walmart and Costco in Chula Vista?

Safety? Why do so many Mexican business owners moved across the border to Otay Mesa, Bonita and the Coronado Cays? Safety.

My friends that used to go for surfing, scuba, and other sports don't bother anymore. The Baja 500 is at risk of collapasing because of safety concerns.

Prison riots that cause their Federal Government

to fire all the top prison officials. Entire police forces being told they cannot have guns. Military vehicles patrolling the streets?

Posted by refriedgringo on September 25, 2:28 p.m.

The bargains in Tijuana and other parts of Northern Baja are gone because business is rotten now. No one is selling in volume anymore, because tourism has dried up. And many Mexicans enjoy shopping in the United States because many items that are purchased there are more expensive here, mainly because they are imported. Electronics is a perfect example.

I wasn't here in the eighties, but in the last several years, local government has done everything that they can in order to make the tourist zones of Tijuana more attractive. Avenida Revolution has been transformed into a more pedestrian friendly zone, and even Zona Norte, the red light district of downtown Tijuana has been upgraded to make it more attractive.

So far as the movements and preferences of Mexican businessmen, I am sure that some of it is because they fear kidnappings. Keep in mind that this has little to do with tourism; the average San Diegan is more likely to be carjacked than kidnapped. My guess is that most Mexican businessmen who have businesses over there are now living there because they are tired of crossing the border every day.

And one thing to remember about Mexico, it isn't the United States, it doesn't work the same way here, and it never will.

The prison riots have always occurred in unpredictable intervals here, they happen in the United States as well. The difference is, the Mexican press is now free to report these unfortunate incidents, where no more than twelve years ago, the government still tightly controlled much of what the press was able to report. Also note that Mexican news looks to other countries like the United States in or-

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The guns were taken away from the police force in order to locate arms that were used in unsolved crimes in the greater Tijuana area, by the Federal Police, in order to weed out corruption. It worked. Several cops are now in prison. The guns were returned to the other police long ago.

And the Mexican Army, while once considered suspicious, have been nothing but wonderful in the fight to keep Tijuana as safe as it can be. No system is per-

fect, on either side of the fence, but the federal and local governments here are continuing to take steps to make it better.

If anyone feels uncomfortable in Mexico, then I would advise them not to visit again until they feel comfortable. But if judgments are to be made only on the basis of what the American press reports, then no one will ever come here, it isn't reported accurately most of the time.

And for those who feel brave, it's common sense. Respect the laws here, stay in the city near other peo-

ple, know that you have the same rights as anyone else, don't let the cops intimidate you, and it probably isn't a good idea at this time to wander out into the wilderness where you're vulnerable.

Those days are gone for now, but there is a lot that Baja has to offer in other areas.

Diary of a Diva

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Posted by bohemianopus on September 26, 3:50 p.m.

Your article made me cry with nostalgia!

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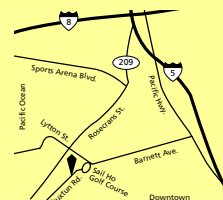
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My mother felt it was her duty to stuff handfuls of loose chi chi beans in her purse to "make up" for any price discrepancies while the two men argued.

On the way home, my brother and I would "pick" the insides of the loaf of bread out, so that by the time we got home, all that was left was the crust. We would dip into the bitter Greek and Spanish olives and split the sharp provolone and mellow scamorse cheeses.

My parents would buy "extra" and keep it in the front seat so they would have enough for the "sangwitches" when we got home.

Every time I smell olives and cheese, I get all warm and fuzzy.

Feature Story, by Lane Tobias

Published September 17

Posted by bohemianopus on September 4, 8:31 a.m.

I so enjoyed experiencing the Wonderland Laundromat encounter through your eyes! You are now officially an "OBcean."

Your insight into humanity, and life in general, was a treat for the eyes to read. This story is one that I would love to see continued should you find the gentlemen from the Wonderland Coin Laundry again.

I spent my childhood in New Jersey, so I know the feeling of reaching "Nirvana" here in OB through the most mundane of events.

I hope you win first place in the Reader's neighborhood writing contest for this delightful slice of life!

Welcome to OB!

Pat (a fellow OBcean)

Crasher

Published September 17

Posted by joelbmartin on September 17, 3:53 p.m.

towelheadedcameljockey 9:55 a.m., Sept. 28, 2008

"petty and picky" ???

"towelheadedcameljockey" has apparently never created anything of value of their own and, clearly, feels the need to suggest that others seeing to protecting what they have as "petty and picky". What

and who is towelheaded-cameljockey? > A socialist communist adapted to current American consumeristic mediocrity?? Or really, they're probably just a new entry-level employee to the McDonald's Corpo-

ration with no desire for higher education. (Sarah Palin would likely want this one to procreate in Alaska, couldn't she very well? ;))

Notwithstanding, I would suggest that "towelheaded-cameljockey" is in dire need

of a life and some hobbies while they, hopefully, learn a grander consciousness that can extract the logical significance of the PARTY THROWER'S public reply to Mr. Board's consistently facile analogies. In other

words, she doesn't appreciate this articles self-important perspective and that is her public rebuttal to Mr. Board, The San Diego Reader, and those who think "The Crasher" is "dope".

Obviously, I don't either.

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By the way, I was at this currently 4 month old party. Not only do I remember it's correct location in OB and not PB, but also, I am the man in the first segment of the video who received no preface to Mr. Board's question (or whoever was representing him and "rolling" for the San Diego Reader and now, YouTube.com) : What your favorite '80's film?

Incidentally, the San Diego Reader is NOT in possession of a model release to publish that live-action clip including myself and therefore is currently in violation of copyright law. Nudge, nudge, wink, wink... SD Reader.

Furthermore, "towel-headedcameljockey" wishes to JUDGE the very people that give Mr. Board his content... who wish to participate in giving Mr. Board a place at the San Diego Reader?

I'm not for abolishing Mr. Board or "The Crasher".

I just think Mr. Board and The San Diego Reader could help add an element of class and empathy to those of whom VOLUNTEER their time and PRIVATE space for the sake of the "The Crasher" articles. Oh... and make them (the VOLUNTEERS, that is) aware of what they are doing and attempting to accomplish as often as is logistically possible. Which, this did not occur in this circumstance, at this "decade themed" '80's party, one already referred to in rebuttal herein as "lame".

Thanks in advance as well posthumously Mr. Board for that one too. You really know how to keep 'em on your side, eh? ;)

Heading to a better party I shall not "crash". "Shall" being the operative word.

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Delfierro is cofounder of Total Combat, a San Diego-sanctioned mixed-martial-arts promoter, and he has been training fighters since 1999, when mixed martial arts was in its infancy. He and business partner Diana Ocampo have hosted over 30 events in the area, most recently at Balboa Park's Starlight Theatre in August.

On Thursday, October 2, Total Combat will host its first event at El Cajon's Sycuan Casino.

Since 2003, Delfierro and Ocampo have watched mixed martial arts grow in the San Diego area. During the past five years, 100 professional fighters have trained at gyms and schools around the county.

Brazilian professional Fabricio Camoes moved from Rio de Janeiro to San Diego five months ago after signing a four-fight contract with the EliteXC fighting organization — the first mixed-martial-arts organization to broadcast fights on network television. Camoes says that the move to San Diego allows him to train with top fighters.

"San Diego is a very good place for mixed martial arts," says Camoes. "You

have many good fighters who live here and train here, and many good gyms."

San Diego resident Patrick Speight also makes his living as a professional fighter. In June, Speight signed a three-fight contract with Affliction, another top mixed-martial-arts organization. Speight has been training in San Diego since 1999.

"Before, there was a ganglike mentality throughout San Diego because there were only a few schools in the area," says Speight. "But once the sport started growing it became more of a 'San Diego against everyone else' type of thing."

Ocampo says that during their August event in Balboa Park she received several complaints from fans about an intimidating police presence. "For our Balboa Park event there were 15 cop cars parked outside of our show. Let's say you've never attended a mixed-martial-arts show, and you walk by and you see 15 cop cars — how's that going to look?"

Delfierro, a San Diego firefighter, mentions the positive economic impact a mixed-martial-arts event can have on the



From Total Combat 30

community. "We do shows where our ticket sales provide about \$10,000 in taxes; alcohol sales have exceeded \$15,000 to \$20,000. People are employed; everybody benefits. It's just another sporting event."

He continues, "As much as the sport is growing, it's still in its infancy. San Diego's conservative; it's a conservative city. It's weird because, like, Chula Vista is behind us. In [the city of] San Diego, we haven't had that same backing."

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Tlatelolco: Las Claves de la Masacre Colectivo Zapatista Tzajalek 32 commemorates 40th anniversary of Tlatelolco Massacre with film screening in Arts and Letters 101. Film reexamines events surrounding 1968 massacre of student demonstrators in La Plaza de las Tres Culturas at Tlatelolco, Mexico City. Documentary is based on four years of investigation, identifying military leaders who provoked killings. In Spanish with English subtitles. 619-594-1103. Thursday, October 2, 5 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Up the Yangtze Film highlighting “changes and costs fueling China’s economic leap” screens for Film Forum series. “China’s Three Gorges Dam is altering the landscape and the lives of people living along the fabled Yangtze River; countless ancient villages...will be submerged, and two million people will lose their homes and livelihoods.” In Mandarin and English with subtitles. 619-236-5800. Monday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Italian Film Festival Festival continues with screening of *I Ragazzi*, promising award-winning short films for children, on Saturday. Mario Monicelli’s *Le Rose del Deserto* screens on Sunday (3 p.m.), followed by David Ferrario’s *Dopo Mezzanotte* (6 p.m.). Enjoy *La Stella che non c’è* by Gianni Amelio on Monday. Christian Biscaglia’s *Agente Matrimoniale* screens Tuesday. *Provincia Meccanica* by Stefano Mordini may be seen on Wednesday. 858-456-1735. Saturday, October 4, 11 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 3 p.m. and Monday, October 6, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Women’s Film Festival Sixth annual festival promises independent films highlighting “positive messages about relevant social issues including ethnicity, class, culture, race, and gender.” On Saturday, see local short films and “Curator’s Choice” film, *Expired*, by Cecilia Minucchi (9 p.m.), followed by discussion with filmmaker. Closing-night film on Sunday is Andrea Kreuzhage’s *1000 Journals* (8:30 p.m.), followed by discussion with filmmaker.

Schedule boasts 50 films including five feature-length films. Tickets: \$50 for all-access pass (\$25 student discount), \$30 for one-day pass (\$15 student discount), \$10 for one film category (\$5 student discount). 619-807-9004. Friday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 4, 1 p.m.; Sunday, October 5, 12 noon; \$5-\$10. Gaslamp 15, 701 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

“Books: The Inside Story with Edith Hope Fine” Children’s author and Encinitas resident Edith Hope Fine focuses on how ideas turn into books for library shelves during program designed primarily for those 4-12. Enjoy readings from some of Fine’s books (avail-

able for purchase and signing). 760-753-7376. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

The Three Little Pigs and Other Funny Stories “The Big Bad Wolf is the antihero” when Millie Patterson’s Weaver’s Tales perform through Sunday, October 5. Next, Gaston’s Puppets take stage for *The Hare and the Tortoise*, October 8-12. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, October 2; Friday, October 3; Saturday, October 4; Sunday, October 5; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Become an Artist for a Day! Family art day includes viewing of current exhibitions – “The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, ’70s, and ’80s” and “DAMNGORGEIOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy.” Hands-on art activities reflecting concepts and themes from art in museum. 760-435-3720. Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Build a Scarecrow Create a scarecrow man, woman, child, or dream up a unique scarecrow creature to decorate for fall season during family workshop. Bring an old shirt, pair of pants, worn-out shoes; additional materials, instruction, snack provided. Fee for additional child or adult: \$8. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.; \$12-\$15. Ages 4 and up. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Kids Putting for Pets Practicing your miniature golf game while raising funds for orphaned animals at Helen Woodward Animal Center. Kids (7-12 years old) in tournament solicit friends, family, and neighbors for pledges. Golfers, families, pet owners can enjoy family fun zone with games, “Pets in Plaid” canine costume contest. 858-756-4117 x349. Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.; \$25. Ages 7 and up. Pelly’s Mini Golf at Del Mar Golf Center, 15555 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

IN PERSON

“Most Interesting Show in the World” This “upscale, offbeat variety show and tour inspired” by the Dos Equis “Most Interesting Man in the World” campaign features menagerie of performers including aerial performers, Japanese robotic dancers, acrobats, fire jugglers, Russian dancers, French burlesque singers. Jim Rose, emcee of “The Jim Rose Circus,” hosts. 858-481-8140. Wednesday, October 8, 9:30 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Ages 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

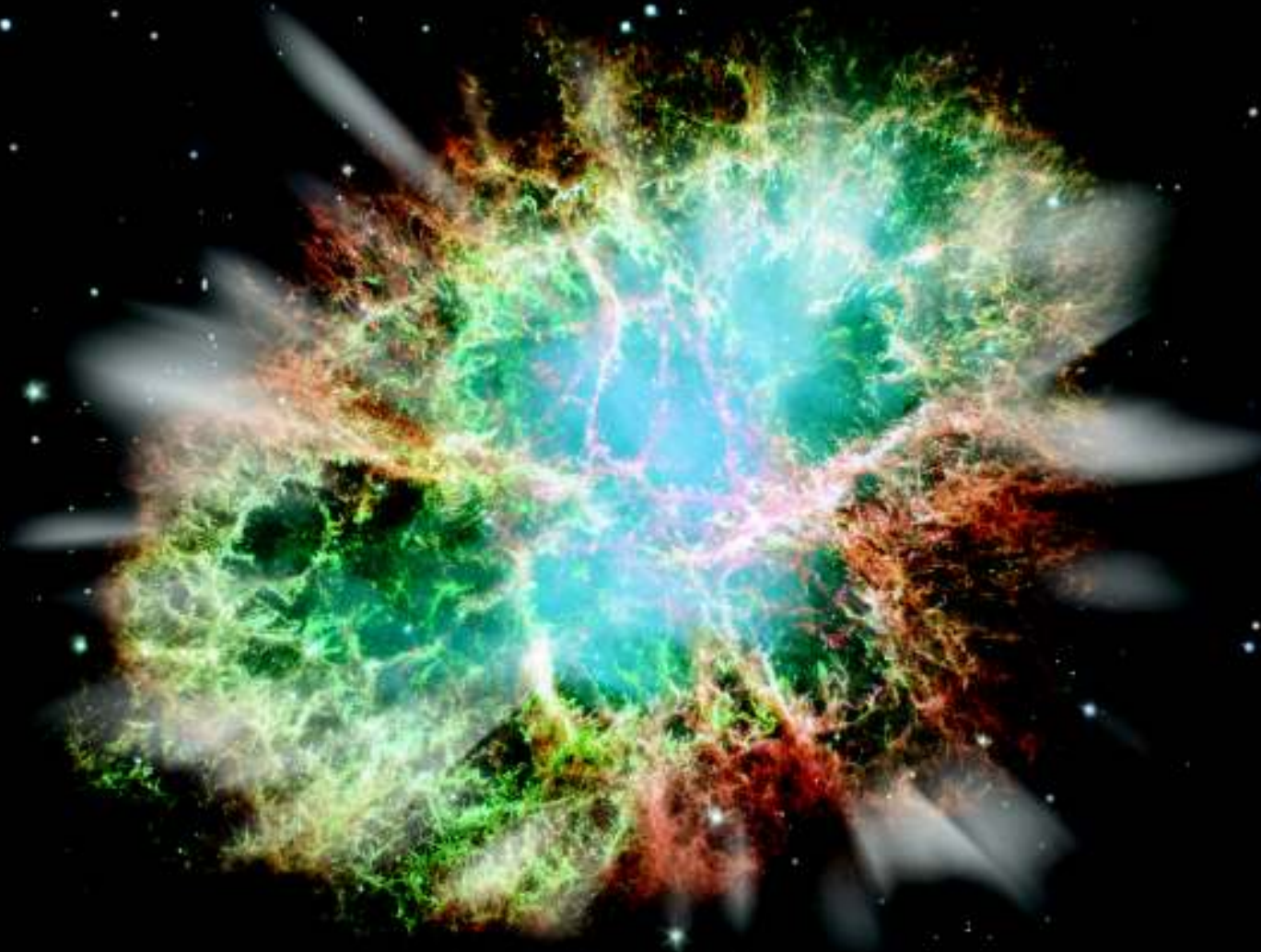
“Post-Chicano Stress Disorder” Enjoy Chicano spoken word with author Tomás Riley, a veteran of the Taco Shop Poets and native son, returning from Bay Area for reading and conversation at his alma mater. Reading takes place in Casa Real. 415-290-1631. Monday, October 6, 4 p.m.; ages 14 and up. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

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Big Words for Little People Actress and author Jamie Lee Curtis signs her "eighth hilarious picture book" (co-authored by Laura Cornell). Call for signing restrictions: 858-454-0347. Saturday, October 4, 4 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Falsehood Laid Bare, or The Prophet of Doom It's time for Julian Triangle Club's annual old-time melodrama and olio, a comedy about a strange sage who wanders down from Volcan Mountain raving of an evil presence in Julian City. Boo the villain, cheer the heroes. Between acts, enjoy an "olio" (variety show) featuring local talent with guitar and dulcimer players, singers, junior cancan dancers, and (in)famous Julian Floozies. 760-765-0832. Fridays, 7:15 p.m.; Saturdays, 1:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Sundays, 1:15 p.m.; through Sunday, October 26, Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

100 Classic Hikes in Southern California Hiking expert, author Allen Riedel signs books and offers tips on best trails, little-known camping spots, beautiful views, great family hikes, more. 760-966-1700. Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.; Adventure 16 Oceanside, 2002 South Coast Highway 101. (OCEANSIDE)

Mustang: The Saga of the Wild Horse in the American West Author Deanne Stillman discusses, signs her "story of the wild horse in the culture, history, and popular imagination of the American West." 858-454-0347. Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Presidential Material Publishing special projects editor Scott Dunbier and comics artist J. Scott Campbell discuss the inspiration

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Few travelers on Interstate 8 in eastern San Diego County fail to be impressed by the enormous stacks of rounded boulders thrusting skyward over the high-desert landscape.

On this hike, you'll get up-close and familiar with some of those big boulder piles and enjoy a panoramic view of a deep cleft called Carrizo Gorge. You start on private De Anza Springs resort property, so you might want to call the resort (619-766-4301) for planning purposes.

To get to the trailhead, exit Interstate 8 at the Jacumba exit. Turn sharply right (west, back toward San Diego) and follow a smoothly graded, unpaved frontage road two miles to the DeAnza Springs clothing-optional resort. At the entrance gate, use the intercom to ask permission to hike from the property into Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Staff will likely direct you to park your car outside the resort's office building, and go inside to register and pay a small fee.



Carrizo Gorge overlook

You actually "hit the trail" at a marked trailhead on the north-east edge of the resort. That trail follows a sandy wash east for about 50 yards, then veers left, joining an old jeep road swinging north. You soon pass through a gap in a wire fence marking your transition between the resort property and lands inside Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

What's the deal with the boulders here? Just the result of weathering of a rising mass of granitic rock taking place underground and on the surface. Groundwater infiltrates the joints (cracks) in the rock mass before any overlying layers of rock or soil have eroded away. Gaps open up as the rock is subject to slow decomposition by physical forces and chemical processes. Further, the mineral grains on any sharp corner of a rock surface will tend to loosen and fall away easier, thus contributing to an overall rounding effect. The stacks of rounded boulders you see are like the tiniest tips of icebergs. They will "rot away" completely in the next few tens of thousands of years. Meanwhile, more rock will rise to replace them.

At 0.7 mile into the hike, the old road tops a rise and descends a little. Ahead you can see another old jeep road climbing eastward. This is not the route either out or back, so try to avoid straying onto this when you are returning later. (Yes, this is one area where a detailed topographic map or GPS unit is useful for navigation.)

You stay left on an obscure roadbed going northwest down to a sandy wash. Go east along the north bank of the wash for 50 yards, and then cut left to resume your travel northwest. Some juniper bushes and plenty of chaparral and desert shrubs grow among the giant stacks of boulders on both sides of the old road.

At 1.7 miles, the ascent, which has been gentle for the last mile, quickens. You zigzag up a dry, south-facing slope, main-

taining the same general northwest direction. Continue over a rise at 2.0 miles, descend a bit, then climb steeply to the rounded top of a ridge (peak 3367). To get the best view, don't stop here. Keep going 0.2 mile west along the ridge to its west shoulder, where a magnificent panorama opens of the entire middle section of Carrizo Gorge. As you look down upon the San Diego & Arizona Eastern tracks precariously threading the east side of the gorge, you'll

understand why the famed rail line has long been nicknamed the "Impossible Railroad."

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

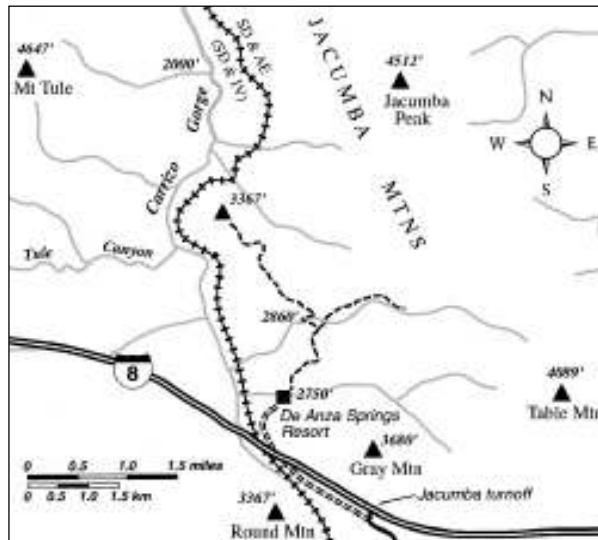
CARRIZO GORGE OVERLOOK

Get an eagle's eye view of rugged Carrizo Gorge, home of the "Impossible Railroad."

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for their project, described as "comic biographies of nominees Barack Obama and John McCain." 858-268-4747. Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy by Rahim "the Trash Man," Kinner Shah, Annie Wiebe, Andrew Santino, and Erin Schauer, hosted by Jason Bang. 619-294-4848. Saturday, October 4, 8:30 p.m.; ages 18

and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

San Diego City College International Book Fair Authors Jimmy Santiago Baca and Marisela Norte plan readings for festival on Friday.

On Saturday, literary events

promise number of local book and food vendors, in addition to appearances by Carolyn Forché, Juan Williams, Thomas Frank, Li-Young Lee, Paul Rieckhoff, Helena Viramontes, Reyna Grande, Melinda Palacio, Jennifer Silva Redmond,

and Robert V. Hine with Mike Davis (10 a.m.-7 p.m.). 619-388-3554. Friday, October 3, 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

In Search of Meaning and Compassion Photojournalist Alison Wright discusses, signs her memoir, *Learning to Breathe: One Woman's Journey of Spirit and Survival*, in which she chronicles her spiritual journey back to health following a bus accident in Laos. 858-454-0347. Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Step into World of the Vision Quest Writer/director/executive producer/novelist Deborah Pratt discusses, signs *The Vision Quest: Book Two: The Odyssey*, following 17-year-old hero Lazer. Books available for purchase. 619-236-5800. Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Open Poetry in Escondido! Rowena Silver and Jeff Green, editors of *Epicenter Magazine* from Riverside, plan reading. Open reading follows. 760-480-4101. Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.; Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Whoa, Dude! Local young adult science fiction author Tom Kirkbride signs *Gamadin: Word of Honor*, in which "a pair of surfing California teens are caught in the middle of an intergalactic war." 858-268-4747. Saturday, October 4, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Your Participation Required! Open-mike event. 858-534-2311. Monday, October 6, 7 p.m.; Ché Café, 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C. (LA JOLLA)

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"Beyond UFOs" Is there life beyond Earth? Astronomer, author Jeffrey Bennett examines why this question has become a hot topic of scientific research and discusses how scientists are searching both for microbial life and extraterrestrial intelligence. Why does possibility of life beyond Earth have profound implications to future of our species?

Event in Liebow Auditorium, Basic Science Building, UCSD School of Medicine begins with reception (5:30 p.m.), talk (6:15-7:15 p.m.), book signing (7:15-8 p.m.). RSVP: 858-246-0327. Thursday, October 2, 5:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Census Records" It's theme for beginning and refresher genealogy class series. Nonmembers welcome. Attend any or all sessions. 760-757-0528. Monday, October 6, 7 p.m.; Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Fall Bulbs for Spring Bloom" Mia focuses on what's available in these no-fuss items to plant during autumn. 858-792-8640. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Cedros Gardens, 330 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Family History Trip Across the United States" Joan Liene-mann will discuss genealogical research sources for German Research Association meeting. Also on tap: Nancy Simonson focuses on "Genealogical Researching in Person: Out-of-Town Experiences." 619-276-4660. Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Garden Club: A Good Place to Grow" Robin Pokorski, president of California Garden Clubs Inc., addresses Point Loma Gar-

den Club. She is member of Southern California Garden Club in San Fernando Valley District, and Judges Council of Southern California. 619-564-7036. Wednesday, October 8, 10 a.m.; Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

"History and Science on Trial" Gerald Markowitz, public health historian and professor of history at CUNY, plans lecture in Natural Sciences building #1205. "Despite potent evidence of the dangers of their products, the lead and vinyl industries have hid information, controlled research, continued to market their products as safe, and attempted to influence the political process in order to avoid regulation." 858-534-0491. Thursday, October 2, 3 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Olympic Dreams and Tlatelolco Nightmares — Mexican News Coverage, 1968" Talk by Celeste González de Bustamante hosted by Center for Latin American Studies in Hepner Hall 221. Talk commemorates 30th anniversary of the

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Tlatelolco Massacre. Bustamante is assistant professor at University of Arizona journalism department, faculty member of university's Center for Latin American Studies. 619-594-1103. Monday, October 6, 5 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Splendors of the Middle Ages" Art historian James Grebl presents a four-part series surveying artistic creations of medieval world from roots of Byzantine era to threshold of Italian Renaissance. Series fee: members \$40, nonmembers \$60. 858-454-5872. Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Tenth International Istanbul Biennial for Contemporary Art" Lidia and Alexander Rossner present "a virtual journey to the Istanbul Biennial," a selection of video interviews with artists and curator of the exhibit. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Tijuana Prisons Author Sam Warren signs, talks about his book *Tales from the Tijuana Jails*. Book is "true story about his imprisonment in three of Mexico's most corrupt prisons until all charges were dropped." 619-674-3066. Friday, October 3, 7 p.m.; San Diego LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre Street. (HILLCREST)

"Uniting Communities Torn Apart by Political Violence" Conversation with "woman peace maker" and youth advocate, counselor Zandile Nhlengetwa from

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South Africa. A creator of peace-building strategies for communities affected by high levels of violence, Nhlengetwa will share her story. 619-260-7509. Thursday, October 2, 12:30 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Art Talk Tim Lowly plans art talk in conjunction with exhibit of paintings and drawings on display through Thursday, October 30. Works in show "suggest the artist's tendency toward expressive distortion in works done from life." Reception: Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m. 760-757-5368. Wednesday, October 8, 4 p.m.; Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Art Walk and Talk Carolyn Sheets Owen-Towle, who wrote a memoir about her artist father, plans informal art talk in conjunction with "DAMNGORGEIOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy" exhibition. Hear "stories of life growing up with her talented and charismatic father." 760-435-3720. Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Hillside Gardening Landscape designer Connie Beck shows "how to make the most of gardening on a slope," focusing on erosion control, plant choices, terracing, retaining walls. Required registration: 619-660-4350. Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.; \$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

History Alive Lecture series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society continues when registered nurse Donna Lupinacci presents "In Their Own Words: The True Stories of Nurses from 1850-1980." 619-460-4353. Thursday, October 2, 2 p.m.; Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

Humorous and Torturous Images Art talk with Joey Kötting, who will discuss his work and his recent project, "Heads Up," in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. "Kötting has been using his body as the subject and the material for his art for many years." University Art Gallery will be open for viewing of current exhibition by Shaun Gladwell (5-6 p.m.). 858-534-2107. Monday, October 6, 6 p.m.; University Art Gallery at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Pastel Painting Demonstration Pastel Society of San Diego hosts meeting with guest demonstrator Toni Mizisin. 619-564-7508. Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m.; Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Poetry-Writing Workshop Roger Aplon leads workshop for Magee Park Poets. Reservations: 760-602-2400 x8149. Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m.; Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

OUTDOORS

Dense Ground Fogs are a trademark of the onset of autumn along San Diego's coastal strip. Fog materializes during the night and early morning hours when moist marine air that has settled in valleys and low areas is chilled below the dew point. These ground fogs are distinct from the low overcast that usually blankets the coastal strip on late-spring and summer mornings.

Spider Webs, decorated with myriads of tiny dew droplets, are a beautiful sight on foggy autumn mornings. Look for them in San Diego's wild canyons and park ar-

eas, or in your own back yard.

Chinese Flame Trees are now displaying colorful clusters of orange, reddish, or salmon-pink seed pods. Good specimens line the south end of Balboa Drive in Balboa Park, and Lake Murray Boulevard through San Diego's San Carlos district. Most of the remainder of San Diego's ornamental trees will continue to remain drab until November, the onset of "autumn" botanically.

A Beautiful, Thin Crescent Moon hangs like an ornament low in the southwestern sky during twilight on the evening of Thursday, October 2. Easier-to-spot Venus, a brilliant pinpoint of pure white light, lies to the right of the moon on that same evening. By Monday, October 6, the much fatter first-quarter moon will lie high in the south at dusk, quite near the planet Jupiter.

"Tracking the Wiley Coyote" Naturalist Susan Cunningham leads hike including introduction to identifying coyote footprints and sign. Moderate walk covering nature trail, East Ridge, Ranch House, and other trails will last about two hours. 760-839-4680. Sunday, October 5, 8:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Balboa Park Architectural Tours San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of highlighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935 International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

California Native Plant Society Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944.

Sunday, October 5, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

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

Guided Nature Walk Meet at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance. 858-581-9944. Bring binoculars, drinking water. Saturday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.; Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

History Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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, October 4, 9 a.m.; \$60. Ages 10 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

See Oak Acorns Outings to view Kumeyaay grinding rocks by San Diego River during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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tors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and nature center. 619-409-5900. Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"Small" Bullfights Bullfighting action promised. 619-591-8889. Saturday, October 4, 4 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Olé al Arte Bullring, Zona Río. (BAJA)

Hasta que la Boda nos Separe Comedy acted by Jacqueline Bracamontes and Juan Soler. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Entijanarte Art Festival Art event gathers Mexican and international artists exhibiting plastic and visual arts; see work by 155 artists, eight art collectives, three galleries, live music and dance performances, conferences, discussions, meetings. "This year the festival will be enriched with... presence of modernist painter, drawer, engraver, and sculptor Jose Luis Cuevas, one of the starters of Rupture Generation in the 1950s." 888-775-2417. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

La Playa Motocross Racing for motorcycles and ATVs. 011-52-661-612-2525. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$30. Pista San Marino, Tijuana-Ensenada toll road. (BAJA)

Margie Bermejo In concerts with music from Carlos Gardel and Agustín Lara. 011-52-664-684-8609. Thursday, October 2, 8 p.m.; Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m.; ICBC, Avenida Centenario #10151, Zona Río. (BAJA)

Stairway to... Led Zepagain plans Led Zeppelin tribute concert. 011-52-664-685-9655. Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m.; Tia Juana Tilly's, Avenida Revolución and 7th Street. (BAJA)

Take the Train to Tecate Baja California Tours hosts vintage train excursion. Fee includes transportation to and from Campo Depot, train ride to Tecate, shopping, lunch in Tecate at La Tradición. Reservations: 858-454-7166. Saturday, October 4, 8 a.m.; \$119. Kings Inn San Diego, 1333 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

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"A Salute to Marine Aviation" MCAS Miramar Air Show promises flying performances by many military and civilian performers (including U.S. Navy Blue Angels), static displays, food, more. Twilight show on Saturday includes "explosive" entertainment, Red Bull Meteor, Fat Albert, fireworks, "great wall of fire," more. General admission is free; preferred and grandstand seats available through 858-577-4126/4141. Information: 877-772-5425. Friday, October 3, 9 a.m.; Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, October 5, 9 a.m.; Marine Corps Air Station

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LOCAL EVENTS

Miramar, Miramar Way. (MIRA MESA)

"FilAmFest" The Filipino American Arts and Culture Festival is "celebration of the arts to the Filipino community around the world." Performers include Kitchie Nadal, hip-hop emcee Bambu, and dance music diva Ashley Robles, professional skateboarder Willy Santos, traditional and cultural performances, vendors, urban street-style dance competition. 619-477-3392. Saturday, October 4, 11 a.m.; Potomac Park, Paradise Valley Road at Gilmartin Avenue. (PARADISE HILLS)

"Fuzzy Dice" The Community Room Gallery hosts exhibition of works in acrylic, oils, mixed media by Irene Abraham opening

with reception. Show closes Thursday, October 30. 760-753-7376. Saturday, October 4, 2 p.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Sketches of Rob Quigley: San Diego's New Central Library" Noted local architect has been creating new library for over ten years. See exhibition of "essential hand drawings and electronic renderings from which the final library design emerged, illustrating the evolution of public architecture born of public input." Through Wednesday, November 26. 619-260-2600. Thursday, October 2, 10 a.m.; the Frame Maker, 3102 Reynard Way. (HILLCREST)

"Studies in Bronze, Pencil, and Colored Pencil" Inspired by beauty of Europe and sculptures in St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome, Brian Pellar decided to devote himself to "his passion of art and writing." Exhibit includes selected works by Pellar, with focus

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on his transition to bronze sculpture, small display showing how a bronze is made. Artist on hand for this opening reception. Show closes Saturday, November 29. 858-573-1396. Sunday, October 5, 3 p.m.; Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"The Archaeology of Nate Harrison" Exhibition subtitled "Legacies and Legends of an African-American Pioneer in San Diego County" continues through Thursday, January 15, 2009, 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)

"Uncover the Artist Within" Exhibition of artwork created over past three years by students/artists who live with disabilities includes reception with performance by Lori Bell Trio on October 6. Over 100 pieces of artwork may be seen through Sunday, October 26. 619-388-4955. Monday, October 6, 1 p.m.; Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Ocean View Boulevard. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"Urban Legends and Country Tales" Opening reception for exhibition of work by the Digital Art Guild. Closes Saturday, November 15. 619-267-5141. Saturday, October 4, 6 p.m.; Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

35 Years of Preservation Join El Cajon Historical Society to celebrate 35 years of preserving El Cajon's history during open house with tours of Knox House, light refreshments. 619-444-3800. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Knox House Museum, 280 North Magnolia Avenue. (EL CAJON)

I-Be Area San Diego debut of Ryan Trecartin's feature-length

video — called "sensationally anarchic" by the *New York Times* — is showcased during Thursday Night Thing (TNT). "The 108-minute video interlaces the absurd and melodramatic tales of a rowdy cast of characters, played by Trecartin and many others, as they deal with issues of virtual identity, cloning, and adoption." Film curator Neil Kendricks speaks about the video, Trecartin's work. Paint your face in day-glo colors. 858-454-3541. Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Yan Can Cook Master chef Martin Yan — "culinary craftsman," food consultant, teacher, host of television food series *Yan Can Cook* — plans "Asian-inspired" lunch menu, knife demonstration, book signing of *Martin Yan's China*. Lunch offered at nominal fee; books available at discounted rate. 760-633-6629. Monday, October 6, 11 a.m.; Scripps Encinitas, 354 Santa Fe Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Animal Rights Festival The San Diego Humane Society, Friends of Humane Society de Tijuana, Con Rescue, City Dog, many other animal-protection and care organizations on hand; animal blessings, drumming concert. Offering. 619-303-6609. Sunday, October 5, noon; Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

Casket Walk! Historic cemetery tours offering "tales with plots" led by guide Charles Spratley by lantern light every Saturday in October. Spratley evokes past on these walking tours "of the history, tragedies, and mysteries of this small-town cemetery." Wear comfortable shoes, warm clothing.

Also planned: Halloween evening tours on Friday, October 31, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., evening tour on Saturday, November 1, in celebration of Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead. Reservations: 619-889-6222. Saturday, October 4, 8

p.m.; \$5. Julian Pioneer Cemetery, Farmer's Road. (JULIAN)

Co-Ed Drumming Circle Elisa Kisselburg leads co-ed circle blending Japanese, Middle Eastern, African traditions. Drums provided if you don't have your own. Circles offered first Sunday of every month. 619-303-6609. Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m.; \$15. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

Deaf Awareness Day 2008 Adults and children who are deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing invited for day featuring resources, exhibits, entertainment, children's and teens' activities. 619-398-2441. Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.; \$1-\$10. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Food, Food, Food! Buddhist Temple of San Diego festival promises all manner of food for sale. Entertainment by San Diego Taiko and Naruwan Taiko, San Diego Japan Mixed Chorus, Koto Ensemble, Shamisen Ensemble, Mary Lu Brandwein (*shakuhachi*) and Yuki Easter (koto). 619-239-0896. Sunday, October 5, 11 a.m.; Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

Garden Tea and Tour Spend "invigorating morning in the shade of towering pines, eucalyptus, and oak trees as you explore the Marston House formal gardens and woodland pathways." Later, take a cup of seasonal tea, scone on terrace. Reservations: 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, October 2, 11 a.m.; \$15. Marston House Museum, 3525 Seventh Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Get to Know San Diego Bay Port of San Diego offers public bay cruise tours focusing on San Diego Bay and its environment, port operations, the waterfront. 619-686-8008. Thursday, October 2, 3 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Port of San Diego, 3165 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

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of informants, “government repression in general.” According to his supporter’s website, “McDavid was arrested in...2006 as part of the government’s ongoing Green Scare campaign. He was convicted of ‘conspiracy to destroy property by means of fire or explosives.’” 858-534-2311. Tuesday, October 7, 8 p.m.; Ché Café, 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C. (LA JOLLA)

GreenBuilt Tour 2008 Self-guided tour of “green” homes and businesses, with 20 sites to visit all over the county. 858-272-7370. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m.; \$25. Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market, 4765 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Harvest Walkabout Explore neighborhood’s art galleries, restaurants, cafés, retail shops, businesses. On tap: live music, entertainment, hors d’oeuvres, art workshops, extended hours. Trolley available to transport visitors back and forth between three areas of interest along 30th Street (free). 619-284-7684. Saturday, October 4, 6 p.m.; South Park, 30th Street at Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

House of Austria Enjoy homemade pastries and *sachertorte* during lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes, and food (for sale). 619-234-0739. Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

It’s Oom-Pah-Pah Time! The 26th Carlsbad Rotary Oktoberfest promises German food, German

music (5-10 p.m.), dancing, children’s activities. Fee includes “authentic German dinner” (1-8 p.m.). Parking shuttle bus available from Westfield Plaza Camino Real (12:45 p.m. on). 760-434-6093. Saturday, October 4, 1 p.m.; \$10. Holiday Park, Chestnut Avenue at Pio Pico Drive. (CARLSBAD)

La Mesa Oktoberfest Enjoy six blocks with live music, over 300 craft and commercial booths, food, kids’ carnival. 619-303-5811. Friday, October 3, 11 a.m.; Saturday, October 4, 11 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, noon; La Mesa Village, Spring Street at La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Old Timers’ Day Rabbit Kekai, “charismatic 87-year-old Hawaiian waterman,” is guest of honor during festivities hosted by California Surf Museum in library’s community rooms. Moonlight Beach Ukulele Strummers and Dancers provide “authentic island atmosphere.” Optional luau (\$15 general, \$12 for museum members). Luau reservations: 760-721-6876. Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.; Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Palomar Observatory Tours Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through multiple telescopes atop Palomar Mountain (weather permitting) during event sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Fee includes round-

trip bus transportation, with San Diego and Escondido pickups. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802. Saturday, October 4, 3 p.m.; \$65-\$75. Ages 10 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Politically and Economically... Get ready to focus on how the E.U. functions when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.; the Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Family Fair Friends With Class and other “mom-run and family-friendly” businesses host Habitat for Humanity benefit. Pony rides for kids (\$5), food and wine tasting for the adults, live music by Patty Hall’s Jumpin’ Up Songs for Kids and Families and Semisi and the Fula Bula Band. 858-735-2922. Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m.; Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

San Diego International Orchid Fair Thousands of species and hybrids, exhibits, sales, lectures, official American Orchid Society judging. Vendors will sell plants, pottery, paintings, books, orchid-related products. 760-436-3036. Friday, October 3, 1 p.m.; Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 9 a.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Taste of Del Mar Events include food from 20 restaurants (\$40), art

stroll with original works by over 70 artists (free, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.), kids’ art activities at Del Mar Library (free, noon-4 p.m.), and pet stroll (free). 858-755-1179. Saturday, October 4, noon; Del Mar will call, 15th Street at Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Time to Scream! Del Mar “Scaregrounds” 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 tunnel in San Diego.” Call to confirm hours, open dates: 858-755-1161 x2855. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m.; Mondays, 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; through Saturday,

November 1, \$14-\$27. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Tomato Time! Chef Timothy Au of Milly’s Restaurant demonstrates many recipes featuring tomatoes (11 a.m.). Later, Chef Jason Maitland of Arterra focuses on the “Tomato Bounty” (2-3 p.m.). Fees benefit local HIV/AIDS programs. 888-424-3663. Saturday, October 4, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; \$10. Macy’s Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

Toy Dog Fanciers Dog Show Club from North San Diego plans dog show. 858-794-1171. Saturday, October 4, 8 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

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promise “authentic” German food, music by Guggenbach-Buam from Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; folksinging and traditional dancing, games and contests, vendors, craft booths, kids’ zone. Free admission for active military and those under 21. 619-442-6637. Friday, October 3, 3 p.m.; Saturday, October 4, noon; Sunday, October 5, noon; German American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Train Song Festival San Diego Folk Heritage event promises traditional music inspired by history and culture surrounding railroads. Enjoy performances by Baja Blues Boys, Ken Graydon, Tanya Rose, Patty Hall, others. Also planned: kid’s railroad costume contest (12:30 p.m.), train stories by Steve Gregory (3:45 p.m.), train-related



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vendors, more. 858-566-4040. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.; Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

SPORTS

Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile "fun ride." 619-647-3212. Saturday, October 4, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Coastwise Mile Scenic course travels along Prospect Street

through La Jolla Village to Coast Boulevard before ocean-view finish at Ellen Browning Scripps Park. Also planned: kids' races, mutt mile. Race-day registration opens: 7 a.m. 310-821-7898. Saturday, October 4, 7 a.m.; \$10-\$30. Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

International Women's Go Kart Grand Prix Worldview Press hosts event with competition by 15 girls from more than ten countries. 858-964-0709. Sunday, October 5, 1 p.m.; \$12. K1 Speed, 6212 Corte Del Abeto. (CARLSBAD)

Omshoes III Old Mission Bay Athletic Club hosts horseshoe tournament at Mariner's Point (a large sandy peninsula off Bonita Cove). Sign-ups 9-10:30 a.m. at Pennant Bar; tournament begins at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, October 5, 9

a.m.; Bonita Cove, 1100 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

Professional Longboard Association Surf Series Competition with professional and amateur surfers, south of pier. Free for spectators. 858-200-7619. Thursday, October 2, 8 a.m.; Friday, October 3, 8 a.m.; Saturday, October 4, 8 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 8 a.m.; Oceanside Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

Psoriasis Walk for Awareness Take part in 1K or 5K walk. Registration starts at 8 a.m., walks step off at 9 a.m. 619-208-8078. Saturday, October 4, 8 a.m.; \$15-\$25. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Shamu and You Family Walk Choose a one-mile or four-mile course. Short stroll starts at South Shores boat ramp, crosses through SeaWorld; longer scenic route continues around Mission Bay. Registration opens 7 a.m. 858-966-5988. Saturday, October 4, 8 a.m.; \$15-\$25. South Shores Park, 500 Sea World Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Signature 6 County Horse Show 858-481-9085. Saturday,

October 4, 8 a.m.; Sunday, October 5, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Wake Up to Challenge! Boot Camp Challenge three-mile obstacle course run promises flat, fast course on paved roads and hard-packed dirt, 50-plus obstacles, drill instructors at each station to make sure obstacles are completed. Fees: \$35 individual, \$105 per three-person team, \$175 per five-person team. 619-524-8083. Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.; \$35. MCRD San Diego, West Washington Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Walk for Lupus Now Lupus Foundation of America fundraising walk, resource fair. Event takes place at 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. 219-718-4565. Sunday, October 5, 9 a.m.; Mission Bay Park, on east side of Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MUSEUMS

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific North-

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

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

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

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Sta-

tion or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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

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

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

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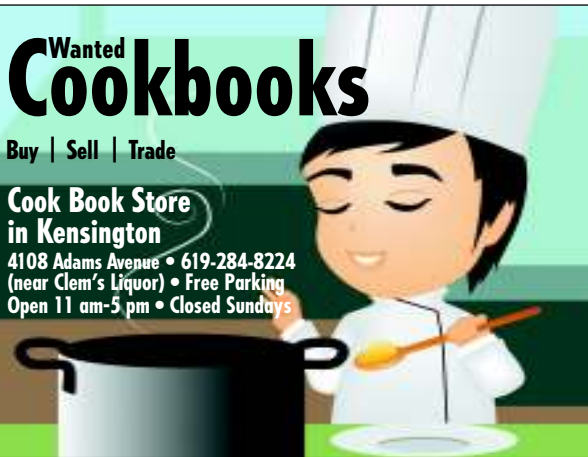


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of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final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

rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library Museum and library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, is located in the

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

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement. 2727 Presidio Drive, 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

La Mesa Depot Museum Located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include orig-

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inal telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street, 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

Museum of Making Music "Gretsch 125th Anniversary" highlights instruments spanning the company's rich history. Through Friday, February 20, 2009.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. 5790 Armada Drive, 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

National City Depot San Diego Electric Railway Association oper-

ates museum in this historic Santa Fe depot with exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 922 West 23rd Street, 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunkhouse, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The

Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. 645 Main Street, 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum The 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. 2384 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel (2115 Park Boulevard), the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Boulevard, 619-239-2100. (BALBOA PARK)

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Third Annual MusicFest Competition California International Young Artists Competition promises performances by 72 local musicians, aged 13-18, in categories of piano, strings, winds, voice, and ensemble (duo to octet). Winners’ concert: Sunday, October 12, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido. 760-580-0518. CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road), 8 a.m., Saturday, October 4. (SAN MARCOS)

“The World of Women in Classical Music” Musical performance and lecture by Anne Gray (piano) and son Adrian Gray (violin) exploring “lives and work of women who wrote, performed, and influenced the world of classical music”; son Charles Gray makes PowerPoint presentation. Listen for works by Florence Price, Lili Boulanger, Cécile Chaminade, and Eugénie Rocherolle. Donation. 619-233-7963. YMCA Downtown (500 West Broadway, Suite B), 2 p.m., Saturday, October 4. (DOWNTOWN)

“Opus 2008” Season opening gala concert for San Diego Symphony includes Rachmaninoff’s “Piano Concerto No. 2” and “Les Préludes” by Liszt. Conductor Jahja Ling and symphony are joined by pianist Lang Lang. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Balboa Theatre (854 Fourth Avenue), 8 p.m., Saturday, October 4. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert Organist Sven-Ingvart Mikkelsen and violinist Jochen Brusch plan organ concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, October 5. (BALBOA PARK)

Organ Concert Vocal settings of “Psalm 1,” “Psalm 23,” and “Psalm 117” may be heard, along with works for organ by American and French composers, when organists Paul Pitman and Alison Luedecke perform. 619-233-3571. First Church of Christ, Scientist (2450 Second Avenue), 7 p.m., Sunday, October 5. (HILLCREST)

More Harp for Lunch Sonia Olivas performs for mini-concert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, October 6. (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

“28th Annual International Exhibition” Reception for artists whose 90 original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through October. Exhibition includes variety of styles from nonobjective to realistic. Hundreds of entries from all over world were juried for this San Diego Watercolor Society event. Awards at 6:30 p.m. 619-876-4550. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade (2825 Dewey Road #105). 5 p.m., Friday, October 3. (POINT LOMA)

“Abstractions” Opening reception for exhibit of mixed-media paintings, ceramics, prints by Lauren Carrera, Joseph Bennett, and seven other artists. Through Tuesday, November 4. 619-972-3727. Artifact Art Studio and Gallery (2234 30th Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, October 4. (SOUTH PARK)

“Art Faculty Exhibition 2008” Opening reception for artists exhibiting “a broad spectrum of work.” Closes Thursday, October 30. 619-644-7299. Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 7. (GROSSMONT COLLEGE)

“Notes from a Restless Time” Opening reception for exhibit of new paintings by Arizona artist Robert D. Cocke. Closes Saturday, November 8. 858-459-3917. R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, Suite 201). 4 p.m., Saturday, October 4. (LA JOLLA)

“There Ain’t Nothing Like a Dame” Artists’ reception for seven artists with work in variety of media, on view through Monday, October 13. 619-562-5791. Spanish Village Art Center (1770 Village Place). noon, Sunday, October 5. (BALBOA PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

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

Mingei International Museum “Hungarian Folk Magic – The Art of Joseph Domjan” includes several of this master woodblock printer’s pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. “Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes.” Closes Sunday, October 12.

“India Adorned” features selections from museum’s Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit “reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family – objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation.” Closes Sunday, April 19, 2009.

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

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

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

“Memory Is Your Image of Perfection,” was curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucía Sanromán, presents photography and video works from museum’s

collection created by women artists of Southern California and Baja California. Exhibition “investigates the subject of memory through associations, oppositions, and overlaps amongst 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 inspiration.” MoPA’s annual youth exhibition offers opportunity to recognize talented students throughout San Diego, linking the medium of photography with writing. Through January, 2009.

“A Literacy of Images: Nancy Newhall and the Art of Photography” continues through Sunday, January 25, 2009. 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. 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’s legacy. In the early 1930s, Sheets helped define a movement known as Southern California Regionalism, depicting rural scenes near his home in Claremont, California. Through Sunday, January

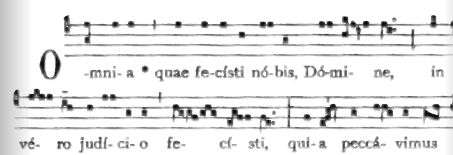
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San Diego Museum of Art “Eleanor Antin: Historical Takes,” on display through Sunday, November 2, focuses on Antin’s recent series of large-scale tableaux photographs based on Greek and Roman history and mythology, presented together for first time. “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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Little Ranch of Horrors? “The Ranchita Rocks music festival in Ranchita near Ramona was a disaster,” emails attendee

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Andrew MacDonald of the three-day concert event held September 12–14. “The thousands of attendees got much less than what they paid for. The list of bands that were supposed to appear but did not perform is long and includes many of the headliners.”

Among billed bands that didn’t perform were Leslie West’s Mountain, Particle, Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra, DJ Lorin Ashton of Bassnectar, and the Yonder Mountain String Band.

“There were supposed to be six stages of bands,” says MacDonald, “but on Sunday they were down to one stage that had about three bands all day.” (Another attendee says there were two stages in use on Sunday, albeit far from each other.) “The rumor was that bands were not getting paid and therefore refused to

perform. There was no communication to the attendees at all about what was happening and who would be performing and when.... There was word of a death of a family member of the organizer shortly before the festival, but it’s hard to see how that can result in no money to pay the bands.”

On the Tuesday after the festival, the main page at ranchitarocks.org included an unsigned post that read: “Due to unforeseen family circumstances, there was

confusion about [performer] arrangements.... Those bands [who didn’t perform] absolutely refused to play, despite the fact that payment arrangements were being worked out for immediately after [the event].... We were all working for a cause, and we begged [the performers] to show good faith in us and our intentions, [but] they refused.”

Attendee Tony Lemans emails, “There were no bathrooms, no water for sale, and only two or three stages actually had bands off and on.... This was out in the middle of the desert. If you bought a camping pass, the campground was at least a mile away [from the concert]. Nobody seemed to be in charge and there were hardly any security guards after the first day.... Warm beer was \$6 per cup.” Lemans estimated there were several hundred attendees on Saturday but “less than a

hundred” on Sunday.

The Ranchita Rocks concert was advertised as the second annual fundraiser for the Protect Our Communities Fund, which hopes to



NO PAY? NO PLAY! (BASSNECTAR'S ASHTON)

prevent SDG&E from building the Sunrise Powerlink electric transmission line through rural backcountry. Three-day concert passes cost \$135; single-day admission, \$60. Promoter Carolyn Morrow and her son Stephen Rohrer held the event on Morrow’s 160-acre Golightly Farms horse ranch. After last year’s Ranchita Rocks event, Morrow reported losing money due to gate-crashers and dust storms that cut short many performances.

Morrow’s phone number on the Ranchita Rocks website has been disconnected, and

messages left for Golightly Farms went unreturned.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Rocket Queen “For years, I drank and used drugs out of shame over it,” says Adriana Smith, known by Guns N’ Roses fans as the girl heard having sex with Axl Rose in the recording studio during the song “Rocket Queen.”

“I was dating the drummer [Steven Adler] at the time, and we got in a little tussle about whether or not I was his girlfriend.... I was boozing it up in the studio, and Axl propositioned me. Axl and I had always kind of tempted fate, and once we got together, it was like fire and gasoline.”

The track appeared on GNR’s debut album in 1987.

“Axl had visions of taking me on the road with them, and we’d have live sex shows behind a screen onstage. I mean, the guy’s a genius; he

has crazy, over-the-top ideas.” However, Smith — then 19 — declined.

“I probably lost a lot of money, but I didn’t want to be seen as the groupie lowlife boyfriend-stealing slut.” She says the last time she met up with Rose was a chance encounter at a 1998 party.

Smith’s identity remained unknown for many years. She settled in San Diego nearly 20 years ago, had a daughter, and began working as a drug-and-alcohol counselor.

“I’m 15 years sober,” she says. “I went public because I’ve been trying to make my amends to my past. Axl had a



SMITH (LEFT) IN THE LATE '80S

girlfriend at the time, who later became his wife.... I let Axl down by shooting down his big plans, and I also let Steven down; he was really upset about it.”

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Smith fronts the local band Ghost in the Graveyard, the current lineup of which makes its debut on Halloween at Bailey Barbecue in Julian.

"There's a song on our [upcoming] CD called 'CFM,' 'Come Find Me,' which is actually written to Axl," says Smith. "I have no doubt that at some point we'll meet up again. Maybe the gas will be on the fire again!"

— Jay Allen Sanford

No 16-Year-Old Girls

"I've been offering free music-video production, but either the bands suck or the singers who respond are 16-year-old girls," says Shannon Wafford of Snow Productions, a local production company.

"I ran ads in the *Reader* and [on] craigslist to do free video, so I can get a good demo. The only people who reply are bands or singers that...are not original, don't have a CD recorded, don't have a complete band, are death metal, or are under 18. If I'm going to do \$5000 worth of work for free, I need to get the best all-around demo out of it."

The 40-year-old Wafford grew up in San Diego and played in an early band with Ernie Longoria of Sprung Monkey. Wafford currently directs and coproduces the local cable show *Music Patrol*, an offshoot of *mylocal-band.com*.

"They decided to start a TV show that highlights

bands and venues in San Diego," says Wafford. "We can get 30 minutes of airtime for cheap late at night, which is perfect for our demographic. We have some demo DVDs, and they're working on getting sponsors."

Wafford has produced concert performances by P.O.D., Sprung Monkey, and the Iron Maidens ("With Michelle Meldrum, just before she died this year"). He also filmed a Las Vegas



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show featuring Siegfried and Roy ("Before the tiger got pissed and mauled Roy") and the 1998 Super Bowl performance by the Beach Boys in San Diego. About that last gig, Wafford says, "They didn't even have their electric guitars plugged in."

Performers interested in the free video production can contact SDProducer@aol.com.

— Jay Allen Sanford

AM? Please!! Tony Randall and Kris Rochester (aka Tony and Kris) recently departed from KUSS "New Country" 95.7 FM. In December 2003, Clear Channel lured Randall and Rochester away from KSON with a five-year contract that reportedly paid the team \$1 million a year; that contract

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Attempts to reach Randall and Rochester were not successful, but they did post the following message on their website (tonyand-kris.com): "For a long time we have been requesting to be let out of our contract at 95.7.... Thank you so much for your support over the last 15 years in San Diego. Here's to another 15.... There will be a big announcement in the near future."

Now, many local radio

insiders say Clear Channel may pull country music off of 95.7 and replace programming with some combination of news, talk, or sports.

"The handwriting is on the wall for radio programmers to switch 'talk' to the FM band," says Perry Michael Simon, an editor with radio-industry magazine *All Access*. "The big trend in radio is to put news and sports on FM.... As opposed to keeping it on the AM band, which has an aging

audience which is shrinking. Younger people don't identify with the AM band."

Simon says Seattle, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Washington DC, St. Louis, Detroit, and several other major cities now have sports and/or news stations on the FM dial.

Among Clear Channel-owned stations with content that could be moved to 95.7 (according to speculators): XTRA Sports 1360 (AM); news talk KOGO (600 AM);



TONY, KRIS (LEFT AND RIGHT), AND FANS

KIOZ/"Rock 105.3" (FM), which broadcasts Charger games; "The Walrus"/105.7 FM, which broadcasts Padre games.

A call to Bill Pugh, who oversees the programming of Clear Channel's seven local stations, went unreturned.

— Ken Leighton

More Cowbell "I got a call from a friend that works with Stevie Wonder," says local percussionist Steve Haney. "He mentioned that he had an

opportunity for me to record with Stevie. Stevie had an idea to present a new tune called 'Fear Can't Put Dreams to Sleep' at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, where he would volunteer his time to perform."

Shortly before the late-August event, Haney was invited to record the song at Wonderland, Wonder's L.A. studio.

"I dropped everything I was doing," says Haney. "Stevie's idea was to present a multicultural drum ensemble groove. We recorded as a six-piece drum group with Stevie in the recording console room on keys and vocals." Haney played tambourine, snare, and "more cowbell" on the track.

"Next thing I know, a few

days later, I was on my way to Denver to perform live in front of 84,000 people [at the Democratic Convention].... We were essentially the



STEVIE AND STEVE

opening band for Al Gore, who presented a speech after Stevie's songs." Other performers included John Legend, Sheryl Crow, and Michael McDonald.

Steve Haney appears every Thursday with the house band at downtown's Anthology jazz club.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 2

"Bad Kids." Road-hardened Atlanta indie quartet **Black Lips** hit like a torrent live, as evidenced on their '06 show disc *Los Valientes del Mundo Nuevo*, which was supposedly recorded



BLACK LIPS AT BELLY UP

by John Reis in TJ. Who knows. Their 2007 studio follow-up *Good, Bad, Not Evil* was immediate in its punk-pop catchiness and R&B rumble, giving indie kids their Strokes and jaded critics a DIY garage group to gush for. If you haven't been kissed by Black Lips yet, pucker up, buds, as the tour bus busts for Belly Up tonight behind local *Humanimals* **Grand Ole Party** and Costa Mesa crew **Japanese Motors**. Bar bill of the week by a country mile.... Talking Head **David Byrne**'s gone gray, but the multimedia artist wears it well, touring a road show of big-city proportions through Humphrey's. Byrne's out to tout his latest Brian Eno collaboration, *Everything That Happens Will Happen Today*. And there's a dance troupe!... Big-rawk experimentalists **Mars Volta** will charge SDSU's Open Air Theatre with prog-rock psych-outs and leave numb drums in their wake. Taste test this year's crit-hit *Bedlam in Goliath* before ordering.... Rock-roll throwbacks **Ringers, Roses on Her Grave**, and **Desert Diamonds** shine on Casbah.... While L.A.'s **Roll the Tanks** razes Radio Room to ghettotech.

Friday 3

The Frames' Glen Hansard and Czech singer-songwriter Markéta Irglová appeared in '06 art-house flick *Once*, a sad-sack love story saved by the "community of song," particularly "Falling Slowly," the hit single from the fillums Academy Award-winning soundtrack disc *The Swell Season*. The duo now tour as the **Swell Season**, and you can check some YouTube takes from last week's *Austin City Limits* set. Sam Beam's top-shelf **Iron and Wine** in support, making this Open Air Theatre bill the big gig Friday night.... Too sickening sweet? Well, the doctor is in at Belly Up.

Nawlins piano man **Dr. John** brings the boogie-woogie to town behind his latest ode to home, *The City That Care Forgot*. Blues beauty **Janiva Magness** splits the bill.... Else: Countrypolitan lounge lizards **Joey Harris** and the **Mentals** ride with **Palominos** to Whistle Stop.... Icelandic experimentalist **Mugison** brings *Mugiboogie* to Casbah for an early set (7p). Afta, dance-punk duo **Data Rock** drops Norwegian noise on the Middletown stage.... Jazz-guit guru **Stanley Jordan** plays two nights at Anthology behind his latest, *State of Nature*. And don't forget your **Transfer** Friday night, as the local country skunks bring it on home with a late set at the Little Italy supper club.... America is from England? Seventies folk-pop stars **America** ("Horse with No Name," "Ventura Highway," "Sister Golden Hair," "Tin Man," etcet etcet) colonize Humphrey's.... More Brits?

Manchester's Smiths knockoffs **James** play their hit at House of Blues.... Uptown sets: Austin honky-tonkers **Ruby Dee and the Snakehandlers** charm Bar Pink...local punk-pop trio **Vena Cava**'ll get yer blood going at Radio Room....and Quebecois **We Are Wolves** lope into U31. They're touring the Left Coast behind *Total Magique*, a (get this) "post-punk landscape filled with analogue trees."

Saturday 4

Tommy Castro Band brings Bay Area blues to the Belly Up. The six-string Svengali will steal your dance shoes and borrow your best girl — hey, seen it happen. Catch up with Castro on his latest Blind Pig disc *Painkiller*, which won Blues Album of the Year and the man the B.B. King Entertainer of the Year at the 2008 Blues Awards.... There'll be a benefit for the family of Plot/Prayers bassist **Willy Graves** Saturday night at Casbah, with sets by friends and cohorts **Kill Me Tomorrow**, **Muslims**, **Crocodiles**, and **Wild Weekend**. Hella bill. R.I.P., Willy.... Local roots-rockers **Anna**



HEAVY TRASH AT CASBAH

Troy Band do a CD-release thing for *Wait Another Day* at Bar Pink.... While pop-rock peeps **lualta** and **Beautiful View** dial in at Radio Room.

Sunday 5

Rock Band Live promises "an interactive musical experience" at Sports Arena Sunday night, with rock-radio heavies **Dashboard Confessional** and **Panic at the Disco** and opening sets by **Plain White T's** and the **Cab**.... The Fun DMC Tour rolls up on Casbah, with "underground hip-hop" by Los Angelinos **People Under the Stairs** and **Shawn Jackson** and Seattleites **Common Market**.... Boston's rockin' reggae big band **John Brown's Body** washes up in Solana Beach at Belly Up behind their latest effort *Amplify*.

Monday 6

Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up hauls in **Heavy Trash**, featuring **Jon Spencer** of Pussy Galore and Blues Explosion fame. Psych-punk guitarists Spencer and Matt Verta-Ray backed by the Sadies, last year released *Going Way Out with Heavy Trash*, a collection of punk'd-up blues stomps and rootsy rockabilly that fills in the color between White Stripes and Black Keys. With Danish dudes **PowerSolo** and our own one-man thrash band **Pant Hoots**, this is a Monday-night gig to get to. Book a sitter. Get some ear gear.... Outside of that, Anglo adult-contempo cat **Nick Lowe** ("Cruel to

Be Kind," "[What's So Funny 'bout] Peace, Love, and Understanding?") plays the Belly Up...and blues baroness **Lady Dottie** dons her **Diamonds** for another Monday nighter at U31.

Tuesday 7

Forever in blue jeans and ruining the kitsch-cool bell curve for more than 50 years, yo, **Neil Diamond** shines on Sports Arena Tuesday night. Believe it, the 67-year-old boozy baritone still brings it live, and he's got fresh product, this year's *Billboard* bang *Home Before Dark*. Oh, he'll turn on your heart light, all right.... **The Plastic People of the Universe** (Czech Repub.) celebrate 40 years of touring the globe through places like Brick by Brick. Yeah! No, it's a fine club, and the Plastic People's Prague rock is super cool, they're just not, y'know, Neil Diamond.

Wednesday 8

Indianapolis indie kids **Margot and the Nuclear So and So's** drop chamber pop on Casbah with, appropriately enough, **Judgement Day** and Nashville newcomer **David Vandervelde**.



NEIL DIAMOND AT SPORTS ARENA

With the release of this year's symbiotic sets *Animal!* and *Not Animal*, the So and So's were named '08 "artists to watch" by *Spin*. Apparently it's a music magazine.... "King of Motown," smooove **Smokey Robinson**, will croon till you swoon out at Pala. Love that

"Tears of a Clown" song.... Hawaiian hits **Natural Vibrations** riffle Canes with raga-flavored island vibes.... And Swedish "bad axe" **Yngwie Malmsteen** hits House of Blues in advance of next week's release of *Perpetual Flame*, the shredder's 30th release in 30 years. Guitar Hero II hangs a "Malmsteen" on ya when you nail 1000 notes. Who's got one?

— Barnaby Monk

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Jet-Set 'J

"I won't go to a country if it's scary. They tried to book me in Lebanon, and I was, like, 'No way.'"

When asked about her stage name, DJ Miss Lisa says, "I used to be a go-go dancer, and when I was at Taxi in La Jolla [a club popular in the '90s, gone but not forgotten], the deejay said, 'Give it up for the lovely Miss Lisa!' It just stuck."

Miss Lisa started deejaying nine years ago, working on her scratches and blends at the Belly Up Tavern, focusing on old-skool hip-hop and disco. Now she's in top demand as a deejay and finds herself spending less time in San Diego and more time booking gigs in places like Colorado Springs, Thailand, Greece, Guam, the Playboy Mansion — all over the world. How did she become a jet-setter?

"My manager sets up my gigs," she says. "Promoters usually know about me through the Internet or word-of-mouth. I play in so many places, but I play a lot in Denver. Denver still has full-blown raves."

Although she has played places like Serbia and El Salvador, "I won't go to a country if it's scary. They tried to book me in Lebanon, and I was, like, 'No way!' It's not that important to me. Safety is first."

How is music different in other countries? "House music is so much more the norm in other countries. There are radio stations playing electronic music all hours of the day. San Diego doesn't play house on one radio station. It's pretty sad."

Her latest CD, *Girl on Top*, was released in August.

FIRST FOREIGN GIG?

"The first foreign country I played at was Singapore for a New Year's Eve party. It was so fun, and I was hooked on international shows ever since."

TOP FIVE FAVORITE COUNTRIES?

1. The Dominican Republic. "Because of the amazing crowd and doing a show with Vin Diesel [see below]."
2. Ibiza. "The ultimate party island!"
3. Seoul, Korea. "That's where I was born, and it was my first time ever going back there."
4. South Africa. "Immediately after [the gig], I flew to Tanzania and did a full-blown African safari through the Serengeti."
5. Manila. "Of all the countries I've been to, I feel the people there are the most friendly — and the shopping is great!"

TOP FIVE SONGS IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

- "I change my mind [weekly] on songs. It happens very rapidly. I choose them just because I love the beat and/or the lyrics and can't help dancing when I hear them."
1. "Breathe" by Kaz James
 2. "Jungle Boogie" by Souldiers of Fortune
 3. "I Am Not a Whore" by LMFAO
 4. "In the Ayer" by Flo Rida
 5. "Sushi" by Trent Cantrelle

TOP THREE WORST JOBS?

1. "Del Mar Fair. It sucked...I was pretty much a carnie for three weeks out of the year."
2. "Typing messages for alpha-numeric pagers."
3. "Working in a bagel shop — just an overall crappy job, and I couldn't go to a Social Distortion concert because of it. I still remember that."

GUILTY PLEASURES?

1. "Watching reality shows like *America's Next Top Model* and *Hell's Kitchen*."
2. "Eating crappy food late at night, like bean-and-cheese burritos."

3. "Even after all these years, I still love to party till the sun comes up."

BEST/WORST GIG?

"One of my best gigs was when I was playing in the Dominican Republic with DJ Diamond. We had met Vin Diesel at the hotel before our show. He was super cool, and we invited him to our gig, which was, like, 40 minutes away from the hotel on the beach. Not only were there 6000 people partying on the beach, but Vin actually showed up and got on the mike."

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BEST DEAD CELEB?

"Sid Vicious."

BEST THING EVER DONE WHILE DRUNK...

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BEST ADVICE EVER GIVEN?

"To be old and wise, you first have to be young and stupid."

BEST SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

"I love to hang out at On Broadway for nightclubs, Firehouse in PB for a fun beachy spot, Harney Sushi for the best sushi ever, and I love Intervention at the Hard Rock on Sundays."

FAVORITE QUOTE?

"The best quote was when I met Samuel L. Jackson when I was deejaying the Bob Hope Classic



DJ Miss Lisa

Golf Tournament after-party in Palm Springs. I met him before I played, and I told him I was one of the deejays and asked if he had any requests, and he said, 'No, I always trust the deejay.' "

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANYONE...

"I would have lunch with Prince because he seems like such a unique, mysterious, and creative person. I'd like to pick his brain to see where he gets his inspiration."

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

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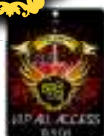


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Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Stanley Jordan. Jazz guitarist. \$23-\$28.
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Friday, 9 p.m. — Dr. John & the Lower 911. With Janiva Magness. Jazz/funk/blues. \$37-\$39.
Saturday — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick. With Kenny Neal and Deanna Bogart. Blues/soul/rock.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — John Brown's Body. With Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad. Reggae/electro/dub. \$18-\$20.

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Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Moviegoers, Kanari, AkademiX. Indie rock/acoustic/hip-hop. \$6.
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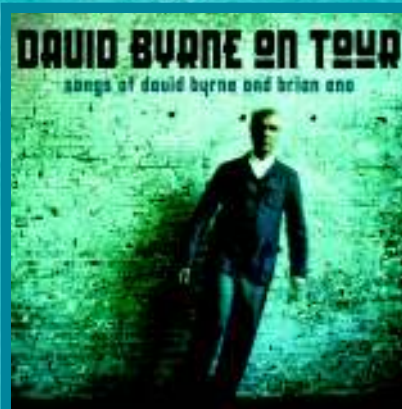
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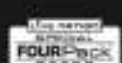
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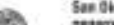
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Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. *Wednesdays*, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778. *Thursday* — Overkill, Warbringer, Epicurean. With Damcyan, Immolated Seraphim, and Army of Darkness. Metal/thrash/hardcore. *Saturday* — Feeling of Hate. Alternative/rock. *Mondays* — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

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Saturday — Red Ivy Suspect and the Band of Goodmen. Alternative/rock/pop.

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. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Farmers. Roots rock/Americana. *Sundays*, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock. *Monday* — Doug Allen. Front man of the Mar Dels.

Le Papagayo: 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-8252. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Flounders. Acoustic.

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Metro. Eighties rock. *Friday*, 4 p.m. — Firefly. Classic rock. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Heroes. Covers/standards/dance. *Saturday*, 4 p.m. — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Shockwaves. Classic rock. *Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards.

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.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Peter Wolf aside, the real spark plug in the J. Geils Band was a harmonica player named **Magic Dick**. His solo blowout “Whammer Jammer,” performed with all of the random energy of a beehive on crank, was to a generation of youth what Eddie Van Halen’s “Eruption” or Eric Clapton’s “Crossroads” solo was — the defining moment of a career. “Whammer Jammer” placed Magic Dick squarely within the pantheon of great harpists, and it made him a rock star. But when I say this to him, he is quick to correct me. “Bob Dylan was not a virtuoso, but he had a unique way of playing the harmonica.” Dick is on his cell phone, at guitarist Tommy

Castro’s house, waiting for the tour bus to arrive. They are working a revue-style gig where one player gets a set, the other player gets a set, and then in the end they come together and jam. I tell him I’m not sold on Dylan as a harp god. Dick says it was more about the way Dylan used the instrument. “He was truly one of the absolute supreme rock stars.”

Magic Dick is Richard Salwitz; this year he turned 63. In 1968 he cofounded the J. Geils Band while at college on the East Coast. His harp playing shaped their sound, and with his giant ‘fro and stage antics it was as if the band had two front men. “Some of it came from people egging me on. Some of it came from James Cotton.” He names the septuagenarian as an influence. “I heard he did somersaults onstage.” It turns out that we’re both huge fans of the late Little Walter,



MAGIC DICK

a Chicago harp player who was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year. “For as out front as he was as a player,” Magic Dick says, “I’m amazed at how few people remember who he is.”

MAGIC DICK, Belly Up, Saturday, October 4, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$15.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/rock/blues.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

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Lowe may be the undisputed master of

that school of songwriting where one takes an upbeat melody and an irresistible rhythm and weds them to lyrics that are sick jokes, sad stories, or just disturbing meditations on life in general. "Cruel to Be Kind," a hit for Lowe in 1979 (he had recorded it at least a couple of times before then), is an excellent example, but so is "Marie Provost," about a faded silent-movie star who dies alone and is eaten by her pet dachshund. Even Lowe's often-covered "(What's So Funny 'bout) Peace, Love, and Understanding?" is disturbing: See how it assumes, right there in the title, that most people think that peace, love, and understanding are nothing but jokes?

Over the years Lowe has had more career downfalls and comebacks than some



NICK LOWE

people his age have had changes of hairstyle, but that slightly perverse, melancholy sense of humor permeates all of his work even today.

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October 19 — Streetlight Manifesto.

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October 26 — Chris Cornell & Timbaland.

October 28 — Matt Nathanson.

October 29 — Umphrey's McGee.

October 30 — Modern Day Moonshine.

October 30 — Apocalyptica.

October 31 — Jack's Mannequin.

November 1 — The Damned.

November 2 — Cobra Starship.

November 5 — Ingrid Michaelson.

November 6 — The Expendables.

November 7 — The B-52s.

November 8 — Los Enanitos Verdes.

November 12 — Joe Satriani.

November 14 — The Kottonmouth Kings.

November 14 — Melissa Ferrick.

November 15 — Mason Jennings.

November 16 — Hanson.

November 16 — Matt Wertz and Everybody Else.

November 17 — Matisyahu.

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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.

December 30 — The Waiters.

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February 21 — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.

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November 10 — Alanis Morissette.

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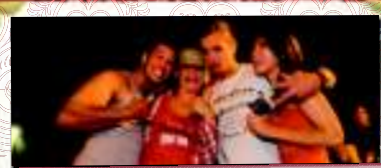
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COOLIO, COOL J, AND DEE RAY

by Josh Board

I saw an ad for a CD-release party for LL Cool J. It's funny because when bands invite me to CD-release parties, they aren't really parties. It's usually the band playing a small venue for a few friends and family members, with a table set up to sell their CDs.

What was odd about this one was that LL Cool J was charging \$30 to attend. It didn't say this was a concert at Harrah's Rincon. In fact, as my friend who wanted to go with me pointed out, "It doesn't even say he's going to be there."

I didn't think they'd charge \$30 just to hang out on their poolside patio. And I certainly wasn't going to pay \$30 for a rapper who has only three songs I like. But a female friend of mine is a fan, so I thought I'd bring her with me to crash.

When you crash an event, especially at a nightclub, having a woman with you makes it easier.

I walked into the casino and was told that cameras



weren't allowed. I put it back in my car, but I put my small flip video camera down my pants. I felt as if I was smuggling contraband to a prisoner.

I went in a side door where nobody stopped me. I saw that security was tight at the main entrance, but they weren't



Sideshow Bob from *The Simpsons*. She was right, though, as his jacket had "Coolio" spelled out in rhinestones.



Top: LL Cool J at Harrah's Rincon Casino

"These trees are all bleeding. I think the koala bears on them have VD."

frisking anyone.

We got there before the crowd. My date said, "Oh, my God, there's Coolio!" I looked over and saw a guy with freaky hair that reminded me of

"Is he the one that sings 'Thong Song'?" I asked her. She laughed and said, "No, white boy. He sings 'Gangsta's Paradise.'"

The poolside area filled up

fast. I listened as a Latina joined her friends, who mentioned seeing Coolio. The Latina screamed, "Oh, my God! Why didn't you stop him?" One said, "Uh, and do what with him?" The response: "I don't know, had him wait until I got here." One of them then joked, "The dude had his name written on his jacket. It was weird."

"Well, maybe he thinks people forgot who he was."

I said to my date, "Rappers not only say their name in their

songs but also put it on their clothes."

With the crowd acting like that for Coolio, I figured the place would go insane if LL Cool J showed up.

Radio station Blazin' 98.9 was there, and a DJ was spinning near the pool, often mixing in LL songs.

I overheard two guys who were smoking cigars. One said that LL also has a new line of clothing. The other said, "It's weird that he's so popular. He stole his style. But after all these decades, from the '80s until now, he's still popular and relevant in the rap scene."

There were go-go dancers on platforms all around the pool. At one end of the pool, there were dancers behind a backlit screen that showed their silhouettes.

One of the cabanas had a "reserved" sign posted and a few people partying inside.

We dropped \$20 on drinks and found a seat by the fire pit. When that got crowded, we moved to a pair of comfortable poolside chairs.

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One couple was swimming, and a security guard called the guy over to the side of the pool. My friend said, "I knew he wasn't allowed to be in there." The guard asked him to put some floating lights in various areas of the pool.

Security there was nice to everyone.

The event was scheduled from 10:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Around midnight, we were ready to bounce, but we heard rumors that LL was "in the house."

When we walked by the front, we saw him in the weight room. That was funny, since he's already the most muscular rapper around. He wasn't working out, though, just hanging out.

When he walked out, about 100 women mobbed him. They were screaming as if he were Elvis. He had shades on and was stopping to take photos on his way to the pool. My date brought an album, which he signed for her.

Several fans had cameras in their cell phones, which they now had out

and were using. Security, again, was very polite with everyone. They kept ushering LL to his area outside but were never pushy with his fans. It was a pleasant vibe.

As we were leaving, a guy in a yellow Lamborghini pulled up. My date said, "He's a short white guy. I doubt he's here for the Cool J event."

The evening reminded us of a CD-release party we went to together for a local band called Dee Ray. I realized I hadn't written about that one, so when I got home, I looked for my

notes.

The Dee Ray party was at a mansion in the College Area. Ian, the woman who throws parties in her "house of the future," calls herself the "party queen of San Diego." This was the second all-out bash I'd been to at her place, so who was I to disagree?

Dee Ray was playing when we walked in. The song had the same chords as "Born to Be Wild." When they played a second set, I thought the group sounded a lot like the Pretenders and Patti Smith, with Doors-style keyboards thrown in. The singer looked a bit like Suzi Quatro (Leather Tuscadero from *Happy Days*).

I went to the back patio, which was surrounded by eucalyptus trees. I overheard a guy say to his date, "These trees are all bleeding. I think the koala bears on them have VD."

I ran into Bart Mendoza, a local musician and writer who seems to be at all local events with musicians. We talked for a while.

A woman named Lyz was pouring herself a drink, but I thought she was the bartender. She told me that she wasn't but poured me a drink anyway. As we were talking, she said, "Oh, you're that party crasher guy, aren't you?"

I told her that if she

did something crazy, I'd write about her. She never did, but I guess pouring me a drink will suffice.

When the band finished their set, I overheard them talking to a few people. The band members, all roommates, had also all worked at Licorice Pizza, an old record store. Their conversation led to me and a guy nearby talking about the '60s band Love, members of which lived in Bela Lugosi's old mansion in the Hollywood Hills.

I walked to a different section of the backyard and discovered a tree house where people were smoking pot.

I heard a couple arguing because the guy was moving to Oceanside. "If you want me to see you," the girl said, "be prepared to give me gas money."

I glanced in one room and saw that they had a TV set with flames flickering on the screen. It looked like a fireplace.

There was a real fireplace in the center of the living room, which a few people were lounging around.

I went outside to smoke a cigar, and a woman named Molly tripped over a board on the patio and fell into me. She laughed it off, and someone said, "Everyone trips over that." Molly told me that she's a local musician. I told her that she was the third Molly I'd met who's a musician. As she was explaining what type of music she plays, someone else tripped over the same board.

I said, "If Ian doesn't get that fixed, she's going to be sued. And someone else will end up owning this incredible house." ■

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This time around, childhood will be painless because you'll be able to look back not with anger or tears but with fond irony. A wall devoted to prints of Warhol portraits of Mick Jagger will help you maintain your sophisticated detachment. Camping it up are the other walls, partly paneled in genuine coffee-shop wood veneer (unless it's real wood disguised as veneer) and white linoleum tiles peeking out from the edges of dark brown carpeting. There are tall, dark-brown booths upholstered in the hide of the endangered wild Nauga. There are round tables with low-slung rolling swivel chairs kidnapped from a business-class airport lounge, probably Eero Saarinen's TWA Terminal at Idlewild (JFK), circa 1965. An acoustical-foam ceiling sprouts Mid-Century Modern chandeliers resembling long-spiked silvery sea urchins capped with threesomes of bulbs. Numerous silent flat-panel TVs cut between Marilyn Monroe's drag-show outing (*Some Like It Hot*) and Shirley Jones (*The Partridge Family*). In the adjacent long, darkish entry room are long counters with stools. (Is it a bar or a luncheonette? Oh, gee, it's either or both — milk shakes or martinis!) Rock of various ages plays rather loudly throughout.

The Mick Jagger portraits on the wall are key. Boomer or Gen X-er, you're now in 1955 viewed from 1967, or 1976 viewed from 1967: Your Childhood by Andy Warhol and the Factory crew — A Multimedia Multi-Sensory Event. Edie Sedgwick and



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Ultra Violet should be the hostesses, tall Mary Woronov (later immortalized as the punitive "Miss Togar" in *Rock'n'Roll High School*) and tough tweaker-dyke Bridget Polk the bouncers. Holly Woodlawn and Candy Darling should be motherly, glam-trans-nie waitresses calling you "hon," with quietly observant Billy Name as kitchen expeditor. Oh, maybe not. That could seem too, well, serious (although it would be serious fun, too). The real 1967 was actually awfully strenuous to live through.

This is the lite version of innocence recollected in decadence. Maryjane is a fag hag at heart, but her gay sensibility is strictly closeted, with straight waiters, standard-issue glam hostesses; only another old

fag hag like me can see through the pose. The gay sensibility has become the universal urban posture now — everybody's ironic, and nobody's all that decadent, except Amy Winehouse and Babyshambles, and who'd want to be them?

Why was I there? Because we all need a little cheap comfort sometime. I needed it because we'd been planning to explore a new Southern-style BBQ on Euclid that evening,

but a few minutes before the gathering of the tribe, I phoned to see if they'd take credit cards and found their line disconnected. Freak out! Needed new destination STAT, with no res needed, a place where low-rent BBQ clothes would pass. Samurai Jim, meanwhile, had just come off 18 straight working

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

Maryjane's Coffee Shop ★½ (Satisfactory)

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Baby Boomer/Gen X comfort food just like Mom's (including frozen peas). Short but smart wine list, beer, cocktails, milk shakes, and soft drinks.

PICK HITS: Meat loaf (entrée or sandwich); chicken pot pie. Other good bets: Cobb salad, Buffalo chicken salad.

NEED TO KNOW: Valet parking (necessary on game nights at Petco); four vegetarian/vegan medium-to-main choices plus sides. Family-friendly. (Kiddie menu? It's all a kiddie menu!) No reservations needed.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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days and two root canals. He'd spotted Maryjane's when we ate at Nobu, and since then we'd seen some complimentary early mentions in print. Michelle was fine with it, too, and the Dow Jones had just totally crashed, so going to a really cheap destination seemed like a good idea to show solidarity with the

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suffering masses.

Maryjane's hip, jokey attitude extends to the menu: A side dish named "Bad Advice" is free, and the plain hamburger is called, in parentheses, "missionary style." The fare at Maryjane's is (like the decor) slightly upscale coffee shop. Big, certified Black Angus half-pound burgers. Big salads, including a classic Cobb. Sandwiches such as tuna melts, peanut butter and banana ("the hot Elvis"), and, especially tempting, an "Award Winning" meatloaf sandwich. A few Mex-oid plates (guacamole, quesadilla, nachos, soft tacos), with vegan versions citing Ozzy Osbourne on the menu; some pub grub (Buffalo wings, fancy fries, onion rings); plus a few simple entrées, ranging from fish and chips to rib-eye steak frites.

We ordered a starter of guacamole from our cheerful, nondecadent waiter and a side of five-cheese mac to come with our entrées. The waiter totally forgot the guac. (He didn't charge us for it.) The mac 'n' cheese (fontina, Gruyère, and three unknowns that evidently didn't include cheddar) was light and creamy but also light on flavor.

The meat loaf is better than Mom's — better than Michelle's, Jim's, and my mom's. It's really meat loaf, not cheap fatty hamburger meat filled out with crumbs or cracker meal, but good, beefy ground sirloin with a bit of char at the edges. Better yet, it doesn't have Mom's ketchup gravy. It comes with mashed potatoes lightly laced with an elusive, nearly flavorless substance called "Wavy Gravy" in honor of the late, great San Francisco hipster-comedian — who was too flavorful a character to deserve so bland an homage. The mash tastes like instant from a box, smooth, fine-grained, lacking all potato taste. On the side are frozen peas. I like frozen peas, use 'em myself in a pinch, but in a restaurant I sort of expect fresh veggies.

The other entrée most worth eating is chicken pot pie. It's a perfected form of the Morton's frozen chicken pot pies I grew up on. It has a light, crispy top crust, plenty of substantial, tender chicken-breast pieces, firm-tender carrot chunks and frozen peas, and the classic semi-viscous chicken gravy familiar from the frozen versions.

"This is so much better than the ones I grew up on," said Jim, "where you had a crust all around and could barely taste the chicken." Michelle concurred. I knew their secret: When my mom was short of money, she bought the cheaper Swanson's brand, with more crust, more gravy, hardly any chicken. Yup, they admitted, their moms served Swanson's. Yup, this is much better, and twice the size — portioned for an adult. Don't get me wrong: This is not a great home-made rendition. (My favorite recipe has a corn-

meal crust, tarragon, oyster mushrooms, and — well, it's a lot better.) This is merely an improvement on a good brand of frozen pot pie.

The nightly special is called "TV dinner" and is actually served in a disposable, divided foil tray. Our waiter raved about that night's rendition (remember, "Bad Advice" is listed on the menu, free), which featured a pulled-pork sandwich with coleslaw on top of the meat, with house-made potato chips and a *soi-disant* brownie.

Well. Yes, I'm a food snob at the low end as well as the high end. I've eaten pulled pork in Memphis and at Big Nate's Memphis BBQ and Memphis Minnie's BBQ in San Francisco and at the late, great Big Jim's BBQ in Encinitas. What all these places have in common is that the pork butt is smoked low 'n' slow for about eight hours, so it comes out tasting really smoky, and it's served with a tangy, interesting sauce. At Maryjane's the pork isn't smoked, and the sauce is sweet and rather simple. The coleslaw is okay, crisp and sweetened with carrots rather than excess sugar. Luckily, there's a trayful of condiments on the table. I added a tiny squeeze of yellow mustard and a good shot of Frank's Red Hot Sauce (which is not so hot). This brought the sauce closer to Memphis. The "bun" was a long, thick buttermilk roll that pretty much swamped the meat and coleslaw; I flipped off the top and ate with fork and knife. The

chips were okay. The brownie, we all concurred, tasted like Duncan Hines devil's food chocolate-cake mix topped with a glutinous pistachio-caramel glaze. It was horrible.

This is not the same "pot brownie" offered on Maryjane's dessert list. But don't even begin to imagine that the brownie is made from the Alice B. Toklas recipe or that it includes a shred or seed or stem of Mary Jane. We didn't try it. Instead, we ventured on the New York-style cheesecake. The filling texture was rich, weighty, and custardy, hinting of egg yolks. The graham crust was thick and leaden. Michelle's coffee and my espresso were both so overstrong and bitter that we dumped tons of half-and-half into them.

The wine list isn't long, but it's well chosen, with below-average markups. I found a Ferrari-Carano chardonnay at a bargain price. Alas, I discovered that I actually prefer this vineyard's more common, less costly sauvignon blanc (not offered here). Milk shakes or soft drinks (or '50s cocktails) might be more amusing and appropriate choices for this cuisine, to camp it up all the way. We'd gotten our waiter to recork the leftover half bottle, but the security guards at the door wouldn't let us leave with it. After discussion, turned out it needed to be wrapped. Michelle dashed back inside, re-emerged with plastic-bagged wine in hand, and we were out of there forevermore. As they say, you can't go home again. ■

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That's when I see this kinda industrial building behind a big metal screen with bubble-shaped cutouts. And a big sign. "Extraordinary Desserts." Huh. Thought they were up Fifth, by Balboa Park. Maybe this is their, like, factory. I try the big industrial door, just out of curiosity. It swings out at me and...whoa! People, lights, action! The place is an eye-popping party, groups packing tables and lining counters blazing with fruit tarts and chocolate displays. Black uniformed assistants run around with tongs. A miked voice says, "Twenty-three, twenty-three?"

I mean, who knew? This is everybody's secret except mine, it seems. And it's too cool, right to the giant pewter Buddha's face at the end of a long counter. Problem is, all I want is something savory. BLT sandwich, whatever. Not up for sugar and spice right now. Still, can't help hanging around. Moth to the flame.

"How many?" says one of the über-beautiful servers.

"Uh, one." Damn. Getting sucked in. "Counter or table?"

I take the counter. It reminds me of the old Long Bar in TJ. Little less raucous, of course. Guy and his date are just attacking a little plate of...hey, something savory. Buffalo Mozzarella Bruschetta, he tells me. John. Paid \$6.50 for two crispy little bread boats loaded with cheese, tomato, and pesto. I mean, yes, they do look elegant. They probably taste great. But from the gut-filling point of view,

I don't think so. On the other hand, now John and his lady friend Rosillo are filling up with a strawberry and raspberry scone (\$3.95) and a double white chocolate ice cream (\$6).

"This is the kind of place you bring a girl if you want her to fall in love with you," John says. "It's the atmosphere. It's the feeling that you're treating them like a lady. I've gotta be careful. Rosillo's gonna think I'm getting serious."

The server, Eric, comes up. He points out a savory menu. Great. "Bar snacks" are the cheap-

est items on the menu. They start at \$6 for almonds in olive oil. Spreads range from hummus or tzatziki for \$7, to a sample platter at, uh, \$20. Then they have salads such as mixed greens (\$10) on up to a Cobb (\$18). Something tells me to move. Now. Back out that industrial door.

But at least the bruschettas start off at "3.5," as they write the price in the menu. And it's not that they don't have intriguing-sounding flavors. Like "avocado with artichoke tapenade." Tapenade? Think it has something to do with a paste: olives, anchovies, capers, that sort of stuff. Then they have funghi misti — mixed mushrooms — or, hey, "surfing goat ping pong cheese." I try to get Eric to explain that one, but all I retain is goat cheese with mango chutney.

Whatever, I'm tempted. Yes, two bites and they're gone, but, I tell myself, think of the taste experience. Quality, not quantity.

With panini, it looks as if you get more quantity. 'Course, they start at \$10 and go to \$12. From straight ol' turkey breast to goat cheese to...wait a minute, this looks interesting: feta cheese with grilled eggplant, tomato, and pesto, \$10.

But right now, I just can't make myself do it. Instead, natch, I do something stupid. I order a cheese plate, just because they come, as Eric says,

with as many bits of (toasted) bread as you want. And it's only "6.5" for one cheese. So I order the most unheard-of cheese on the list: *Fromage d'Affinois aux herbes*. It's "Brie-like," has fresh herbs, and comes from France.

I start pecking as soon as Eric clacks it on the frosted green-glass countertop. And it's nice: herby, liquidy, agreeable, but a little boring, like a girl who agrees with every damned thing you say. Still, the lightly toasted French bread slices are perfect, and the cheese comes with a little pot of jam that's delicious. Turns out it's made from *dulce de leche*, the Mexican caramel sauce, and — who knew? — tomato sauce.

I think I'm being pretty clever by not ordering anything to drink, except the free water 'cause, like with the many teas, you're looking at \$6; and for beers and wines, start there and head skywards. Then I blow it and order that feta cheese panini I'd been eyeing 'cause I'm sill hungry. Ten clams. Crazy. But it comes in a forest of fresh salad leaves and with a juicy piece of grilled eggplant, and the bread is terrific, crisp, soft, everything right.

Except the feta cheese. I think of feta as briny goat cheese; a tangy, wake-up-your-gills kinda cheese, right? But this is mild, a little afraid to speak for itself. "Is this mild cheese thing catering to our American tastes?" I ask Eric. He's from Geneva, Switzerland. He nods. I mean, no biggie, and this panini does stuff me to the gills. Just couldn't done with a little more kick. But what do I know?

Lordy. Big breath. Spent a Jackson already. Well, at least I resisted the zillion temptations,



Meredith at Extraordinary Desserts

such as chocolate macadamia torte, or lemon praline, or — ooh lah lah — *truffe framboise*. But I've got one more purchase. Call it survival instincts. Something sweet for Carla. Heh-heh. Sweeten her up before she finds out how much I spent on myself. ■

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The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Shingle Lane, La Jolla, 858-456-1640. Pretend you're going to Tapenade, then veer off up Shingle Lane. You come to a sunny brick patio with mosaic tables, trees, plants, and a little Curiosity Shoppe-looking place. Ask for Joan, the Cookie Lady. Think Hermione Gingold ("There's no business like show..."). She's so bursting with life you'll almost forget to eat. Yes, this is soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half turkey sandwich (and it's real turkey, roasted here each morning) and Italian wedding soup will overstuff you. Best of all: your total here is about what you'd pay for the tip next door. Open daily except Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Valarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The *chile verde*, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of P.B. party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd

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Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. If this is a chain, then tie me up, tie me down! Piatti started in the Bay Area and retains that foodie ethos, giving chefs at the local branches freedom to produce splendid, classic Italian menus including multiregional starters, interesting pastas, and thin-crust pizzas. The quality of ingredients and cooking is beyond suspicion. You are almost guaranteed a tasty meal. This is one of a few local eateries to offer sweetbreads to those who love them. Ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart are among the favorites. Californian-Italian wine list, full bar. Plenty for vegetarians, plus some vegan dishes (varying seasonally). Reservations essential — beg for patio seating in good weather to avoid the indoor din. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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Red Marlin Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. When you've got vacationing relatives or friends in tow or just wish you could take a vacation yourself, this view-endowed, indoor-outdoor seaside dining room is a great escape, offering beautifully executed food that appeals to all palates. Emphatically a "hotel-chain restaurant," Red Marlin features a cautious menu of light California fusion cuisine featuring fine unendangered seafood and sustainably raised ingredients. What makes it special is the flawless cooking and creative tweaks by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. If you like your Kurobuta pork chop medium-rare, he knows the secret of perfection. And his blue crab cake is all crab, barely any filler. The flaw: The hotel company's remodeling plans severely skimped on signage, so the stand-alone restaurant is hard to locate (and so is its ramped wheelchair entrance). Get detailed directions when you call to reserve, as there's ample free parking at the restaurant's back door that can save you a long trek through the grounds. Good wines at all prices, full bar. — N.W.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? This renowned sushi bar offers seafood of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, such as the aji sashimi, a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. These joys don't come easily. First, reserve. Then find the place, tucked into the corner of a minimal mini-mall on the east side of the street, marked with the large 7-Eleven sign (opposite Rubio's). Don't waste your time with the California roll ilk; instead, snoop on your neighbors' choices (particularly those of Japanese customers), watching for off-menu extravaganzas. A printed *omakasa* menu at the tables (the equivalent of a lavish chef's tasting dinner) of either sashimi or sushi will feed one person royally or two lightly for under \$30. Cooked dishes are dull except for seafood miso soups and *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play, so best bet is to go late in the week, when the master's most likely to be present and keeping an eye out. To be served at the counter by Ota-san himself, reserve one month ahead. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

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Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velasco #1407, Baja, 664-634-3039. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all, a vast variety of chili peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, posole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mesquite worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual.



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La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Baja, 664-686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña (“The Fire Log”) is its view. You come off noisy, fummy, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...country-side! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Señor Frog’s Via Oriente 60 C6, L4, Zona Río, Baja, 664-682-4962. Normally this is a moderately priced eatery, but Tequiza Tuesdays promise as much food and drink as you can handle for one cover charge (\$15, last time we checked in). Food includes a buffet with good fish tacos, *birria* (stew, usually beef), pork, *chicharron*, carne asada, ceviche, on and on. House beers and Mexican liquors, including tequila, are in the deal, too. Refill your plate and glass as often as you want, truly. Only caution: if a sombrero-totin’ *charro* comes up offering tequila shots from his bandolier, you’ll pay. Free food and drink 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays only.

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CENTRAL

Athens Market 109 West F Street, Downtown, 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin’. Yes, it’s classy — white tablecloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas’s “secret recipe” lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don’t despise the gyro. Meat flavor’s great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Bambu Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian-fusion cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical *palapas* (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick Salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least 20 breads emerge daily from this bakery’s 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black-olive loaves that are served in

many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

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Chow Noodle House 540 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-269-9209. If you want to taste your way through Asia and you’re looking for economy fare, this could be your one-stop destination — with no reservations needed. Renowned Thai restaurateur Alex Thao (Celadon, Rama) set his sights lower, wider, and cheaper here, serving noodle dishes and rice bowls of China, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam in cool, airy, black-and-white surroundings. It sure ain’t Chinatown, Jake, but it’s kind of fun and very filling. The best dishes (e.g., pot-stickers, tom yum soup) are equivalent to those at good restaurants specializing in these specific cuisines. But mostly they seem “gringofied” to appeal to less-traveled American palates. Oddly, Thai dishes suffer most, from severe reductions in hot spice and heavy doses of sugar in many sauces, with few veggies to lighten their weight. (It’s not Rama either, Jake.) Good desserts, smart wine and sake list. Inexpensive. Open daily, 11 to 11.— *N.W.*



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East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market Street, Downtown, 619-677-2695. “Tavern” says it all. This is a big, rowdy but not brawly, street-open, multiscreen sports bar. Half drink, half food, half bowling alley. East Villagers are making it their local because the kitchen’s open late, plus, on a date, rolling those balls helps break the ice. The food’s surprisingly good. List topper: steak sliders. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. A perfect strike. Then there’s the pretty good Don’t Mess With Texas burger, a *Panino Cubano*, and even chicken wings brined in salt, water, and herbs that have their own taste. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends, breakfast from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson’s for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a

bad place to graze on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you’re starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway, Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco “pink palace” at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don’t like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, two vegan pastas, or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5478. Across the street from City College, you’ll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it’s easy to tell which twin is which: The “chef recommended sizzle plates,” the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially “house special rice noodles”), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner Monday through Friday. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — N.W.

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freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese dive. Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef Miss Songsri (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don’t miss Atomic Hog’s Wings (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — N.W.

Jack and Giulio’s Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad, with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B.

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room’s very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Per-



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sian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Lotus Thai — Hillcrest 3761 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from

standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a certain zestiness, a love of strong citruses and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on *soju* (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Marie's Café 3016 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-0142. One of the last old-time diners in town. Marie and son Erik took over in 2002. It had already been operating for 50 years as Johnny's. They kept the tradition but created a sparkling kitchen and a reputation for generous servings. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Ital-

ian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. And forget fries. Go for the "side" salad, a huge dish of romaine, with tomatoes, red onions, cheese, croutons, and bleu cheese dressing. Go ahead. Mess yourself up. Open 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday; from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday; till 8 p.m. Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-515-2233. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3

a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pho Hoa Hiep — Linda Vista 6947 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-8406. This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an extra-large bowl of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is French bread with beef juicy cube soup. They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at

a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish— slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount). — *N.W.*

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Southeast San Diego, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Viet-

nam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. 33 Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sushi Itto 441 Washington Street, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up your puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the sum-



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This small pizzeria is located in the Chula Vista Shopping Center (near Sears). It has outdoor seating, which is wonderful for people-watching during lunch. It reminds me of the old French movies I used to watch with people eating outside. I come here for the individual-size deep-dish pizzas. I love that it has lots of bread dough but people who like more topping than base won't be impressed. My favorite is the Spinoccoli. It has Spinach, broccoli, chunky tomatoes, feta, cheddar, mozzarella, and Romano cheeses. I'm not normally big on veggies, but I'll eat anything on their thick and chewy pizza dough. According to their "pizzanality test," people who like Spinoccoli are real optimists. Their outlook on life is all about happiness and fun. Each pizza has its own pizzanality quotient. None of them bad. Apparently if you like their pizza you can't be all bad. The pizza is good when you're in the mood for carbs, but the wait at lunch can be long — especially if you want a seat outside (which I always do). Great for take-out, though, especially when you're lucky enough to find a coupon.

By **genevah** 6:15 p.m., Sept. 23

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By **sdjoe** 5:13 a.m., Sept. 25

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant, East San Diego

We went to Asmara for my Mom's 78th birthday, as she has always wanted to try Ethiopian/Eritrean food. It was easy to locate, with ample parking. The restaurant was nicely decorated. We went on a Wednesday evening, so it was not crowded. The owner greeted us and assisted us with our order. While we were dining, she brought us samples of a few other dishes. The food is tasty and healthy. Prices are reasonable and portions are large. Most dishes are served over *injera* (a bread-like utensil). We will be back.

By **Dazio** 11:06 a.m., Sept. 27

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mer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (pisco sours, caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday “blues and barbecue” during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Trieu Chau 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you’ll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of “Kampuchea” decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for “*djak kvai coffay dok ko*” — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy (“*koitiow bahat sai kho*”). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, reestablished in 1998), if your meat’s done wrong, it’s your own fault. Every night’s an indoor cookout, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that’s the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat’s a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you’re

an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you’d miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*

Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, Downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It’s part of the Westgate Hotel and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can’t live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

NORTH INLAND

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBl parking lot (with

validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they’ll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there’s a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury-resort ambience. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. This opulent-feeling, great-value place (especially for lunch), is housed in an ex-Taco Bell restaurant, but you’d never know it. It has a small rose garden outside and ferns and plants inside. Nearly two dozen lunch specials include curries, soups, rice, and noodle dishes. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. They set the spice heater-meter at low but respect heat requests. Check out the chef’s specials — a couple of dollars more but usually interesting, like *ho mok* (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego’s dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *S.M.*

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NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Café — Solana Beach 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and Beach Benedict with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multiethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like Moroccan Crabcakes and the fish-and-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Café Zinc 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table

(dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Firefly 251 North El Camino Real, Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Pacifica Del Mar 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. Pacifica Dine-In offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird din-

What the Chef Eats

"NOT SO RED" VELVET CAKE

MATT GORDON

Urban Solace

I got into cooking as a way of self-defense growing up. I worked in restaurants in high school and stayed in it through college, as a sous chef. I majored in environmental politics in college, but during my junior year, I realized I already had a career — cooking.

After we left San Francisco, what we missed about all the neighborhoods we lived in were the great bistros. We wanted to bring that to San Diego. At Urban Solace, we try to buy as much responsible foods as possible, and our goal is to not have a single word on the menu that common diners don't know. Accessibility was one of the fundamental

values in opening our restaurant.

I really have to credit my wife with home cooking. I learned that if you start feeding your kids different things, they'll eat it. I really try to cook breakfast every day for our kids (aged 3 and 1) because that's our time together. I make really simple things like eggs and toast. My favorite dishes are comfort foods like roast chicken. One of my guilty pleasures is a chocolate cake. It's a surprising cake because it has beets and buttermilk and vinegar. I was just talking to a guy at the bar who was eating it and he ate a very large portion by himself.

MAKES TWO 9" CAKES

9 oz softened butter

4 ea eggs

6 oz bittersweet chocolate cut

into small pieces

1 2/3 cups packed brown sugar

1 cup granulated sugar

1 T vanilla

3 1/4 cups cake flour

3/4 cup cocoa powder

1 T baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1 T cider vinegar

1 cup buttermilk

2 1/4 cups pureed cooked beets

(fresh is best but canned

can be used)

Let butter sit out until soft and take eggs out of the refrigerator and bring to room temperature. Melt chocolate in the microwave



until smooth. Heat for 60 seconds and then, if needed, in 20-second intervals. Let chocolate cool. Preheat oven to 325° and liberally grease two 9" cake pans and coat with flour. Shake off excess flour.

In the mixer with whisk attachment, cream the butter, eggs, sugars, and vanilla. Whip for 5 minutes. Slowly drizzle in the melted chocolate.

In a separate mixing bowl, sift the flour, cocoa, and baking soda. Add the salt to the mixture and mix

ner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3-mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a \$1 shuttle tram, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red-leatherette-and-

chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, Dewey-Warren presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings, too — try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Tony's Jocal 621 Valley Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained-glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and

the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken

strips with french fries. And "Jocal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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with hands to incorporate the cocoa powder and flour to an even-colored mix.

Add the tablespoon of cider vinegar to the buttermilk.

On the lowest speed of the mixer, add the flour and the buttermilk-vinegar mixture to the batter alternatively as follows: 1/3 of the flour, then 1/2 of the buttermilk, 1/3 of the flour, 1/2 of the buttermilk, and then the remaining flour. Mix to incorporate. Add the beet puree and mix to

incorporate.

Divide the batter between the cake pans. Bake at 325° until a toothpick comes clean out of the center

Cool for 10 minutes and then flip out onto parchment-lined plates to cool completely. If they are not going to be assembled into a cake, wrap with plastic. Frost when cool.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

2 lbs cream cheese

2 lbs unsalted butter

2 lbs powdered sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 tsp kosher salt

Let the cream cheese and butter come to room temperature. Place all ingredients in a mixer with whisk attachment. Start on low speed to incorporate the powdered sugar. Turn to high speed and whip for 1 to 3 minutes until the frosting takes on a slightly pearl-like sheen. If too soft to frost cake with, let chill for 20 minutes.

Chill the two cakes. Place the first layer on a

cake stand. Spread about a 3/4-inch layer of frosting evenly over the surface. Place in refrigerator or freezer for 20 minutes to harden the frosting slightly. Place the second cake on top and evenly frost the entire thing.

The cake needs to be served at room temp, but the frosting will sag if too warm!

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prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

EAST COUNTY

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth-watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Monday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jimmy's — Mission Gorge 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and french fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like

homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — E.B.

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American) to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location outside Santee from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B.

bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days. — N.W.

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and

lumpia. *Dinuguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — E.B.

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hot syrup, and french fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — EB

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-

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The whole thing plays to the ground-lings: no bona fide Smart Set *bon mots*, but instead low-comedy pratfalls, puke, coke, a dead dog, a drag queen, and, as a climactic *coup de grâce*, an awards-show brawl on live television.

Eagle Eye. Political paranoia thriller so utterly preposterous that it has the opposite effect and reassures us we have nothing to worry about. (And so pell-mell in presentation that we can barely follow it.) Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan, as ordinary citizens under the eye, thumb, and puppet-strings of Big Brother, are ordinarily likable, or in these circumstances, pitiable.

The Lucky Ones. Contrived road movie wherein three wounded vets from the Iraq War, strangers to one another stranded at a shut-down airport, drive westbound in a rental car: a latter-generation *The Best Years of Our Lives*, better thought of as *The Forgettable Year of Our Lives*. (Sample contrivance: the soldier wounded in the private parts, wanting to test out his equipment before facing his fiancée, chances upon an RV of itinerant prostitutes at a picnic stop, one of whom finds him so “cute” she’ll give it a try for free.) The director, Neil Burger, wakes up to the passing scenery only for the Rockies and Vegas, and even then, only briefly and tritely. Otherwise the attention centers entirely on the understandable discomfort of Tim Robbins, Rachel McAdams, and, the least uncomfortable of them, Michael Peña. Very late in the proceedings Annie Corley turns up as the mother of a KIA, bringing with her a touch of naturalness and, by way of *The Bridges of Madison County*, a flood of positive associations.

Miracle at St. Anna. Spike Lee, redundantly setting the record straight about black participation in the Second World War, flatters himself on doing what *Glory* did for the Civil War, although without the inherent significance. The racial issues here feel tacked-on rather than built-in. Even so, if setting the record straight were an artistic criterion, he might have had something to be proud of. Instead, he has set the record straight diffusely, flabbily, lumberingly, boringly. He may hold his own in a war of words with Clint Eastwood (where were the blacks at Iwo Jima?), but he’d be annihilated in a war of cinema. And the inclusion of an Eastwood look-alike and sound-alike as a racist brass hat reduces the war to the playground: *Yeah, well, yo’ mama wears combat boots*.

When I was counting up the looming film festivals last week, I missed the San Diego Italian Film Festival at the Museum of Photographic Arts, October 3 through 20, overlapping the San Diego Women (or Women’s) Film Festival and the San Diego Asian Film Festival. I had been uninformed until I walked past a poster in the window of a barbershop in Little Italy. ■

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 SDReader.com.

Allah Made Me Funny — Concert film of American Muslim stand-up comics, Preacher Moss, Azhar Usman, and Mohammed Amer, directed by Andrea Kalin. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/3)

An American Carol — Politicized update of Dickens’s *Christmas Carol*, starring Kevin Farley, directed by David Zucker. (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; FROM 10/3)

Appaloosa — Reviewed next issue. With Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Renée Zellweger, and Jeremy Irons; directed by Harris. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/3)

Battle in Seattle — Stuart Townsend’s docudrama on protests against the World Trade Organization, with André Benjamin, Woody Harrelson, Charlize Theron, Ray Liotta. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 10/3)

Beverly Hills Chihuahua — Canine comedy, directed by Raja Gosnell, with the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia, George Lopez, Cheech Marin, Paul Ro-

driguez. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/3)

Blindness — Reviewed this issue. With Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo, Gael García Bernal, Alice Braga, and Danny Glover; directed by Fernando Meirelles. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/3)

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 *Lady-killers*, 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, unisistently funny, with only a rare lapse in taste (a homemade marital aid, a couple of splashes of Scorsese-esque gore) and never really a lapse in tone. And although the regular and reliable Roger Deakins has been replaced with Emmanuel Lubezki (*Children of Men*, most noteworthy), the cinematography doesn’t suffer, with its crystal-clear air, its fine-line focus, and its scythe-like camerawork, angling slightly upwards, attacking from all sides, intermittently cutting a path in a

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spurt of purposeful fluidity. George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, John Malkovich, Richard Jenkins, David Rasche, J.K. Simmons. 2008. ★★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CEN-

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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 Vil-

lage 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. Kelly Macdonald, Brad William Henke, Bijou Phillips. 2008.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Dark Knight — Fashionably “dark” comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for “the bat man,” as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan’s restyling of the DC Comics 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



Blindness

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 simpli-

fies 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; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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, blue-blood 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, unshadowngly 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. 2008. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 10/3; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/3)

Eagle Eye — Reviewed this issue. With Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Billy Bob Thornton, Rosario Dawson, and Michael Chiklis; directed by D.J. Caruso. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION

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Elegy — An aging but actively tomcatting Columbia professor develops an erotic obsession with a “thirty-odd-year” younger Cuban student, who, in his eyes, resembles Goya’s Maja. (Penelope Cruz, the student, actually played Goya’s Maja in *Volaverunt*, and here repeats the *desnuda* pose.) Isabel Coixet’s rendition of the Philip Roth novel, *The Dying Animal*, is slow, pensive, adult, and cultured, if a bit overdependent on facile avenues of expression: first-person voice-over and classical mood music from Satie and Pärt (yes, “Spiegel im Spiegel” again, for at least the seventh time in the decade). Ben Kingsley, even apart from the polished dome, is well able to impersonate an egghead. With Patricia Clarkson, Dennis Hopper, Peter Sarsgaard. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/2)

Flash of Genius — Greg Kinnear as the inventor of the intermittent windshield wiper, suing the auto corporations for stealing his idea; directed by Marc Abraham. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/3)

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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)

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

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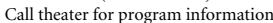
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misanthropic dentist (bringing to mind the always-looking-down-in-the-mouth punch line) has a near-death experience under general anesthetic for a colonoscopy, which for some reason leaves him with the ability to See Dead People, as well as Hear Dead 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 upbeat 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. With Greg Kinnear, Téa Leoni, and Billy Campbell. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

How to Lose Friends and Alienate People — Reviewed this issue. With Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst, Jeff Bridges, Megan Fox, and Gillian Anderson; directed by Robert Weide. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;

GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/3)

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 lispig, 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl — Social consciousness for kids, an orgy of benevolence, generosity, trust, fellowship, and so on, among the needy in Depression-era Cincinnati, with a few not-very-nice party poopers thrown in as object lessons. The lachrymose Abigail Breslin, in the title role of a ten-year-old cub reporter, has plenty of opportunity to promote herself as the preteen Meryl Streep. With Julia Ormond, Chris O'Donnell, Max Thieriot,

Glenn Headly, Joan Cusack, Stanley Tucci, Jane Krakowski, and Wallace Shawn; directed by Patricia Rozema. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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 involves 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. 2008. ★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Lucky Ones — Reviewed this issue. With Tim Robbins, Rachel McAdams, Michael Peña, and Annie Corley; directed by Neil Burger. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

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to-be, unknown to her mother, has invited the three men who are sole candidates to be her biological father. (All three prove to be remarkably uncurious and acquiescent guys.) But that's a mere pretext for the players at short intervals to warble tunes from the ABBA songbook. Among the things that might be said about the movie are (a) that ABBA, infectious though they can be, are not exactly the Beatles, as witness the latter's similar use in *Across the Universe*; (b) that another and better wedding movie, *Muriel's Wedding*, had already successfully plundered the ABBA songbook, without asking its cast to do the singing; (c) that this cast for the most part are not singers (Pierce Brosnan in full throat looks as if his head's about to explode), although no apologies need be made for Meryl Streep, who, besides her lusty belting, supplements her usual emotion-plumbing with some peppy physicality; (d) that the natural settings, clearly, brightly, sunnily photographed, somewhat temper the inherent campiness; and (e) that this tempering, in a work of such fragile artifice, is not necessarily a good thing. To get down to a couple of specifics, the "Super Trouper" number on the eve of the wedding is a definite high point, and despite the shortage of competition for high points, the closing credits are well worth hanging on for, providing two higher points in the form of encores — twin peaks, if you please — with Streep and her bosom buddies (the blissfully confident Christine Baranski and the indomitably plucky Julie Walters) stepping off the Greek island and onto a secluded concert stage, in disco-era Vegas costumes. With Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard, and Dominic Cooper. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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 un-repeatability, of the stunt. Perhaps that goes literally without saying. And yet, if the Towers meant so much to Petit from the first moment he learned of the project (sur-reptitiously ripping a page out of a magazine at the dentist's office), then it would be only natural to solicit from him something in the way of an elegy. The documentary's function as a caper thriller, meanwhile, is on balance a success. The narrative information doesn't always come in the best order or fullest form, and it comes with a good many interruptions and side trips, but the details of the operation will often, for one reason or another, boggle the mind. And although the undimmed history, along with the manifest survival of the talking heads, would seem to put a low ceiling on the suspense, anyone with the slightest touch of acrophobia will not, at the climax, be able to keep palms dry. 2008.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Miracle at St. Anna — Reviewed this issue. With Derek Luke, Michael Ealy, Laz Alonso, Omar Benson Miller, Valentina Cervi, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt; directed by Spike Lee.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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 Flemyng; directed by Alexandre Aja. 2008.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Cera, Kat Dennings, Alexis Dziena, and Ari Graynor; directed by Peter Sollett.

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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*, thus far), remains frustratingly unfilled, 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. With Viola Davis, Scott Glenn, James Franco. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Philadelphia Story — Philip Barry's dose of Thirties highlife (it tickles the nose and makes the head light) is brought from stage to screen by George Cukor and Company, with as much reverence and care and deliberateness as if they all thought they were handling a play by Molière. Cary Grant and James Stewart are, respectively, Cary Grant and James Stewart, and quite fine. Katharine Hepburn is overboard. 1940.

★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/2 THROUGH 4, 7:30 P.M.)

Pineapple Express — A buddy comedy, a stoner comedy, a crime comedy from the House of Apatow, about a user and his dealer — best friends — on the run from the mob. As the two dopers, James Franco mimics the classic symptoms with dedication, while Seth Rogen is content to be Seth Rogen or else powerless to be otherwise. The rampant violence and gruesome mayhem are meant to be as full of merriment as, say, the puke on the computer printer or the English subtitle beneath the Asian thug, "Prepare to suck the cock of karma." It might be interesting as a penal experiment (for you Apatow devotees, that has nothing to do with the penis) to compel anyone amused by such stuff to sit through, in succession, *George Washington*, *All the Real Girls*, *Undertow*, and *Snow Angels*. Those are the complete previous credits of the director, David Gordon Green, instantaneous poster boy for the Indie Sellout. With Danny McBride, Gary Cole, Rosie Perez. 2008.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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



Seven Beauties

HOLLY JONES
Curator, San Diego Women's Film Festival, sdwff.org

Expired, by Cecilia Miniucchi, is one of those under-the-radar movies that went to DVD before even reaching a San Diego theater. Luckily, this impressive directorial debut will have its theatrical premiere at the San Diego Women's Film Festival on Saturday, October 5th. Big names Samantha Morton and Jason Patric are the love-struck parking-meter attendants in this cringe-inducing romance.

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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. Jhangir Badshah, Venkatesh Chavan, Ayesha Mohan, Nana Patekar. 2008.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 10/2)

Religulous — Comic documentary by Larry Charles, following Bill Maher on his irreverent inquiry into matters of faith. (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 10/3)

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 transpar-



Then She Found Me

RENEE HERRELL
Founder, San Diego Women's Film Festival

I just saw *Roman Holiday* for the first time and loved it for its inspiring leading lady, Audrey Hepburn, and the thrill of a summer romance. It's all summed up in the famous scene of her (complete with stylish new 'do) riding around Rome with Mr. Peck on the motor scooter.

I was excited to see Helen Hunt make her directing debut with *Then She Found Me*; adding one more woman filmmaker to Hollywood — one step forward! The movie is made in its last 30 seconds.

Like many other twenty-somethings, I'd been anticipating the feature film *Sex and the City*, and the reunion of the fab four (finally!). I wasn't the only one in the theater who welled up during the heart-wrenching moment when Sarah Jessica Parker streams down the middle of the street in her Vivienne Westwood wedding dress and beats Mr. Big with her bouquet.

ROMAN HOLIDAY (USA) 1953, Paramount
List price: \$9.98

THEN SHE FOUND ME (USA) 2007, THINKFilm
List price: \$19.99

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List price: \$34.98 (two discs)



Morvern Callar

CATHY DE LA CRUZ
Filmmaker, MFA candidate UCSD, and staff member, San Diego Women's Film Festival

Morvern Callar is a rare instance where the trailer does justice to the film: Samantha Morton shopping for groceries to a Velvet Underground song. Directed by Lynne Ramsay, it's one of the few from recent years that I never tire of revisiting — impressive, since it features very little dialogue.

Vagabond, by Agnes Varda (known for her French New Wave classic, *Cleo from 5 to 7*, and the documentary *The Gleaners and I*), sits appropriately in the middle of her career. A fictionalized narrative told in documentary form, the film — like *Morvern Callar* — follows one very silent woman as she travels but doesn't tell us much about herself.

Joyce Chopra's *Smooth Talk* features a teenage Laura Dern stalked by a very scary Treat Williams. While the violence and sexuality are off-screen, talking through a screen door never looked so scary or felt so real.

MORVERN CALLAR (England) 2002, Palm Pictures
List price: \$24.99

VAGABOND (France) 1986, Criterion
List price: \$29.95

SMOOTH TALK (USA) 1986, MGM
List price: \$14.98

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)

Towelhead — The directing debut of the screenwriter of *American Beauty*, Alan Ball, concerns itself, in a bland beige image, with the sexual experiences 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, con-

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doms, 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 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. Peter Macdissi, Aaron Eckhart, Toni Collette, Maria Bello. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/2)

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, THROUGH 10/2)

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



The Lucky Ones

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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Vicky Cristina Barcelona — You can't claim that Woody Allen's rapid rate of production doesn't show. Even the title of this one sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision: three names off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen's British sojourn seems to be over, though he's not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist's ex-wife re-enters the scene

after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer's laziest declarative vein — *I'm this, you're that, he or she's the other* — has not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the dryasdust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor: "One evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend's art gallery." The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontentment and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pick-me-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. With Javier Bardem, Patricia Clarkson, Kevin Dunn, Chris Messina. 2008. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA, FROM 10/3)

WALL-E — Relentlessly sentimental sci-

ence fiction about a cute anthropomorphized "male" robot — a rattletrap contraption of binoculars atop tank treads — programmed to pick up garbage on an evacuated Earth in the 28th Century (his name is an acronym of Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth-Class), all alone on the planet but for the company of an indestructible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped "fembot," whom he follows up to a mother ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like humans. Rather remarkable for any movie are the long stretches of nonverbal narrative, reminiscent of the opening and closing stretches of *2001*. (Other allusions to the Kubrick classic — the musical snippet from *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, the unblinking red eye of HAL-9000 — suggest the emulation is entirely conscious.) No less remarkable, in the context of a Disney computer cartoon, are the distinctive whiffs of post-apocalyptic and dystopian melancholy. The happy ending pretty much ruins it. If the film wanted full credit for evoking those feelings, the best ending it could have held out would be hopeful, not happy. With the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

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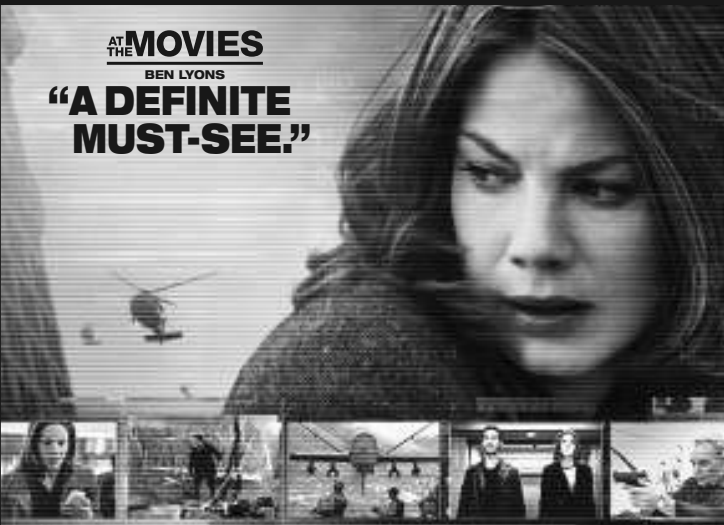
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Nights in Rodanthe 2008

Nights in Rodanthe was an interesting movie, touching at times, with an interesting storyline but not strong. What caught most people was the ending. But to me it was the same old thing, without going into details. To me it was obvious what was going to happen. I would prefer a new twist instead of what I thought was going to happen. Didn't bring tears to these eyes. You be the judge. Richard Gere and Diane Lane did a good job with a few scenes that didn't make any sense. I pretty much agree with Duncan on this one. What really got me was the fact that in the filled theater, most people had tears flowing in the end, which amazed me. By **richinsd** 9:54 p.m., Sept. 24, 2008

The Women 2008

I was skeptical at first, as the reviews were mixed. I love the actresses, so I decided to spend my hard-earned money. Annette Bening was awesome, and I found myself laughing out loud. A lot of the movie was about rich women shopping and getting a manicure at whim. But I liked the story, as it was uplifting and mostly about friendships, good and bad. As a female, I think all women, young and old, should see this movie and decide for themselves. The final scenes were true to life, very funny, and I felt good as I left the theater. By **bradleyk** 1:40 p.m., Sept. 26, 2008

Charlie Wilson's War 2007

For those less bureaucratically adaptable types among us, who have "walked the walk" and understand it's all done with a wink, this movie is an effen riot! Infants will be allowed to go to their rooms and watch something poignant, such as a Michael Mooron movie. By **GeorgeM** 8:20 p.m., Sept. 28, 2008

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Juiced

The twitches and rooster-neck jerks are a pure match for the right fielder.

From 1986 to 1988, the Oakland Athletics had back-to-back-to-back Rookies of the Year: Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, and Walt Weiss. Under ex-lawyer Tony La Russa's management, the team looked set for a generation.

On November 15, 1988, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act was signed into law. It prohibited the distribution, possession, and use of controlled substances in the workplace.

Ten years after the act was passed, McGwire hit 70 home runs for the St. Louis Cardinals. He bopped 58 the year before, and people began to wonder how. The umps made the strike zone tighter, he told reporters, and he saw better pitches. New, retro-look ballparks had smaller dimensions, and expansion teams had weak pitching staffs. Plus, he added, one in every four or five balls used in a game was probably "juiced" — i.e., tricked up to clear the fences and revitalize baseball's sagging ratings.

Though he denied it, McGwire was also juiced. He'd been taking anabolic steroid injections for years. McGwire and Canseco, who got McGwire hooked, became the "Bash Brothers," leading the A's to victory in the 1989 World Series. And, hey (many rationalized at the time), if baseball could juice the ball to inflate a hitter's stats, why shouldn't players follow suit?

Itamar Moses's *Back Back Back* traces a mini-history of the steroid scandal — without ever using the word. Locker rooms and dugout steps, strewn with the hulls of sunflower seeds, become

a world of euphemisms. Players take "pregame vitamins" and "blow up" their muscles. Raul (Canseco) and Kent (McGwire) debate whether or not to bring Adam (Weiss) into "it." Anyone who doesn't do it, they contend, plays "with a handicap." And Weiss, a good-fielding, banjo-hitting second baseman, could bulk up his earnings.

The three players chat, discuss, harangue. They hold press conferences (Kent even tells Adam how to do one well). The 100-minute, intermissionless play has nine scenes (each an inning), a seventh-inning stretch, and some after-game batting practice. Throughout, Raul, Kent, and Adam keep talking. Some of the dialogue is crisp jock-gab. One of the funniest bits: as Adam and Kent get reacquainted during a home-run derby, Barry "Mr. Juice" Bonds pounds ball after ball into the stratosphere.

But often the characters shrink. They become sides in a debate about steroid use (is it cheating or fulfilling one's potential?). As in the TV show *CSI*, they explain things the others already know.

Back Back Back covers all the steroid-use bases: sure, Bonds and the others have chemically induced statistics, and it is cheating, given the rules of the game. But where to draw the line? Should we ban from the hall of fame every pro athlete who ever took an upper or a "greenie"? That would thin them out. Moses could also tag the hypocrisy of sportswriters who wax sanctimonious about drug



Brendan Griffin, Nick Mills, Joaquin Perez-Campbell in *Back Back Back*

Back Back Back, by Itamar Moses
Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

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abuse. How many of them, on deadline, resort to controlled substances to enhance their performance?

The story's got the potential for a Greek tragedy about fallen heroes in a hubris-breeding culture. And people unfamiliar with the specifics may see a tale of aspirations, betrayal, and the unimaginable

pressures to play baseball, day in and day out, like a god.

But for those who know the story, *Back Back Back*'s just a talky retelling of McGwire's mammoth denial and Canseco's rat-finking in two books, *Juiced* and *Vindicated* (in the latter, he says all athletes should bulk up). And neither McGwire nor

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Canseco is anywhere as verbal as Kent or Raul.

The story might be more effective if Moses freed it from the players' biographies and actual historical events. He would have to do less explaining (backstory clogs the script). And he could open up the play's confined structure and demythologize on a mythical level. What comes through most of all: Moses's profound wrestling with his own disillusionment about the game.

Back Back Back gets the facts straight, but the Old Globe production sometimes doesn't. The set's a baseball diamond: Astro-turf surrounding a wicker-like infield. But whether they're playing for Oakland (whose cap has an A, not an O), St. Louis, or the National League all-stars,

the boys wear the most pristine uniforms in horshider history. Now, they don't have to sloven up like Manny R., but the actors should scuff them some, at least, for authenticity's sake.

They have few chances to soil the uni's on stage. In a play about a professional activity, Moses doesn't offer many chances for physicality. Director Davis McCallum blocks his actors well, but they mostly stand around. Though they don't look as if they're "filled with water" (as one character says about players on steroids), Brendan Griffin (Kent), Nick Mills (Adam), and Joaquin Perez-Campbell (Raul) perform ably. Even before you realize that Perez-Campbell's playing Canseco, the twitches and rooster-neck jerks are a pure match for the right-fielder off whose noggin a ball once careened for a home run — a feat ESPN recently voted as the number-one baseball blooper of all time. ■

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Back Back Back

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Candide

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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 AT SDSU, 5500 CAMPANILE DRIVE, SDSU. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 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 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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Dying City

Christopher Shinn's sketchy, intriguing drama sorts through the rubble of three post-9/11 lives. Kelly's husband Craig died in Iraq a year before the play begins (a Blackhawk-down accident?). A therapist in need of same, Kelly huddles in a bomb-shelter-spare NYC apartment and watches reruns of *Law and Order*. The show's inexorable problem-solving consoles her. Enter Craig's identical twin unannounced. Peter's a gay actor and, it would seem, warrior — Craig's opposite. Seeing the living image of her late husband's the first shock, among many, Kelly will undergo this night. *Dying City* — a title



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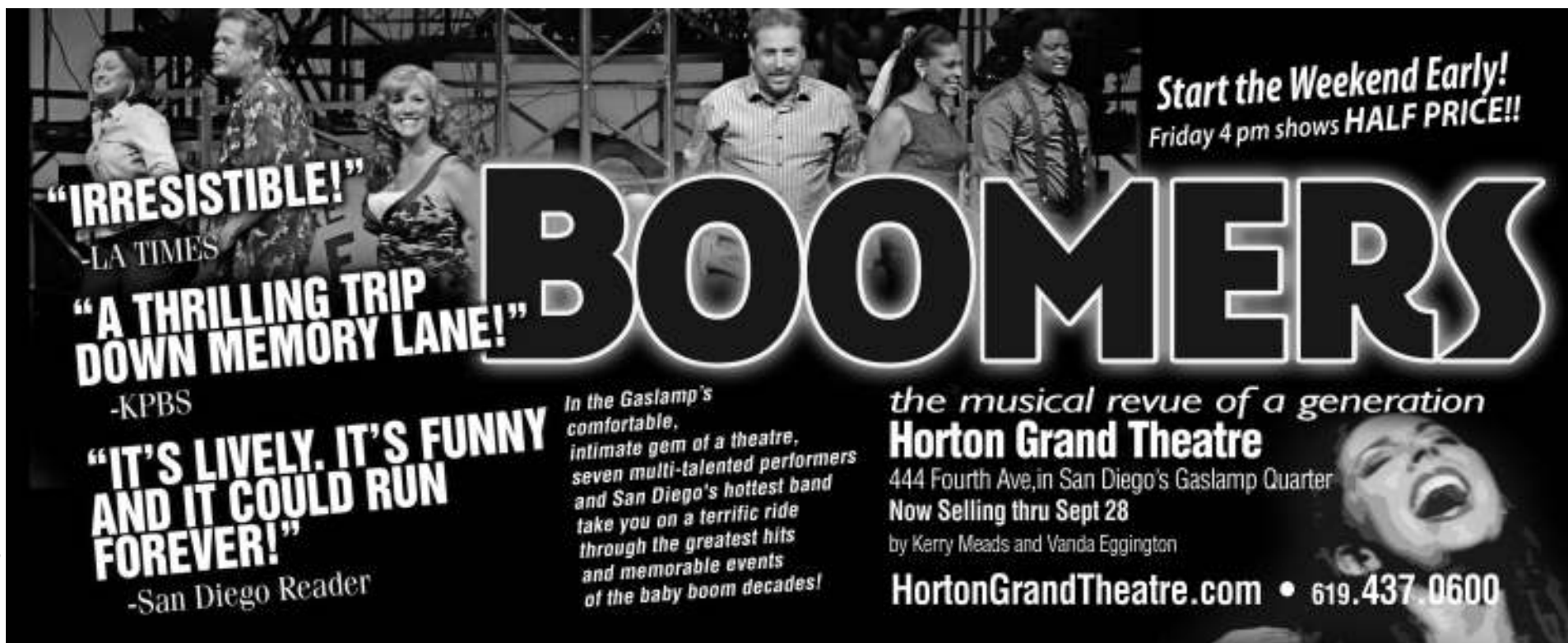
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with almost universal application these days — unfolds like an anti-*Law and Order*. Humpty Dumpty fell. The question becomes: when did the fissures start? The Iraq War? 9/11? Or back in the boys' and Kelly's abused childhoods? As Kelly and Peter sift through shards and cinders, the answer threatens further demolition. Cygnet Theatre does a capable job with a tricky, now-you-see-it, now-you-don't 90-minute play. Nick Fouch's revolving set and Eric Lotze's eerie, expressive lighting make Kelly's apartment look as if it's suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Jessica John's appropriately drab brown costumes complete the impression. Kelly's a tough assignment: how to play a character who's neutron bombed emotionally? Christy Yael has moments where she flattens Kelly out too much, but for the most part she succeeds as a woman cast adrift. Sean Cox plays both brothers and convinces as the tough Spec 4 Craig. Director Fran Gercke and Sean Cox have avoided giving Peter stereotypical gay gestures. But Cox needs to ratchet up his subtextual menace. The Baghdad Correctional Facility isn't the only place where torturers ply their trade.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

An Evening at the Grand Guignol

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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.

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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 seriocomedy about "how much we're willing to put up with when the alternative is loneliness."

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How I Learned to Drive

Palomar Performing Arts presents Paula Vogel's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about Li'l Bit and her Uncle Peck ("whose driving lessons manage to plow through several social stop signs"). Pat Larmer directed.

PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 12.

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.

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Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris
North Coast Repertory Theatre stages this musical tribute (by Eric Blau and Mort Shuman) to French composer Jacques Brel, whose opus includes ballads, tangos, rock, and boleros. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

The Light in the Piazza
Lamb’s Players presents the Tony Award-winning musical — music and lyrics by Adam Guettel, book by Craig Lucas — about Margaret Johnson and her daughter Clara’s visit to Italy in 1953. Both bring a secret. Robert Smyth directed. LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 2.

Nine
Starlight presents the Arthur Kopit (book) and Maury Yeston (music and lyrics) musical based on Federico Fellini’s autobiographical movie *8 1/2*. STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE, SOUTH PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-544-7827. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

No Exit
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 Dante’s *Inferno*, Sartre’s hell looks downright doable, at first. It’s a drawing room, furnished in the Second French Empire style, where three damned people will spend eternity, eyes always open, with each other. Diversionary Theatre and director Esther Emery make a game go with difficult material. Jennifer Brawn Gittings’s telling costumes evoke spring 1944, and the acting style’s mid-’40s as well. Steven Lone’s Cradeau displays a slick leading-man appeal, Rhianna Bashore’s Estelle ingenue naïveté, and Monique Gaffney’s Inez an arch toughness (and Bette Davis eyes). They begin as if in a movie from the period, playing prescribed roles and denying culpability. Then, like wax

melting in extreme heat, hell slowly peels away veneers. Each is damned for good reason: Cradeau’s a coward, Estelle’s a murderer, and Inez admits she needs to “see people suffer to exist at all.” They become what Sartre called the “Other,” which is everyone outside an authentic self. Cradeau utters the famous line, “Hell is other people.” But it doesn’t mean it’s you against everyone else. One goes to Sartre’s hell because one has been false to oneself. You become merely an Other for other people.

Worth a try.
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Our Town
MiraCosta College stages Thornton Wilder’s minimalist meditation on life, death, and the things that matter. Tracy Williams (whose father directed the play when she was a young girl) directed. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE, ONE BARNARD DRIVE, OCEANSIDE. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 12.

A Shot in the Dark
Patio Playhouse stages the comedy that became the Peter Sellers movie *The Pink Panther*. Vetas Gleissner directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 12.

The Third Story
Charles Busch is a theater legend. Having him on stage, performing an original work, could have been a rare treat for San Diegans — if his play weren’t such a meandering sprawl, relieved mostly by silliness. It’s three (or four) stories in search of an author: a Russian fairy tale about a shy princess; a mother and son screenwriting team holed up outside Omaha drumming up ideas *ad* — it would seem — *in infinitum*; and a Mrs. Frankenstein cloning doubles, including one for Queenie Bartlett, mob boss. Busch sprinkles funny, literature one-liners throughout. But no story’s strong enough to stand by itself (same with the characters). And though the interwoven script builds a sense of purposeful indirection, the two-hour, 45-minute show accumulates debts it never repays (and hammers its theme, about parents needing to let their children go, into pulp). The various locales let scenic designer David Gallo roam from a birch-tree’d Russian forest to 1950s film noir L.A. done in orange and black. Director Carl Andress encouraged a pseudo-melodramatic style: short, adamant sentences followed by cameo posing. The style’s fun, for a while, but tends to drone by act 2.

Best of show: Jennifer Van Dyck, who played Ophelia at the Old Globe a decade ago, does an extended monologue in that heightened style that’s spellbinding. Then she breaks the spell by apologizing for her “anecdote.” Then casts it again and continues on. 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.

Tobacco Road
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Troilus and Cressida
Shakespeare at his most philosophical, and irate. Goethe said, “If you would see Shakespeare’s mind unfettered, read *Troilus and Cressida*.” It’s the Bard’s take on Homer’s *Iliad*, but the “heroes” on both sides are slimy,

self-regarding thugs who bounce around the Dardan Plain like overinflated balloons. And Helen of Troy’s a weapon of mass destruction, an excuse for conquest and nothing more. The love of the title characters doesn’t just go wrong; it becomes the emblematic tale of infidelity. Goethe said “read” the play, not stage it. *Troilus* is a theatrical monster, demanding actors with muscular physicality and the chops to deliver some of the Bard’s finest poetry. It last appeared in San Diego at the Old Globe in 1976. Aside from anything else, Compass Theatre deserves praise for attempting this epic task. Director Welton Jones and George Weinberg-Harter (who plays Pandarus and Agamemnon) have done a smart job of trimming a script that’s literature when read but that waxes verbose when performed. The opening night, however, ranged from amateurish reciting to odd emphases to sprints through the poetry (if you get to speak the lines “when time is old and hath forgot itself/ When waterdrops have worn the stones of Troy,” PLEASE don’t mumble them at top speed to the floor!). Most of the cast (nine actors playing over 25 parts) had yet to internalize their roles. And the better performances — Michael Nieto as Aeneas and Ulysses, Adam

Parker as Paris and a drooling Ther-sites — exposed the others’ weaknesses. The Compass production may, or may not, grow during its run. But then again, if the “past is prologue” for what’s to come, this may be your only chance to see a *Troilus* in San Diego for the next 32 years. COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

The Women
The Old Globe’s staging of Claire Boothe Luce’s misogynistic hair-puller is smashing to look at. A turntable swivels art deco moldings into a beauty salon, a two-story shower/bath, and even Reno, Nevada, where wealthy women getting a divorce become “Reno-vated.” Anna R. Oliver’s high-fashion-amidst-the-Depression costumes evoke 1936 with pinpoint accuracy. Wearing curly hairstyles with every rivulet in place, the fine cast speaks in East Coast patrician voices several clicks above snooty. The show has the look down. Luce’s ranting, however, gets tempered. An ultraconservative, Luce approved of the House Un-American Activities Committee

and shed no tear after JFK’s death (she often called him a “commie”). And she was no feminist, revisionism to the contrary. When Anne Bogart staged *The Women* at the Rep in 1989, she directed it through Luce’s eyes, fangs first (in rehearsals, she encouraged actors to steal each other’s choices). For the Globe, Darko Tresnjak’s version’s much more balanced. The upper-class Manhattanites still gossip and connive, but Tresnjak prefers farce to fury; no one’s really hurt, or hurt for long. And looking glamorous trumps everything (this is, first and foremost, a style show, and the style smooths things over). Tresnjak offers a humane take on an anti-humane comedy. The ensemble cast functions so smoothly it’s hard to single out individuals, though red-haired Nancy Anderson (who croons to beat the band before acts 1 and 2) comes closest to Luce’s vitriol.

Worth a try.

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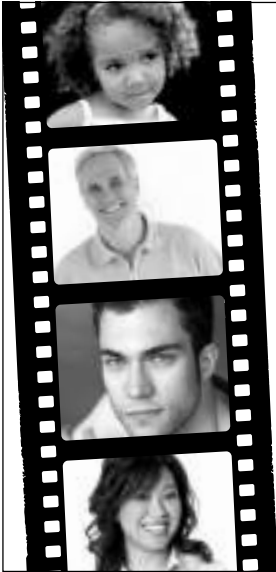
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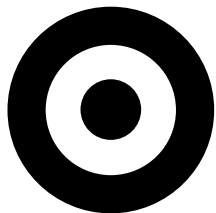
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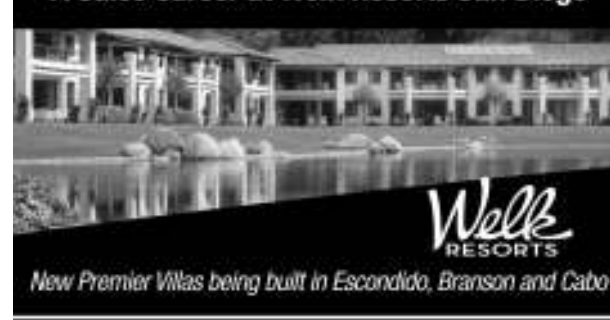
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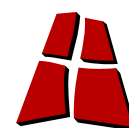
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2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great opportunity for you to give a shout out to your mom, or toot your own horn! Each time you submit a new puzzle, you may submit a new message.
3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.
4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy.
5) Wow! Now we're giving away 15 Reader T-shirts each week to contenders chosen randomly!
And now for the really small print:
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

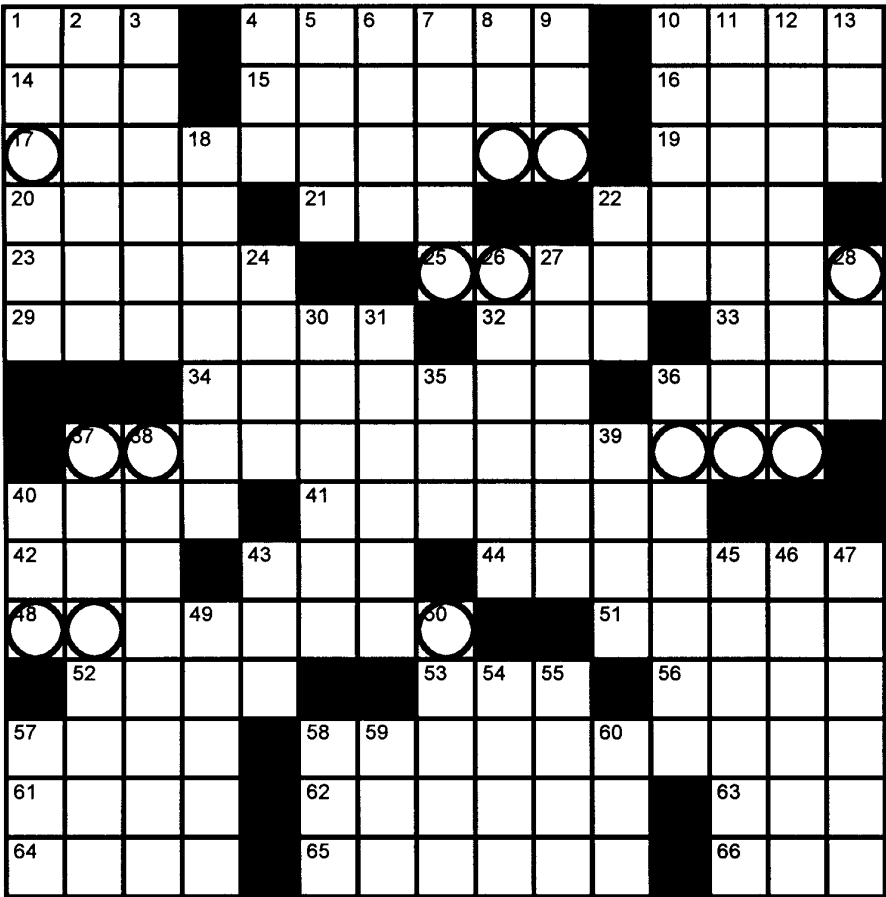
- Bad start?
- Hits hard
- Architect Mies van der _____
- "_____ little teapot ..."
- Sci-fi author Le Guin
- Final
- 1976 Nobel Laureate
- Novice
- Cost an arm _____ leg
- Agnus _____
- Andean capital
- That is, to Caesar
- Sport featured in the 2007 comedy "Balls of Fury"

- Veal _____
- Emmy-winning scientist Bill
- QB protectors
- Stops repressing
- Oaf
- 1969 hit inspired by John F. Kennedy's daughter
- Graze
- Registers
- Prattle
- Turn gray, say
- Runs out of clothes?
- Cassidy atop Topper
- Pele's first name
- Paves the way?
- Paddle
- John McCain's alma mater, briefly
- Bldg. loan
- Popular BBQ dish (its main ingredient is represented by the circled letters in 17-, 25-, 37- and 48-Across)
- Glimpsed
- Connected, in a way
- "Norma _____"
- Bear in constellation names
- It's lacking in a woman who asks Elton John out on a date
- QB stats

Down

- Point in the wrong direction
- Actress Byones
- Cosmetician Estee
- Deli sandwich
- TV character who talked to Wilbur Post

- Cruise stop
- National flower of the Netherlands
- "Do Ya" rock grp.
- Tool with teeth
- Fix, as a pool cue
- Working vacation, e.g.
- Scolding
- Comic Philips
- Caught, in a way
- T-shirt size: Abbr.
- VCR insert
- Buries
- Daily that ran the headline "I Do, Yada Yada Yada" when Jerry Seinfeld got married
- Prime meridian std.
- Releases
- Old: Fr.
- Droop
- In a row
- It might be seen by a surfer
- They might be seen by a surfer
- Old Milano moolah
- I follows them
- Racing's Unisers
- Categorize
- Germany's Adenauer
- They have sliding scales
- Team building?
- "Will you look at that!"
- "Put _____ on it!"
- TV actress Sofer
- Big Ten sch.
- Faddish 1990s disc
- Spanish "a"
- _____ Spiegel magazine



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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle T-shirt size: M L XL

Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 16. "Way to go, Rick. Enjoy your house!"
Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 15. "The white zone is for loading and unloading only."
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 15. "What we've got here is...failure to communicate."
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 15. "Ride your bike for health and wealth."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 15.
Julie Osburn, North Park, 15. "Love to one only is a barbarity."
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 15. "Borrow money from pessimists; they don't expect it back."
LeAnn "not everyone can be a puzzle master" Witt, Clairemont, 15. "All the way from Orange, Virginia."
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 14. "Let's have hahā's in Praha, Carol!"
George Jackson, Oceanside, 14.
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 14.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 14. "Please don't break up the team!"

C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 14.
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 14.
☛ **Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 14.** "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 13. "Chargers, thank you for my birthday present on 9/22. Peace."
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 13. "Hey Marty! You stayin' in town?"
☛ **Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 13.** "I'm going for the lucky 13!"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 13.
John L. Drehner, North Park, 13. "The moon is made of American cheese."
☛ **Janet Goff, Cardiff, 13.** "What's with all these people from Santee?"
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 13.
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 13. "www.paintwithdan.com"
Jim Odell, Vista, 13. "Lillian, some say Greenspan, Sand's protege, is John Galt, system destroyer."

Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 13. "Careful what you wish for; you might get it."
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 13. "Nana and Papa! We missed you! Love, Spencer and Reese"
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 13. "Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean I don't get to play."
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 13.
Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 12. "My swanksta needs a shirt."
Dennis Beabod, Temecula, 11. "Hey MLB fans, Wahoo; it's October!"
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 11. "Sarah Palin can out-shoot Dick Cheney."
H.J. Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 11. "Inked or irked?"
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 11. "Go Chargers! RIP, Paul Newman."
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 11.
Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 11. "I was censored by the Reader last week!"
Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 11. "What a mess!"
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 11. "Lillian Wagner, I'm coming after you!"
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 11.
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 11. "Bring Oktoberfest back to O.B."

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 11.
☛ **Dave Small, San Carlos, 11.** "Lemonade. Sweet!"
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 11. "Appreciation is loving what is!"
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 11. "It's not what you say. It's what they hear."
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 11. "Repent! The end is near!"
Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 10. "Double Digits Club!"
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 10. "What happened to last week's entry?"
Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 10.
Shirley E. Bolden, College Area, 10. "Go Obama!"
Leslie Chase, Campo, 10. "Next hike we'll do a picnic!"
Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 10. "Me Italian deli man joined the NRA. He's pro-shooter."
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 10. "Community organizers: Bloods and Crips."
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 10.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 10. "Kiera Kenney, 148 saves! Mend well, Cheryl! Hi Bodo! Obama!"
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 10. "www.geocaching.com"
Marie Turock, North Park, 10. "TK-421, why aren't you at your post?"

Jeff Smith, University City, 10. "No on Prop.4!"
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 10.
Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 10. "If you see this and know me, e-mail me."
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 9.
Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 9. "Me thinks the Reader owes me one!"
☛ **Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 9.** "And they lived happily ever after."
Tim Clayton, Los Peñasquitos, 9. "A shirt. Fantastic. Thank you."
Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 9. "Terri, I miss the crossword puzzle fish and Limu!"
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 9. "Didn't make deadline last time."
☛ **Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 9.**
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 9. "Give me money fast or something terrible will happen!"
Barry Newman, Escondido, 9.
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 9. "That was the fuzzy end of the lollipop!"
Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 9.
John Stead, Santee, 9.
Kelley Wilson, Santee, 9. "I love my bedroom, Bud! Go Chargers!"

Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 9.
Mike Adkins, Santee, 8.
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 8. "Countdown to C&K at the Coach House! 35 years!"
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 8. "It's my birthday today!"
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 8. "I is for imitating..."
Brian W. Beach, Santee, 8.
Ben Brainard, Santee, 8.
Bryan Breckenridge, Santee, 8.
E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 8. "Hi Mirko!"
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 8. "Thanks for the T-shirt!"
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 8. "Hi Al!"
Doug Coffin, Santee, 8.
Dan Collins, Santee, 8.
Laura Conshafter, Santee, 8.
Matt Dene, Santee, 8.
Andre Desilets, Downtown, 8. "Two more years listening to Ted Leitner!"
J. DeWitt, Santee, 8.
Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 8.
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 8.
Kathleene Evans, Santee, 8.
Mark Franc, Santee, 8.
Tim Glover, Santee, 8.
Andy Harrison, Santee, 8.
L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 8.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Mark Hill, Santee, 8.
Jim Hutchings, Santee, 8.
E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 8.
Jim Koziol, UTC, 8. “Hola, Lukie, Jiminy, Timothy!”
Bill Love, Santee, 8.
Linda Millsberg, Santee, 8.
Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 8. “Nial Castle, 88 Saturday last, flew P38s, strong and fast.”
Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 8. “I’m bringing home the bacon and masquerading as an adult.”
Donnie Nelson, Santee, 8. “Good show!”
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 8. “Welcome Angus Kitty aka Mr. MeowMeow!”
Nathan Petty, Santee, 8.
Dennis Roth, Santee, 8.
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 8. “Fall is here; my favorite season!”
Shirley Stafford, Carlsbad, 8.
Stacy Tool, Santee, 8.
Jeff Van De Moere, Banker’s Hill, 8. “The Rams are the best 0-4 team ever!”
Woody Weaver, Santee, 8.
Tom White, University City, 8. “Thank you, Mr. G.”
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 8. “Santee, whose brain gets the credit?”
Warren Winters, Santee, 8.
Mary Woodbury, Santee, 8. “Fun!”
Ivan Yanev, Santee, 8.
Stephen Young, Santee, 8.
Don Albee, Santee, 7.
Doretha Albee, Santee, 7.
Bud Anderson, Santee, 7.
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 7. “Hey, Poliva! Knock knock! You know. Get me a soda. LOL.”
Carl Bennett, Escondido, 7.
Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 7.
Neal Brown, Santee, 7.

Margaret Buckner, Santee, 7.
John Bullock, Santee, 7.
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 7. “Kisses for Bandit. XXX”
A. T. Certik, Bonita, 7.
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 7. “7 Up, Lucky 7, 7/11, and 7th Heaven!”
Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 7.
Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 7.
Tim Dene, Santee, 7.
Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 7.
G. Doyle, Santee, 7.
Ed Edwards, Santee, 7.
Heather Ellsworth, Santee, 7.
Kathleen Fowler, Santee, 7.
Hugh Hagues, Santee, 7.
Anne Hinton, , 7. “I love Jack and Billy.”
M. Jordan, Santee, 7.
Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 7.
Shirley Stafford, Santee, 7.
Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 7.
Angie Longoria, Santee, 7.
Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 7.
Rick Marin, Santee, 7.
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Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 7. “I guarantee there aren’t this many smart people in Santee!”
Kevin McNearney, Santee, 7.
Heber Moore, Santee, 7.
Kevin Moreau, Santee, 7.
Charles Overdorf, Santee, 7.
Eugene Padua, Santee, 7.
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 7.
Randy Schimpf, Santee, 7.
J. Schwendinger, Santee, 7.
Diane Sengir, Downtown, 7. “Excellent and BBB rated: www.agepainting.com!”
M. Sherritt, Santee, 7.
Ron Shields, Santee, 7.

Carol Simpson, Pacific Beach, 7. “Learn something new every week!”
Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 7.
Gayle Squire, Santee, 7.
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 7.
Lee Woodbury, Santee, 7.
Dan Abernathy, Santee, 6.
Jerry S. Anders, Scripps Ranch, 6. “Yeah, the Internet rocks.”
Rick Austin, Santee, 6. “Tough!”
Roy Bailey, Santee, 6.
Ray Batenich, North Park, 6.
“Right or wrong, it’s still fun for my brain!”
Derek Besand, Santee, 6.
Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 6.
Loren Broadstone, Santee, 6.
☛ Dave Capehart, Santee, 6.
Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 6. “Tom, thanks for the square. WI”
Carlos Cruz, Mira Mesa, 6. “We all need a bailout. Duh!”
Jill Dickens, Santee, 6.
Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 6. “Give blood. Play hockey.”
Mike Downey, Santee, 6.
Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 6.
Eduardo Emmett, Santee, 6.
Manny Espino, Santee, 6.
Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 6.
Emma Friemuth, Santee, 6.
Gina Glover, Santee, 6.
Marie Grace, College Area, 6. “McMurphy’s Pub is the best!”
Mike Gross, Santee, 6.
Ward Harrington, Santee, 6.
Ricky Hartpence, Santee, 6.
Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 6.
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 6.
“Once upon a crossroad weary while I pondered weak and...”
LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 6.
Craig Hollinger, Santee, 6.
Eric Jesperson, Santee, 6.
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 6.
“Eeler?”
James La France, Escondido, 6. “Show me the \$\$!”

Troy Knapp, Santee, 6.
Eben Maat, Santee, 6.
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 6.
Ken Milne, Santee, 6.
Deborah Moore, Santee, 6.
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 6. “6th sense.”
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 6. “Orange and blue are like me and you: complementary colors!”
Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 6.
Connie Rittichier, Poway, 6.
Don Romero, Ramona, 6. “I miss you, sweet, beautiful Mei Ling!”
Richard Rose, Santee, 6.
John Shultz, Santee, 6.
Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 6.
Nathan Squire, Santee, 6.
Edward J. Swain, Downtown, 6. “Ipsa scientia potestas est.”
Matt Taylor, Santee, 6.
Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 6.
Marisa Torres, San Marcos, 6. “Uncle Marc is cool.”
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 6.
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 6. “Miss you, Bob!”
Sue Worthen, Santee, 6.
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 5. “Your wit never stops amazing me, my dear TB!”
Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 5. “There’s more sun and love on the Olga side of the street.”
J. Breckenridge, Santee, 5.
Mike D’Asaro, Santee, 5.
Edward C “Horbett, Jr.”, Crown Point, 5. “Hiromi rocks Billy.”
Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 5. “Hah!”
Steve Jenks, Santee, 5.
David Kuntze, El Cajon, 5. “Imagine a world where we all just get along.”
Eric Laurin, Chula Vista, 5. “Didja say you want more? Well, here’s some more!”
Glen Patricio, Mira Mesa, 5. “Oh, mang!”

Carol Kuske, Santee, 5.
☛ Arno Safier, Hillcrest, 5. “Great food for the brain.”
A. C. Alvarez, Chula Vista, 4. “Obama is the one!”
Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 4. “Excelsior.”
Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 4. “Tired of beating around the Bust. Just beat the Bush!”
Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 4. “Suggest you can get what you want...”
Leo D. Juffer, Pacific Beach, 4.
Kathy Law, La Mesa, 4. “Love to Bill.”
Phil Nichols, Escondido, 4. “C’mon, Dave!”
Becky Reeb, San Diego, 4.
Jeff Smith, Santee, 4.
Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 4. “Prevent Alzheimers. Do crossword puzzles.”
Vicki Flora, Bonita, 3. “Thanks, Sebastian! You’re the best. Love, Mom.”
Kristi Munn, Mission Beach, 3. “This one’s for you, Tom.”
Eddie Muraira, San Diego, 3. “143UNIT15! Dechiaro lo stato de falcida permanente! Dandy! CIUM21”
☛ Henry Romero, , 3.
Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 3. “Big Daddy rocks!”
Gina Watson, Chula Vista, 3.
Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 2. “Yikes!”
☛ Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 2. “6 months to retirement!”
Daniel Day, Pacific Beach, 2. “Jay, markets going down faster than...Sell!”
Ed Heffernan, La Mesa, 2. “Happy birthday, Bailey.”
Sue Janisch, Santee, 2.
Cindy Pancer, Pacific Beach, 2. “I need a T-shirt”
☛ Manuel Ramos, San Diego, 2. “Evans Hotels’ payroll department rocks.”

Dennis Rees, Alpine, 2.
☛ Rob Welder, El Cajon, 2. “Don’t park here.”
☛ Garth Wise, Carlsbad, 2. “Brain cancer is beatable. You can do it, Keith!”
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 2. “See me at GOPhot4me.blogspot.com.”
Jackie Austin, Chula Vista, 1.
Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 1.
Neal Bergen, Ocean Beach, 1. “I will always love you, Miss Wilson.”
R. Blue, San Diego, 1.
Mike Broadhead, El Cajon, 1.
☛ Gunnar Eklof, Oceanside, 1.
Glenda Feilen, El Cajon, 1.
Bob Harper, Lakeside, 1.
Larry Hartpence, Santee, 1.
Diane Hartpence, Santee, 1. “Hard puzzle!”
Russell Hill, Lake Forest, 1.
Dennis Howry, La Verne, 1.
Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 1. “H-2-izzle back in the hizzouse.”
Diane Hutchings, Santee, 1.
Thisby Krakatda, Santee, 1. “Happy birthday! You made it! I love PTV.”
David Ma, San Diego, 1.
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 1. “Barack wins debate!”
Pat Olafson, Hillcrest, 1.
Randolph N. Richard, El Cajon, 1. “Listen to Kavena!”
Barbara Richards, Cardiff, 1. “Damon is amazing! I love you.”
Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbd, 1. “Who watches the Watchmen?”
Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 1.
O. Tenny, El Cajon, 1.
☛ Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 1.
Bill Vollbrecht, Oceanside, 1. “Man, I have a lot of catching up to do!”
Westie, San Diego, 1.
Michael Williams, Downtown, 1. “Tony Madrid rules!”

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Dave Baxter
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I was boxing once, working out on a bag, and my glove slipped and I hit myself in the face. I was sure it would puff up and turn black. That didn't give me a black eye, though. There was a time when I was younger and there was a lot of alcohol involved. I think I fell into a door-knob. I guess it could've been something else my head hit as I passed out on my way down to the ground. I can't remember the details, though.



Mike Cox
Plumber
Tierrasanta

I have never had a black guy. Oh, did you say black eye? When I was around 11, my best friend Lance tried to bean me in the head with a football while I was on my bike. I jumped off the bike and got in his face. He asked me if I wanted to fight. He immediately punched me in the eye. I couldn't believe it. Then he said he didn't want to fight me and ran off. I didn't really get a black eye. It was sort of a grey eye for a day. Now, I wear a helmet most of the time for protection.



Steve Wood
Education
Vista

I have to be careful because it's a lady before her [points to woman with him]. We were in bed, and she pulled me by the neck, and it slammed my eye on the headboard. I was holding myself up with one hand and another hand covering my eye. When I got out of bed, blood gushed out. I needed nine stitches. I told the doctor the story and he laughed. And he brought other doctors in to see the eye, and they'd all leave the room laughing. The next day was a big family party for Easter. I wore sunglasses.



Don Ethridge
Teacher
Vista

I used to work out three or four hours a day. I did karate. And I had been in some fights in bars but usually won. But a time in TJ, my cousin knocked over someone's beer. I went over and was apologizing, telling them we'd buy another beer. As I was talking, punches from two guys landed on my face at the same time. Three guys ended up pounding on me. I was a bloody mess. I had a busted lip and black eye. And I was doing a musical at the La Paloma. I showed up the next day a mess.



Josephine Spirit
Vons checker
Vista

It wasn't really a black eye but a burned eye. I was seven, and my parents combined my birthday with my two sisters' because they were cheap. It was a pizza place, and I saw Mickey Mouse on the big screen. I ran toward the screen, turning around fast and right into the cigarette in my dad's hand. I was rushed to the hospital. It stung so bad. And it stung again when they put drops in my eye. I came home, and someone said I looked like a pirate. I started crying. My mom showed me a big piece of cake she had saved me. The next morning I went to get it, and there was just a plate full of crumbs.



Alexander Monroe
Handyman
Vista

It wasn't a black eye, but a red eye. I was having my bachelor party. The group of guys went out drinking. I remember as a joke asking who was packing. And one of them pulled out a gun. It was a wild night, and I thought we'd get into trouble. Nothing happened other than me drinking too much. In the morning, my eye had all these red dots around it. It was so red, and my wife is looking into my eyes as we're exchanging vows. All I can think was that it was a form of alcohol poisoning.

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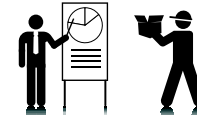


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Reader Pop Quiz

This week's questions

1. According to Matthew Alice, there's really no such thing as what kind of flu?
2. What words did Samuel L. Jackson speak to San Diego's DJ Miss Lisa at the after-party for the Bob Hope Classic Golf Tournament?
3. Whose Warhol portraits adorn the walls of Maryjane's Coffee Shop?
4. Dave Good reveals that the real name of J. Geils harmonica virtuoso Magic Dick is what?
5. *Back Back Back*, currently on stage at the Old Globe Theatre, deals with what major sports scandal?
6. Matthew Lickona's painting restorer tells him that ____ is the best solvent.
7. What famous rapper shows up at a record-release party that Josh Board crashes?
8. Local drummer Steve Haney recently found himself in front of 84,000 at the Democratic National Convention performing on stage with whom?
9. Eve Kelly's friend recalls in "Best Buys" a previous Halloween when she and some friends donned black plastic garbage bags and went as whom?
10. What career experimentalist helped cut the new record by Talking Head David Byrne (who's on Barnaby Monk's calendar for Thursday)?

Last Week's Answers

1. 1982 Château Pétrus. (p. 112)
2. Two — five if you count the sound guy and bartenders. (p. 88)
3. Excalibur Cigar and Wine Lounge. (p. 26)
4. *With a Buzz in Our Ears We Play Endlessly*. (p. 86)
5. A bucket and toilet paper. (p. 107)
6. Getting passports. (p. 20)
7. Ravioli and tomato sauce. (p. 22; also p. 23)
8. The Brian Jonestown Massacre. (p. 100)
9. No. (p. 14)
10. D-Day. (p. 128)

Congratulations to last week's winners: Jeffrey McMenamin, Brian Albers, Chelsea Navarro, Rolando Velasco, Mark W. Smith

Rules Pop Quiz answers must include page numbers from the *Reader* print edition on which the answers are found. First five entrants to deliver correct sets of answers win Reader T-shirts or \$25 (indicate preference). Answers must be submitted by Monday at 7 a.m. after the issue in question. Only one winner per household or email address per month. Multiple entries will be disregarded. Mail answers to: Reader Pop Quiz, SD Reader, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186; or fax to 619-231-0489; or email to Quiz@sdriver.com; or deliver to 1703 India Street in Little Italy (we have an after-hours mail slot).

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SurfDIEGO

Name: Matt Fielder
Age: 27
Lives In: Ocean Beach
Occupation: Actor
Pre-Surf Music: Tone Loc
Girls in the Water?: "Yes, please!"

Matt has been surfing since he was seven years old. He grew up in Hawaii, where his father was a board shaper. After his family moved to San Diego in 1989, Matt began competing at the junior level. The one thing he dislikes about local surf culture is the aggressive attitudes.

"San Diego has got to be the rudest surf city I've ever seen. Don't get me wrong — places like Dog Beach are great; it's a cool community and the people are chill. But the entitlement of the kids around the bigger beaches is astounding — they act like they invented water....

"In December of last year I decided to head out to Swami's for the morning surf; I knew it would be big and I was excited to challenge myself. When I got there it was so packed that I couldn't even get into the water without bumping into other people — it was kind of gross. So I decided to wait on the sand to see if it would clear out. I pulled out a book and



started to read. That's when the fight started....

"I was shocked that someone wanted to fight me for just sitting on the sand. Two guys came up to me and kicked my board, asking if I was from around there. I didn't respond, and the next thing I knew, one of them tackled me. I'm a big guy and I can handle myself, but

I think fighting is so stupid. It lasted a few minutes and I walked away with a fat lip."

Matt says he visits Swami's often.

"It made me more determined to show them they couldn't scare me away.... I don't think that anyone is a good enough surfer to get a free pass to bully other people. It shows lack

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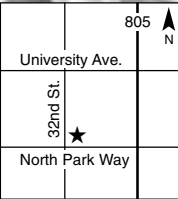
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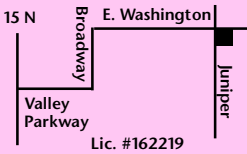
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How to Correct a Coworker's Behavior

by Scott MEYER

Correcting a coworker who is making a mistake is the right thing to do. It's not the easy thing to do, unfortunately.

Your weekly R-J-17 form is due again.

That's true.

You haven't filled it out, again.

Also true.

You need to fill it out.

That's where we disagree.

Discuss the situation to find the source of the problem and identify solutions.

He wants the form. You want to give it to him. I don't want to fill it out.

The solution to all three of our problems is for you to fill out the form and sign it for me.

I'm not filling out your form for you.

You're so selfish.

Solving the issue may require some creativity on your part.

So, are you going to fill out his forms?

Yes.

With lots of misspellings?

Oh yes.

And profanity?

Very much yes.

Misspelled profanity?

If I'm in a bad mood.

Correcting a coworker is not fun, but the results are a productive workplace and a reputation as a problem solver.

I'm gonna need you to spell check Jenkins' R-J-17 forms from now on.

Why me?

Because if anyone around here'll know how to spell f%\$t*, it's gonna be you.

I'll try to take that as a compliment.

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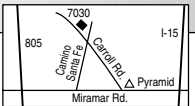
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— The two states whose electoral votes decided the presidential races in 2000 (Florida) and 2004 (Ohio) are provoking anxiety this time around, also. In Palm Beach County, Fla. (home of the “butterfly ballot” in 2000), 3478 optical-scan votes disappeared between primary-night counting on Aug. 26 and the official recount a few days later (flipping the outcome of at least one race). Also in August, Ohio officials claimed that they had fixed a software-logic tabulating error in Premier Election Systems machines used in some counties (but, according to a spokesman for Premier, a company formerly known as Diebold, that error had been present for the last ten years). (Also in August, the Ohio secretary of state ordered election officials to end the practice of taking voting machines home at night during election season “for safekeeping,” even though such “sleepovers” had been encouraged in order to protect the machines from tampering.)

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— The *New York Post* spotted several Manhattan businesses that tried to appeal to nudists this summer with special events. Among the most

challenging were John Ordovery’s monthly diners at selected restaurants (such as the Mercantile Grill), where about 50 diners eat and drink naked (served by the restaurant’s regular, clothed staff), and the Naked Comedy Showcase at People’s Improv Theater in the Chelsea district, where once a month, naked comedians perform (and a section in the audience is reserved for naked patrons).

Weird Science

— In July, microbiologists writing in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* reported that the Malaysian pen-tailed tree shrew subsists on a diet of fermented palm nectar that is roughly the equivalent of 100 percent beer. “They seem to have developed some type of mechanism to deal with that high level of alcohol and not get drunk,” according to one researcher, who hoped further study could help with human cases of alcohol poisoning.

— Intelligent Design: Among the photo exhibits at New York City’s Museum of Sex in July was the display of the genitalia of the spotted hyena, which was described by Bloomberg News: “[B]oth the male and female have penises. The female,

it turns out, has a scrotal sack, too. For reproductive purposes, the male transfers his sperm through the female’s penis, which doubles as her clitoris.” Other exhibits included “Gay Dolphin Blow-Hole Sex” and a “Deer Threesome,” featuring a “Bambi” with two stags. Said the museum’s curator, the exhibit simply compensates for museums’ traditional animal exhibits in which depictions of genitalia are suppressed.

— Kay Underwood, 20, of Barrow upon Soar, England, risks momentarily collapsing every time she laughs, according to an August report in London’s *Daily Telegraph*. Her cataplexy causes a sudden, dramatic weakening of muscles when she experiences strong emotions, including joy, excitement, and anger. She said she has collapsed as many as 40 times in a day, and sometimes her friends will good-naturedly try to make her giggle, but she said she has learned tricks to protect herself, “such as locking my knees together or grabbing on to something.”

Leading Economic Indicators

— Some dermatologists have created significant divides between their “medical” patients (acne, cancer) and their beauty-treatment patients (plas-

tic surgery, Botox), with the latter offered luxurious waiting rooms, frequent telephone contacts and more personalized of treatment. One doctor told the *New York Times* in July, “You have to class it up for those patients” who pay their own way and with minimal paperwork. Besides, said another, “If you do an extreme makeover on someone, you are a hero.”

— In a July *Newsweek* review of “faith-based” mutual funds (whose managers invest only in companies whose work does not offend their particular spiritual values), big short-term losers included one Mennonite fund emphasizing pacifism (eschewing high-performing military and energy stocks), but big winners lately were Islamic funds. Not only do they screen out the “sin” companies (tobacco, alcohol) and sellers of pork products, but they avoid financial services stock (based on the Quran’s prohibition against borrowing or lending if interest is charged) and thus were unscathed by the initial mortgage-market meltdown.

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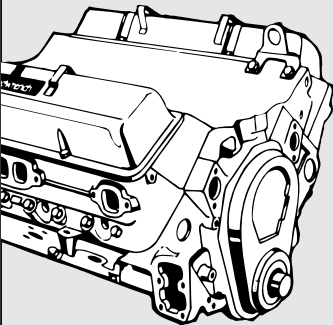
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I arrived at the apartment a few days after my roommate and immediately noticed that she had taken it upon herself to claim the

The Cake Fell

master bedroom and the majority of the shelving space. The coffee table in the living room was decorated with personal photo albums. When I finally met her — Marisa — she offered no apologies and no excuses, just a blank look on her face.

The girl and I never hit it off. She suggested that we carpool

together to the food bank but never volunteered her vehicle. I dropped the carpool after a couple of weeks. Although constantly bragging about what a lavish upper-class upbringing she had had in Chicago, she lived as miserly as possible.

The first couple of weeks I took the trash out several times

before realizing that she never did. I stopped taking the trash out. The trash piled up, doubling the size of the trash bins in the bathroom and the kitchen. I think the only thing I liked about her was her long, beautiful, silky hair — however, it shed in the shower and would clog the drain. She never bothered removing the hair from the drain, either. My options were to stand in inches of tub water while showering or remove disgusting gobs of mildewy hair from the drain.

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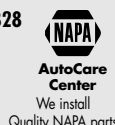
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to meet my boyfriend from San Diego in Yuma. Before even exiting the parking lot, I realized that I had forgotten something and returned to the apartment. There was Marisa, angrily mashing a chocolate cake that I had made a couple of days prior down the garbage disposal.

"What the hell are you doing?" I said. She, without skipping a beat, and with that blank look on her face, said only one thing: "The cake fell."

The straw that broke the camel's back was when I ordered a bottle of perfume online. I received an email notification that the perfume had been delivered and signed for at the apartment-rental office. I dropped by and was informed that the package had been signed for and picked up by my roommate. When I questioned Marisa about the package, she adopted

that blank look and said, "I did pick up a package, but it was a birthday gift from my boyfriend."

But I had proof that the perfume had been delivered and signed for! I accused her of stealing it. She denied everything, saying only that the package she had picked up was one from her boyfriend. I told her that I would believe her if she could come up with proof that her boyfriend had indeed sent her a package. Of course she could not. What was I to do?

While at work the next day I decided to go back to the apartment at lunch to search her belongings. Marisa was never home for lunch. As I was entering

the front door of the apartment I realized that someone was right behind me. It's Marisa! She ran into her room and then dashed right back out, past me and out of the apartment. My biggest regret is not tackling her down the stairs from our second-story place, retrieving the perfume that I know she had stashed on her.

I called the program directors of the Congressional Hunger Center and told them what had happened, sending them proof of the delivered perfume and my roommate's thievery. I requested that they relocate her to another site. They preferred that we mediate the situation. I opted for quit-

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The lobby of the downtown library, normally not the scene of high drama, was the arena for some cops-and-robbers-style action last Wednesday at lunch time. When a young man (carrying a hidden copy of Jessica Midford's *A Fine Old Conflict* in his knapsack) triggered the alarm system at the exit and bolted through the front doors out to E Street, library personnel near the front desks rushed after him, caught him, and called four policemen to cart the miscreant off to the county jail.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"BOOK HIM,"** Jeannette De Wyze,
October 5, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

They massed in the parking lot of the Lockheed building on Harbor Island one Saturday in mid-September, Vietnamese refugees wearing the brown shirt and tan slacks that constitute their uniform. There were about 40 of them, and each one picked up a placard or a small Vietnamese flag and stepped into the two-column marching formation. The flag-bearer explained that the yellow fabric represented the color of his skin, and that the three narrow stripes of red running across the flag represented the blood he was willing to

shed for his country.

—**"THE WAR BACK HOME,"** Neal Matthews,
October 6, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

We moved. We live in the South. My mother sends me to the beauty shop. The "beauty operator," Selma, grasps my pigtails at the nape of my neck. Snips. Laughing, she holds the pigtails aloft, wakes women dozing in chairs under silver hair dryers. "I got these off, at the root."

Are those women, dazed and pink, legs slightly apart, who I will become?

—**"THERE ARE NO SECRETS,"** Judith Moore,
October 6, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

The bow of the *To Ching No. 212* looks like the nose of a fighter who should have quit sooner. An almost catastrophic dent distorts the port stern. Above it, some 20 feet of deck rail caved in. Now, pinned between a 60-meter *patrullero* and the Ensenada Naval Pier, she's no longer a danger. Mexico officially seized the ship, its crew, and 254 undocumented Chinese passengers.

That was at 3:15 this morning. About two hours later the government did the same to the *Long Sen*, which lies with its navy escort at the far end of the pier. From a distance, the

Long Sen looks as though it offered its 169 would-be immigrants a sounder passage.

—**"THE IMPOSSIBLE SHORE,"** Larry Siems,
October 7, 1993

Ten Years Ago

Vice President Al Gore's political action committee has handed out more than \$500,000 to aspiring Democratic congressional candidates, including \$5000 to Christine Kehoe....

Remark by President Bill Clinton during a fundraiser at the Rancho Santa Fe estate of lawyer Bill Lerach: "This is the first place I've ever been where the fish are worth more than I make in a year."

—CITY LIGHTS: **"IRON CLAD,"** Matt Potter,
October 8, 1998

Five Years Ago

It's been nearly a century since Freud asked his question about the nature of female desire, and very few men that I know are any closer to an answer than Freud was. In the late 1980s and early '90s, shortly after going through my own divorce, I belonged to a men's group that met weekly, and I was regularly hearing the stories of men troubled that they had been unable to make relationships work and by their inability to understand what makes women tick. Although it's believed that men's



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infidelity, drinking, insensitivity, and all-around emotional numbness are primary reasons relationships dissolve, I was getting the other side of the story. My group included a man whose wife had left him after 22 years for a woman. She took off with her half of their "community" property and spousal support payments, although their three teenage children continued to live with him.

—**"WHAT DO WOMEN WANT?"** Fred Moramarco,
October 2, 2003

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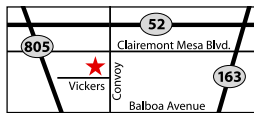
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GOOD LORD, I NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS SLUM. While watching TV the other night, a knock came at my screen door.

“Does José live here?” the man said, pointing down to indicate he was inquiring about my apartment complex but not my specific apartment.

“What’s he look like?”

“Short.” He held out his hand in an identical pose to that of a cartoon pirate indicating how tall a child must be to ride a rollercoaster.

I pointed across the courtyard. “Yeah. There.”

José had a job once, about a year ago. He was a day laborer, recruited from hardware-store parking lots. I’d see him after work, behind the apartment complex, on the tailgate of his truck. He was covered in tiny specks of flung-off paint, his hair matted down, his jeans dirty with stone dust. He always had a tall can of cheap beer and his tattered boots taken off, sitting next to him in the bed of the truck — the working man’s pipe and slippers. Then there was more beer than working man. He stopped working, substituted drudgery for leisure, shrugged off opportunity for cold alcohol relaxation, all day and night. Soon his truck was gone and so too were his boots. Sitting in the empty spot his pickup formerly occupied he and three homeless friends yammered in loud Spanish and spilt their foamy beer across the oily concrete.

A parade of shady people, each shiftier than the last, stopped by José’s empty spot behind the complex. José stopped saying hello when I passed by, instead relying on a slurred joke: “I’m going to steal your truck today. I don’t have mine anymore. I’m stealing yours.” After which he’d howl at his own cleverness. His eyes grew glossier every day, eventually like frost covering a pond. Bicycles around the neighborhood disappeared, their chains and locks left in slack coils on the cement.

Then the stranger came and knocked on my door and asked for José. After I pointed to José’s house, the unmistakable grunts, crash of overturning furniture, and cried pleas of a debt-collection beating blared through José’s screen door and carried over to mine. The lungs act as a drum when hard swift fists beat ribs.

“¡No no no no no, por favor, no!”

I shut the door so I could hear my TV. José doesn’t sit in his empty parking spot anymore.

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creepy? Because a guy might’ve licked it, and guys’ tongues are creepy. Even pictures of guys’ tongues are creepy; nobody wants to see that. Football players do this a lot. If you’re a football player and someone’s about to take your picture, don’t stick out your tongue because everyone who sees that picture is going to go, “Hrblrlbrlrrrrrr, that’s creepy!”

KNIGHT RIDER
NBC 8:00 P.M.

Campers are creepy. Not campers as in Boy Scouts, but campers as in those little houses in the back of pickup trucks: creepy. It looks like a house for short witches, and a camper is an ideal place for the selection, feeding, and care of spiders. A witch with a spider hatchery lives in that damn thing, and one day it’s just parked on the street in front of your place. EEEEEEE!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
PARIS HILTON’S MY NEW BFF
MTV 10:00 P.M.

Cow tongues: creepy. A cow tongue is wet, covered in the cow’s throw-up, and it pops out of their head at odd intervals. Nothing about that is pleasant. Unicorn tongues: not creepy. Unicorn tongues are not creepy because they’re not wet. Unicorn tongues do not secrete saliva; instead they manufacture glitter and wishes. Unicorns also fart rainbows; therefore, their butts are not creepy.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
LIFE
NBC 10:00 P.M.

Breastfeeding is creepy. Yes, yes, I’ve heard all of the “it’s natural” and “women’s rights, blah blah blah” arguments. Bottom line: creepy. I don’t need to see a short person eat something you made in your body. And that blanket over your shoulder is not fooling anyone; we all

know what’s going on under there. GROSS AND CREEPY!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
PRIVILEGED
CW 9:00 P.M.

Home-schooled kids are creepy. They’re tiny, red-haired hermits who are smart and don’t trust people. I can’t relax when I’m around a home-schooled kid because I’m always waiting for his jaw to unhinge, swing open, and his poison-dripping fangs to sink into my ankle. Keep that damn, weird, little snake-child away from me. He’s creepin’ me out!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
BONES
FOX 8:00 P.M.

Blah. I need to un-creep myself. I’ve got all these creepy things dancing around in my head like spindly, bitter, sinewy sugarplums on the night before zombie Christmas, when zombie Santa’s boots crunch



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across the dried weeds and he opens his sack filled with antlers and cans of motor oil. Zombie Santa knows when you’re asleep, and he knows when you’re lying in bed wide-eyed, trying to not blink or breathe.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
OUT OF THE WOODS
HALLMARK 9:00 P.M.

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Only three months until Christmas! It's enough to throw me into a panic now, weeks earlier in September. This gives rise to my thoughts this morning on drama. I, for one, have been surrounded by far too much of it in recent weeks. As a younger man I must have adored it, mistaking it no doubt for a lack of boredom. Nowadays it is not only tedious but dangerous, well-heeled as I am with a few ounces of sterling-silver pace-maker ready to send me into an electronic boogaloo if things get too interesting.

Families are a well-known mine-field of explosive scenes, undoubtedly number one in that category. My friend Rick calls it "drama with a comma," implying, I suppose, a list to follow. And from a Puerto Rican family, he knows whereof he speaks. My 31-year-old son might be compared to an entire family of Puerto Ricans himself. No disrespect intended, only a certain awe. Italian families like mine? Forget about it.

I decided long ago that the only thing worth envying in anyone is peace of mind. I have tried to lower my expectations in this area, to stop reaching for the stars, as it were (The universe was born in drama and will likely go with a whimper, which is melodramatic, wouldn't you say?), and settle for only a reasonable amount of histrionics from life. This, I soon find, is tantamount to waiting for the other shoe to drop. More precisely it is (as one psychiatrist defined anxiety to me) like walking down a jun-

gle path and knowing that a deadly snake will drop onto your head at some point but you never know when.

Last week's column, a kind of birth drama, actually happened, of course. I could only write it with fictitious names to gain distance and traction on this surreal and quicksilver bit of stage play. I am forever darting glances into the wings of events. "Don't borrow trouble," my mother used to say, and I am often reminded by a good friend. It is good advice, such as it is, but anticipating things going horribly wrong seems more and more sensible as one ages; and at the end of it, here is the Grim Reaper. If, like Deepak Chopra (someone I wish I could emulate more fully) you do not consider death as something going horribly wrong, then of course you have a huge advantage. You may now leave your seat, dismissing me as a Gloomy Gus, a pessimist, what have you.

In *The Big Sleep*, Humphrey Bogart says to Lauren Bacall, "I don't mind a reasonable amount of trouble." I thought this was a fine attitude for many years until I noticed the failure of that reasonable amount of trouble to show up. "It's always something with you, John, isn't it?" Friends and relatives offer this refrain much too often, and I can hardly disagree. But I look around me, at others, and think to myself, *You're hardly Teflon yourself, pal. You're a diabetic, an addict, a champion injustice collector, a professional victim, you've got a stack of parking tickets that resembles the last Harry Potter book, your wife thinks you're gay, and what do you call three DUIs?* At the First Existential Church of Earth, this is all just fine. To be expected. But avoiding drama is madness, a Sisyphean endeavor, a Catch-22, because scrambling from drama raises a suspicious amount of dust and ends up looking like some wafting discharge from your smoking gun.

I recently experienced the following drama, provoked by as small a thing as my decadently late appetite for breakfast.

"I'd like the french toast, please."

"Sorry, we stop serving breakfast at 10:30."

"It's 10:30."

"Would you lower your voice please?"

"My voice is perfectly inflected and level, I believe."

"Would you like our navy bean soup?"

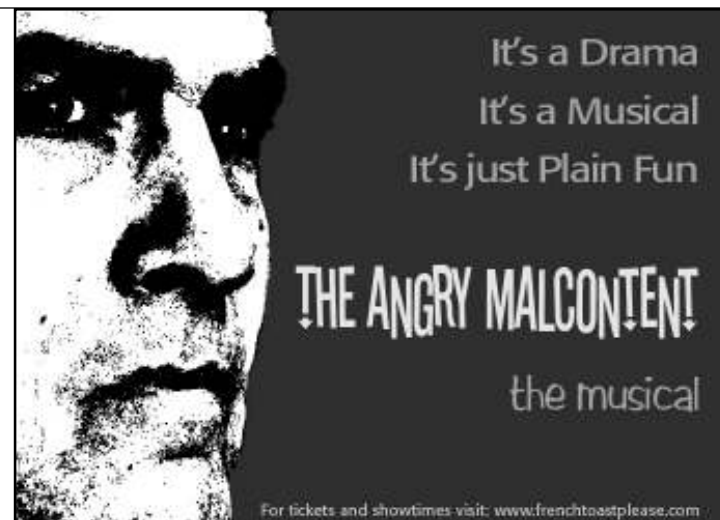
"No. Not really."

"Do you have a complaint, sir?"

"Well, I suppose. I just wanted..."

"Shall I call the manager?" Right there. Either way, the curtain has just lifted on act 1, scene 1 of *The Angry Malcontent*, starring you.

Being the bad guy is tiring. I won't say unfair, because we need them and somebody has to do it; but this familiar scenario serves as a mundane example



of the ineluctable nature of drama. The alternative is to never get out of bed, which, of course, gives rise to drama as quickly as if you had handcuffed yourself to the post. Answering the phone? Same thing. No guarantee.

"Hi, Dad."

"Hi, Son. How are you?"

"I'm not taking my meds."

"What can I say? You need them, Son."

"I'm not sick."

"I'm afraid you are."

"Why do you have to make a scene?"

The answer is because there is simply no way around it. I sometimes admire actors who have not only made peace with drama but embraced it. Like my brother, Dave. If he does not get an opportunity to exercise his craft, a dramatic situation is provided right there and quite probably with an appreciative audience. He always plays it with genteel aplomb, rolling with the punches and without long-suffering persecution...in fact, with a kind of weary nobility. But playing it, he is. Very well too, Dave.

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