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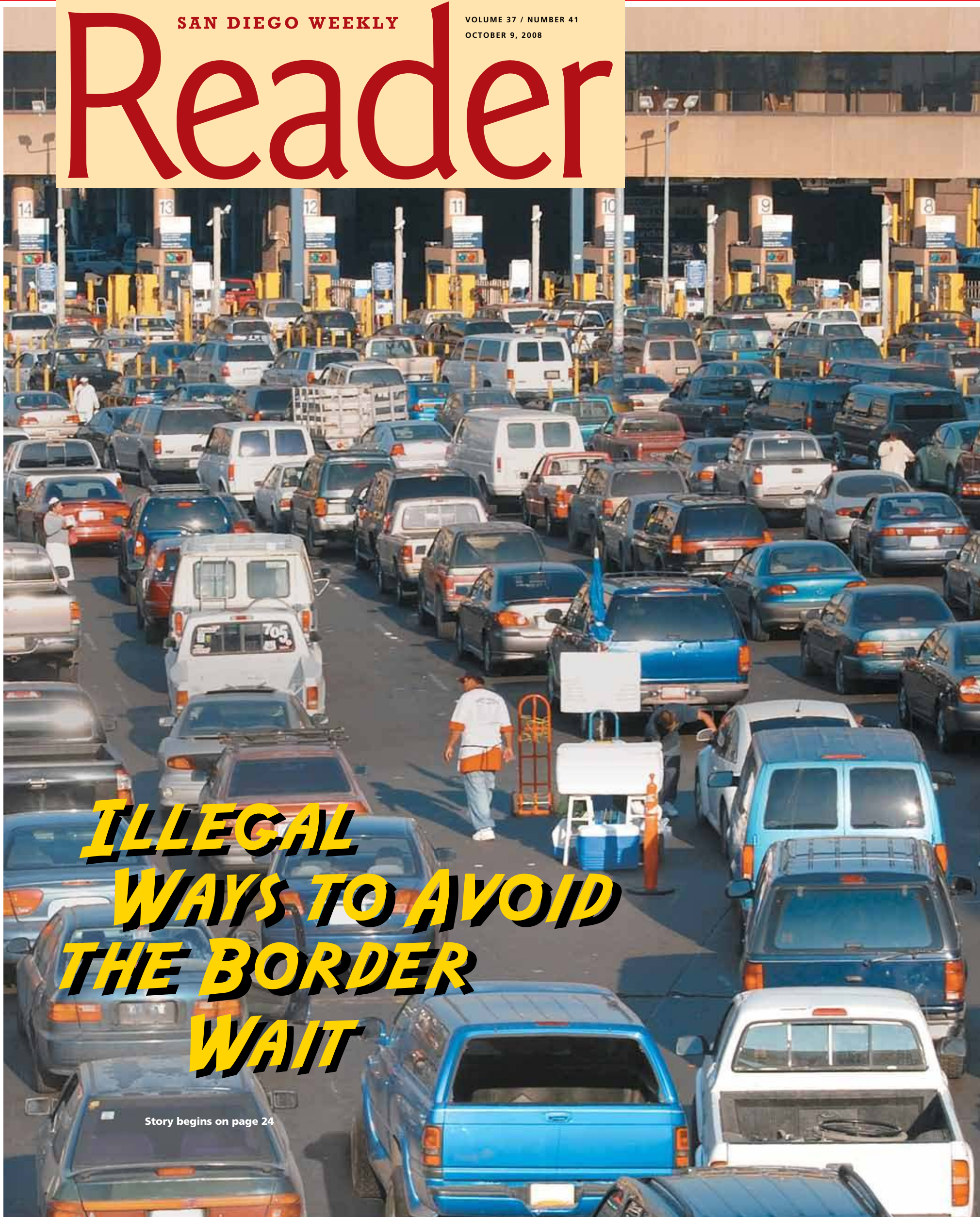
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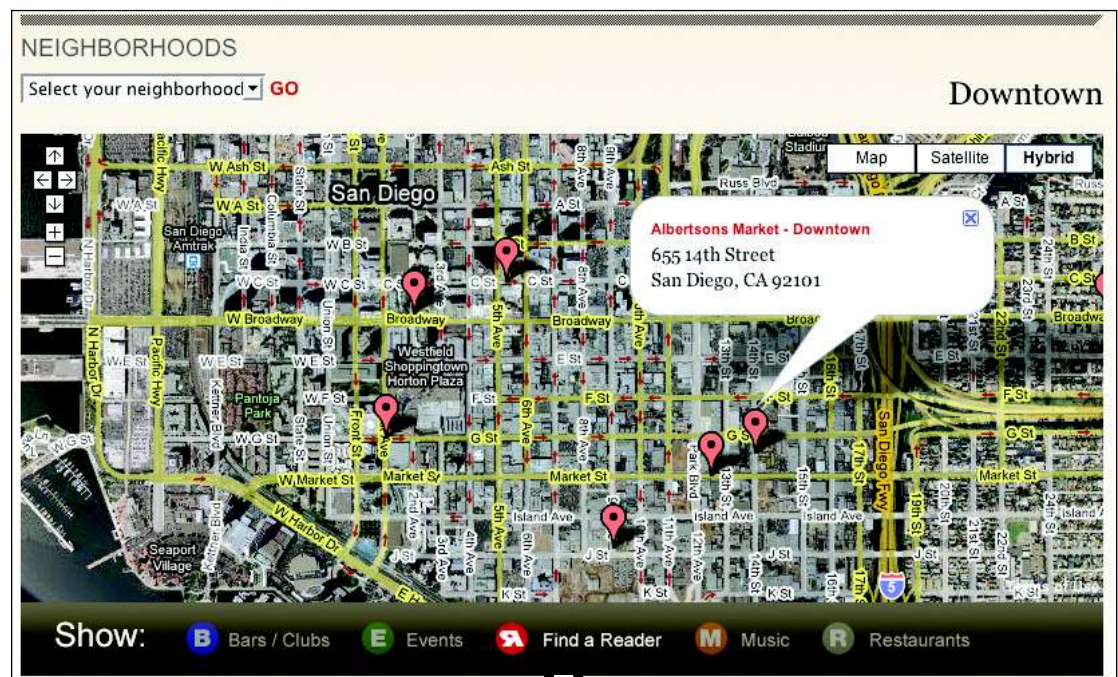
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BREAKING NEWS

A piece of hot air On Thursday, September 4, viewers by the millions tuned in to see Republican presidential nominee **John McCain** make his acceptance speech in Denver's Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium. But those watching KNSD, Channel 39, the NBC affiliate in San Diego, got an abrupt surprise when, immediately following the speech's conclusion, the TV station switched from the network's convention coverage to a 30-minute infomercial for the San Diego Regional Airport Authority.



John McCain

Titled "A Piece of the Sky: San Diego and Its Airport," the program provided a lavishly illustrated history of Lindbergh Field's 80 years and extolled the virtues of expanding the present airport complex — which the authority had, ironically enough, tried unsuccessfully just two years ago to shut down in favor of relocating to Miramar. (Voters rejected that plan, and the authority is now calling Lindbergh "one of the best in the world in terms of customer satisfaction and convenience.") The show also praised a variety of local-establishment favorites, such as the convention center and downtown redevelopment, all paid for with taxpayer dollars and the subject of controversy among many.

Of course, according to bills and other records obtained from the airport authority under the state's Public Records Act, the hype came with a hefty price tag. In a September 12 memo to the authority's corporate services director **Tony Russell**, marketing deputy director **Cheryl Brown** pegged "creative development" costs at \$14,034 and production costs at \$82,885.08. (There were a few last-minute extra expenses, such as \$535 paid to a video-editing company "to remove 'Wine Scene'" from the show. A total of \$7000 in "post production overages" was incurred, according to an invoice.) The authority paid KNSD \$60,000 for airtime. Another \$39,750 went to Cox Communications to air the show on its Channel 4 Padres station. The grand total for the PR effort, the memo says, was \$196,669.52.



Lindbergh Field

In an August 18 memo, Brown maintained that the authority was actually getting a bargain. "Both Cox Media and KNSD TV 7/39 provided proposals that allowed for the airing of the documentary at well-below market rates with enhanced promotional possibilities."

In addition to the one-night airing of the documentary, the media buy included 61 10- and 30-second spot commercials, 21 of which ran during NBC's Olympic coverage, according to the records.

Lisa with an L San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** has entered the fight against Proposition 8, the anti-gay marriage measure on next month's ballot, at least by proxy. The Sanders

family imprimatur comes in the form of a fund-raising email dispatched by his daughter **Lisa**, touting her father's flip-flop on same-sex marriage a year ago last month. "As a former chief of police and a Republican Mayor of the City of San Diego, my Dad displayed a special kind of courage when he announced his support for the freedom to marry," Lisa's statement says. "He held a public news conference announcing his support for me — He said that it is wrong for our society to give one set of rights to one set of people and a different, second-class set of rights to me. Now Prop 8 threatens to destroy the work my father and so many other brave and hard-working people have done to make marriage rights equal in California."

It may make a good fundraising message now, but it doesn't entirely comport with history. The tearful public acknowledgement by Sanders of his daughter's sexual orientation — said by sources to have been hastened by threats of others to disclose it to a wide audience first —



Jerry and Lisa Sanders

was accompanied by an endorsement of gay marriage. But the mayor wasn't eager to elaborate. Emails later divulged by the mayor's office under the state Public Records Act reveal that his then-press secretary **Fred Sainz**, also gay, slammed the lid on requests from national media for interviews with Sanders, who had previously voiced opposition to same-sex marriage. When asked by a CNN producer to provide still photos of Sanders and Lisa together, Sainz said he didn't have any, and even if he did, "We would not give them out." Sainz added that "The Mayor's reason for referring to her — with her full knowledge, permission and concurrence — was to lend perspective to the issue — humanize it — and explain to his constituents why this issue was so deeply personal for him." Sainz's email concluded, "Jerry has said everything that he intends to say about this issue."

Sainz also turned down the legal editor of the *Daily Journal* in San Francisco, who wanted the mayor to produce an op-ed piece for the paper elaborating on his "recent endorsement of gay marriage in California." Wrote Sainz: "With no disrespect at all, please understand that the Mayor has said everything about this issue that he intends to say."

But with Prop 8 now trailing in the polls, Sanders — who some say has begun to covet statewide office such as secretary of state or lieutenant governor — appears no longer quite as reluctant to tackle the issue and may even go so far as carrying out an expanded schedule of public appearances on behalf of Prop 8 opponents.

— Matt Potter

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Upside-Down? Go Short

By Don Bauder

In San Diego's hemorrhaging real estate industry, it's better to be upside-down and rich than upside-down and poor. That

may sound axiomatic — it's *always* nicer to be rich than poor — but carriage-trade folks whose homes are underwater can work the system more easily than poor folks in the same sorry situation.

The key is the short sale, in which a lender agrees to discount a loan balance when a house is upside-down — that is, the home is worth less than the balance on the mortgage. In a short sale, the homeowner sells the asset for less than the outstanding balance of the mortgage on the property, and the bank is willing to accept the lower figure, often to avoid the expense and hassle of foreclosing and dumping the property on a glutted market.

A short sale can be a good deal for the seller because,

generally speaking, one's credit record is less damaged from a short sale than a foreclosure.

I checked *HouseRebate.com* for information on short sale and foreclosure homes that



are currently for sale. I got information on average single-family home prices from DQNews.com. Generally, there are more short sales and foreclosures in the poorer areas than the richer ones. For example, in Encanto, there are 101 foreclosures and 191 short sales on the market. In the 92067 zip code of Rancho Santa Fe, there are zero fore-

closures and 7 short sales. The ratio of short sales to foreclosures is higher in the affluent areas. On a relative basis, wealthier people are taking advantage of short sales more than poor and moderate-income people are.

On the surface, this would seem to be an anomaly. "Banks check out clients to be sure they need a short sale," says John Smith of Old Mission Mortgage. "They are not going to let Donald Trump do a short sale. They do due diligence on the client. Possibly we [have had] some very

unqualified borrowers in some big homes — people buying on speculation that they could flip [sell] the house in a year." These flippers may or may not qualify for a short sale.

Here are some examples: listed are the name of the market, the median price of a single-family home there, and the ratio of short sales to fore-

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Sand Never Sleeps

By Dorian Hargrove

On June 3, Election Day, Steve Aceti's cell phone wouldn't stop ringing. Calls came flooding in about Proposition G, a

measure to help fund sand replenishment on Encinitas beaches by charging an extra 2 percent tax on short-term rental properties. Callers wanted to know why they hadn't been informed about Prop G ahead of time and

a nonprofit whose members include 35 California coastal cities, 5 county agencies, and various businesses. The coalition represents its members through lobbying the state and federal governments for money for beach restoration,



Steve Aceti at Swami's Beach, Cardiff

why there hadn't been a campaign for the measure, which lost that day. Aceti told them he was just as surprised to see the proposition on the ballot as they were.

The reason Aceti was so surprised is that getting sand for San Diego's beaches is what he does for a living. Aceti is the executive director of California Coastal Coalition,

wetlands restoration, and water quality improvement. Aceti also serves on the Shoreline Preservation Working Group for the San Diego Association of Governments, a regional planning agency.

Since 1993, local coastal communities, along with the state and federal governments, have thrown millions of dollars into putting sand on the

county's coastline.

Yet San Diego's beaches still have a massive sand deficit. According to a San Diego Association of Governments report, 400,000 cubic yards of sand are lost from the county's beaches — 300,000 in North County alone — on an annual basis. Over the years, the sand deficit has grown to an estimated 30 million cubic yards.

The reasons for the deficit are many, among them coastal development, the damming of rivers, sand-mining operations, seawalls, jetty construction, and harbor dredging.

Rob Rundle, principal planner for San Diego Association of Governments, says that development along San Diego's coastland and the damming of rivers has prevented the natural influx of sand to the county's beaches. "So, if you don't do some kind of active management of the shoreline, then there will be significant [sand] erosion. In order to have a beach, something needs to be done."

Something was done in April 2001, when the San Diego Association of Governments started on the largest sand-replenishment project in state history. The \$17.5 million Regional Beach Sand Project consisted of dredging up 2.1 million cubic yards of sand from 6 offshore sites and pumping it onto 12 San Diego County beaches.

In the seven years since, all the sand has washed away,



Serge Dedina in Imperial Beach

leaving sand levels below what they were before 2001.

And yet the San Diego Association of Governments is planning another massive sand-replenishment undertaking, hoping to start by 2010. Rundle says the quantity of sand the new plan will furnish to beaches is comparable to the amount furnished in the 2001 project, and the plan also includes placing artificial reefs off the coast of the beaches that are most susceptible to erosion, namely those in Solana Beach and Encinitas. The reefs are designed to absorb the impact of large ocean swells and act as a barrier to trap outflowing sand. They will not eliminate beach erosion altogether but will slow down the process.

The project's estimated cost is over \$25 million, most of which the regional planning agency has already secured, with help from Aceti. "There's money in the state budget for the 2010 project," says Aceti. "We went to Sacramento this fall and told them that the 2001 project was successful. There's about \$21 million in the state budget for the 2010 project. All we have to find is another \$4 million in different prop funds."

Coastal cities, from Ocean side to Imperial Beach, have already paid for the preliminary feasibility studies. So far, the City of San Diego has spent \$199,000, while costs

have been lower for smaller cities, such as Solana Beach, which has spent \$17,500.

The Army Corps of Engineers also has ongoing beach-nourishment projects in the county. The City of Imperial Beach has paid over \$200,000 for a project to widen its beach. According to Joe Johnson of the Army Corps of Engineers, the corps is working on a report for a future project in Encinitas and Solana Beach that has cost the two cities \$2.5 million for the report alone.

But while Aceti and the San Diego Association of Governments continue to hunt down funds, many environmental groups question the wisdom of spending millions of dollars to put sand on the beach just to see it disappear in a matter of years, if not months.

Mark Massara, director of the California Coastal Program for the Sierra Club, considers large-scale sand-replenishment projects a big waste of time and taxpayer money, as effective as "spitting into the wind."

"Beach nourishment can sometimes play a role in restoring and protecting coastal habitats, but it's only one part of a much larger program," says Massara. "In San Diego County, a very large percentage of sand comes from the erosion of bluffs. If they line the bluffs with seawalls, the

natural result is going to be sandless beaches. So if you're not removing seawalls, moving development back, protecting rivers and streams from dams and fortifications, then beach nourishment alone is expensive, temporary, and just flat-out won't work."

Serge Dedina is executive director of Wildcoast, a coastal environmental conservation group based in Imperial Beach. Dedina says that sand lobbyists like Aceti are concerned for the wrong reasons.

"Sand replenishment is public welfare for multimillionaire beachfront property owners," Dedina says. "The majority of the benefit goes toward private-property protection. Beach replenishment or dredge-and-fill projects have little impact on preserving shorelines in the long term due to the damming up of rivers and the dramatic physical alteration of our coastline. San Diego County has a number of issues that need to be addressed immediately, and spending tens of millions of dollars on beach sand that benefits private-property owners is not one of them."

Aceti says he doesn't think twice about the homes; it's

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Bandera Street, La Jolla

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Upside-down?

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closures. Coronado, \$1.3 million, 5 to 1; La Jolla, \$1.8 million, 5.6 to 1; Scripps Ranch, \$620,000, 4.4 to 1; Tierrasanta, \$499,000, 9.3 to 1; Del Mar, \$1.5 million, 2.8 to 1; and Carmel Valley, \$865,000, 9 to 1.

By contrast, here are prices and ratios from representative lower-scale areas: National City, \$212,000, 1.8 to 1; City Heights, \$221,000, 2.25 to 1; Encanto, \$245,000, 1.9 to 1; Logan Heights, \$147,000, 2 to 1; Golden Hill, \$178,000, 2.5 to 1; Paradise Hills, \$260,000, 2.4 to 1; and Lemon Grove, \$263,000, 2.1 to 1.

So why do the poorer people less often take advantage of the short sale? "Look at the socioeconomic base," says Brian Yui, whose company runs the *HouseRebate.com* website. "People haven't been informed about the short sale process." Also, the foreclosure proceeding has its advantages. The family lives in the house for three or four months essentially rent-free. Then, before seizing the property, the bank pays the household \$500 to \$1000 to move out.

Banks take a long time to approve a short sale. "Most real estate agents steer away from short sales," says Smith of Old Mission. "Banks are so hard to work with. However, agents get a bigger pay-

day on a \$1.5 million property than a \$250,000 one." So there is less aversion to a short sale in the upscale areas.

The affluent "have time to make a short sale," says Sharon Hanley, market analyst for Oceanside's *New Housing Monitor*. "They realize they are upside-down. Why sit here with a million-dollar loan when their house is worth \$700,000? They are in a position where they can continue to make the payments" until the bank approves the deal. The opposite is true with people in poorer markets. "They were put into these crazy loans where payments are doubling and tripling." There is urgency. Foreclosure is the easier route, and they can't afford to worry

about their credit rating.

Those blessed with prosperity "have more access to real estate attorneys or have better lender relationships," says Peter Reeb, president of Reeb Development Consulting. "They are better able to negotiate on their own behalf." The home may be the third or fourth or fifth they have bought through the years. "These people know how to better protect their assets, minimize losses," while protecting their credit rating.

Agrees Peter Q. Davis, retired San Diego banker, "I would think...that those with higher home prices may have a better understanding of the tools available to them and a stronger desire to protect their credit ratings. A lot of times the high-end folks deal with friends or associates for their loans, and this could also affect their actions."

"One reason short sales

are more successful in upscale areas is that demand is higher," says Stan Sexton of La Mesa's New Horizons Realty. Sophisticated buyers "can afford a more expensive home and get 30 to 40 percent off." Both buyers and sellers "are very sophisticated people with higher incomes; they know how to play the short sale game. People at the lower end are very strapped, unemployed or underemployed. Mexicans are leaving California for Mexico. They can't get jobs here."

Short sales can be complicated—one reason it takes banks so long to approve them. Sexton has one client with a \$1.06 million mortgage. There is one offer on the property for \$790,000, one for \$810,000 and two for \$800,000. But the bank is holding up the deal; there is a second mortgage on the property that must be unraveled. Sexton was showing property in EastLake on

which the loan is \$1.2 million and the bid is \$639,000. "Can you imagine the amount of money these banks are eating in short sales? And they usually lose even more on a foreclosure."

It may take eight weeks for a bank to approve a short sale, says Sexton. But the foreclosure "is approved very quickly," he says. One reason the bank takes a long time on short sales is it doesn't want to foster a sweetheart deal. The homeowner may sell the house to his brother-in-law at an excessively low price. Understandably, the bank wants to get all it can out of the transaction.

"Many people try the short sale first, then go into foreclosure," says Yui. "The bank may decide [the offer] won't qualify."

However, a loan in the \$1.5 million range "will get attention right away," says Smith. "It's in the bank's interest to work with those [affluent] people"—as long as they are playing it straight. ■



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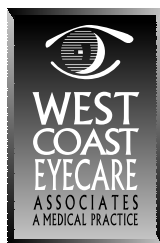
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The security van was recovered nearby with nine bags containing 2.7 million ringgit (\$786,000) inside — evidently because the money did not fit in the compact car. "The bags are quite big," the police chief said. "I consider them quite stupid. Their planning was very shortsighted."

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the beach that he's concerned with.

Dr. Robert Guza, an expert on surf-zone currents at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, says that beaches are a valuable economic asset, attracting tourists who spend billions of dollars a year in

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U.S. coastal communities. "Studies suggest that the economic value of California coastal tourism exceeds the value of all ports in California combined," he says. But, Guza says in an email, scientists are just starting to study sand projects in California. "Sand replenishments are engineering projects with all the associated successes and failures. The longevity of sand

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nourishment is highly variable. The broad beach fronting the Hotel del Coronado is believed to result from sand placed on Silver Strand during dredging of San Diego Bay decades ago. Currents swept the sand northward, where it still sits because the shape of the coastline forms a natural retention structure. On the other hand, some nourishment projects appear to have vanished with the first storm.

"Most engineering projects require maintenance," Guza explains. "This does not mean they are failures. Maintenance is part of the program cost: four to seven years is a typical repeat time to maintain a broad beach, depending on the site and Ma Nature's behavior."

"The number of seawalls protecting public and private property will inevitably grow over the next decades for obvious reasons, including sea-level rise," continues Guza. "About 35 percent of north San Diego County beaches

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already have seawalls, and the only way to mitigate the negative impacts of seawalls, namely passive erosion on a retreating shoreline, is sand nourishment."

So Aceti will continue to lobby for funds, including the 2 percent vacation-rental tax in Encinitas. "I think they [the City of Encinitas] thought it would be a no-brainer," Aceti says. "Especially since the money would come from other people's money."

Encinitas mayor Jerome Stocks agrees that Proposition G was not adequately campaigned, but not because he considered it a slam dunk. "The City of Encinitas is very careful not to use taxpayer resources for political purposes," he says. "The City placed the question before the voters. Perhaps we could have done more in the way of an educational campaign, but that can become a slippery slope."

Two weeks after the election results were posted, Aceti went to work. He lobbied the city council and Mayor Stocks to put the measure on November's ballot, despite the \$12,500 expense. Promising to run a real campaign, Aceti told the council that sand on the beaches was vital to Encinitas, not only for tourism but for quality of life.

Mayor Stocks agrees. "The issue will be decided by the voters, but I believe that our beaches are an important component of our local quality of life, our local economy, and that having sand on our beaches is the most effective form of 'soft armoring,' which helps reduce the need and demand for seawalls."

The city council voted 3 to 2, agreeing with Aceti to give the proposition another shot. So far, it has cost the City of Encinitas \$25,000, without yielding a single grain of sand. ■

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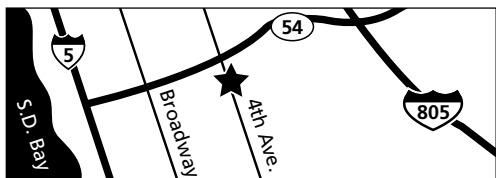
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Baby Talk

Recently you published a letter ("We're Cornball Red-necks," October 2) from a reader bitching and com-

plaining because you dared to print something positive about San Diego ("Foreign Tourists Invade," Cover Story, September 18). A couple of months ago I moved here from the Washington, D.C. area. Your reader has no clue how good he has it.

"Sweltering heat"? What, did it get all the way up to 80? Try upper 90s, with 75 percent humidity, every single day. This guy's relatives say they feel "uncomfortable in this redneck town." How comfortable would they feel living in a city with a murder rate at roughly one a day? How many running gun battles

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In short, your reader needs to get some perspective on things and quit being such a f***** baby.

Benjamin H.
via email

Came Up Short

Never mind that Jeff Smith's long-winded review ("Juiced," Theater Review, October 2) of *Back Back Back* (why use 4 words when I can use 44?) reeks of

a guy who has never watched a baseball game in his life, never mind that referring to a player as a "banjo hitter" is a term that hasn't been used since 1958, but the fact is that Walt Weiss played shortstop for the Oakland A's, not second base. I was a sportswriter in the Bay Area at the time and covered the team on a regular basis.

Tony Cooper
Mission Valley

Three Years Off

This is a comment on your "Heroin Chronicles" (Feature Story, October 2). I guess it's Brizzolara who's writing the opening couple of paragraphs, and just because he was born in 1952 is no excuse for being an idiot about something in our history that anybody should know. He says that "The year 1914 heralded two very significant events in this country. The United States entered World War I...." That's a bunch of crap. We didn't enter the war in 1914; we entered in 1917. If you look in any encyclopedia, you'll see that we declared

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There is no *I* or, in this instance, no *finger* in “team.” As you’ve heard by now, Trevor Wikre, a 6-foot-3, 280-pound offensive right guard for the Mesa State College Mavericks, snagged his little finger in a teammate’s jersey during practice last week. His finger broke into two parts, one dangling. The dangling part housing the lower pinkie bone was ripped open, thus allowing lower pinkie bone to break free and say hello to the big, wide world.

A trip to the Grand Junction Community Hospital ensued. The doc told Wikre he needed surgery and six months’ pinkie convalescence. Unacceptable, Wikre said, and ordered the caregiver to amputate his finger.

Afterward, Wikre explained his decision: “I’m just short one. But this game means that much to me. This team means that much to me.” One wonders, what is this magical Mesa State College football team, this emerald isle of sport that calls on its sons to sacrifice body parts?

We can begin in the squalid little town where Wikre was raised. Wikre hails from Berthoud, Colorado, a town of 4800 known for Berthoud Day, Berthoud Park, Berthoud Outdoor Quilt Show, Berthoud Dance Company, and, especially, Berthoud High School.

According to a March 2004 story posted on *scouts.com*, “Trevor Wikre is a player that had slipped under the radar as far as recruiting services go until a couple weeks ago. He was a first team all-conference and honorable mention all-state selection as a junior. Trevor was at CU’s [University of Colorado] Junior Day and plans to be back for the Buffs’ summer camp. Colorado is currently one of his top two schools.”

“Michigan Getting Serious About Wikre.” The story lists eight big-name schools (Colorado, Colorado State, Arizona, Arizona State, Boise State, Kansas State, and Michigan). There is a column marked “Interest Level” next to the school names. Wikre had two “highs” and six “mediums” checked in that column. Still, in the end, no one offered him a scholarship.

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1930. Depression strikes. Football canceled for lack of funds. Best Picture: *All Quiet on the Western Front*.

1935. Enrollment at 218 and 41 graduates.

1936. College budget \$13,000. Football team out of funds — all Grand Junction stores close to boost game-ticket sales.

2002. Mesa State enrollment tops 5555.

Wikre is a team guy, a four-year starter, and was an all-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference player last season. (RMAC football currently counts ten colleges.) Wikre was forced — by wrongheaded medical advisers and their lawyers — to sit out Saturday’s game. Head coach Joe Ramunno said, “The team was very inspired by Trevor. He talked to the team in the locker room before the game. He told them he’s with them in spirit.”

The Mavericks stand at 4-2 (4-0 in the RMAC) after a 27-24 come-from-behind victory over the despised Colorado School of Mines Orediggers. Wikre stood on the sidelines cheering his teammates. “I told them all before the Western New Mexico game that I would have no problem taking a bullet for any of these guys. I love ’em that much. This is my bullet.”

There’s good news and bad news attached to this story. The good news is that the Mavericks are undefeated in conference play. Bad news: the Mavericks go up against Colorado State University-Pueblo’s ThunderWolves on Saturday. The ThunderWolves are an upset-minded, dangerous team with hot cheerleaders. Which is why Wikre will play. Yes, old number 53 will answer the Mavericks’ call one more time.

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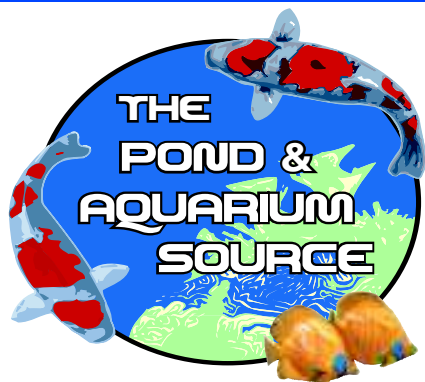
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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile

Cathedral Catholic runs over Otay Ranch

Posted October 4, 2008, 8:56 a.m.

No team has found a way to stop Cathedral Catholic's offense this season. Add previously unbeaten Otay Ranch to the list, as the Dons crushed the Mustangs Friday night on their home field 42-14.

For the Dons, it was their second straight win over a quality Division I opponent. It was also the second straight week Cathedral Catholic exacted some revenge, avenging a 21-9 loss from a year ago.

Capitalizing on Mustang miscues, Cathedral Catholic raced out to a 28-0 lead less than two minutes into the second quarter. A sneak by Dons quarterback Parker Hipp in the closing minutes of the first half gave Cathedral Catholic a 35-0 lead at halftime that would be more than enough.

On the first play from scrimmage in the second half, Tyler Gaffney ended any hope Otay Ranch may have had for a comeback by bolting 80 yards untouched to the endzone. The Dons' star back finished with 163 yards rushing and two touchdowns despite sitting out a majority of the second half.

“Coach said, ‘You know you might be pulled out pretty soon here,’” Gaffney said. “I had to do something with the ball. It was kind of an inspiration.”

After a tie at Helix the week before, Otay Ranch suffered a letdown in the blowout loss. Mustangs head coach Brad Burton said the team tackled poorly and had too many blown assignments.

“I told (the team) that I'm glad this isn't the last game of the year and that's a really good team we played,” Burton said. “But maybe this is a wake-up call that we need to work on some things that we're having problems with.”



Cathedral Catholic quarterback Parker Hipp and running back Tyler Gaffney enjoy some halftime conversation

Comments

1. The Mustang offense was stymied most of game, but gained some traction on turnovers. Cathedral continues its march toward perfection this season.

By JustWondering 9:21 a.m., Oct 5, 2008

Monte Vista should beat El Cajon easy!

El Cajon hasn't even played that great teams...I mean look at who they've played: El Cajon Valley

Braves Football Schedule 2008:

9/5, 7 p.m. CLAIREMONT 33-23 (W)

9/12, 7 p.m. SAN YSIDRO 54-12 (W)

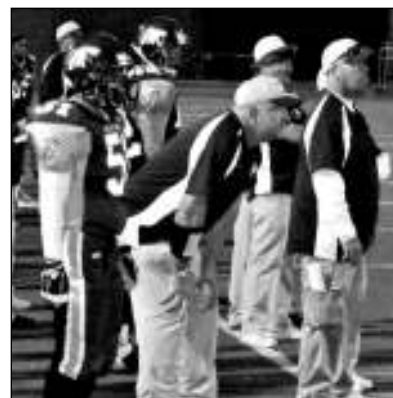
9/19, 7 p.m. SOUTHWEST EL CENTRO 63-0 (W)

9/25, 6 p.m. vs Bishop's (at La Jolla HS) 35-14 (W)

Yes they won those games but up against schools like Helix and even Oceanside, they would never score any points.

Let's see what happens Friday, but I would bet on the Braves losing 28-7.

By MonarchFan September 29, 2008, 4:48 p.m.



Mustangs head coach Brad Burton

Comments

1. Sounds like a fabulous bet, I'll take it. So, would you like to bet a steak dinner from Outback? How about a \$5.00 footlong from Subway? I would hate to take such an easy bet. Either way I'll be eating fresh because you just handicapped the Monarchs

as 21-point favorites over the undefeated Braves. Yikes!

I respect your passion and I can appreciate your devotion to the Monarchs, but it is a little unrealistic. El Cajon Valley scrimmaged Helix this year at Helix and scored just fine. In addition the Monarchs offense is basically limited to toss left and toss right now that Payne is out for a few weeks, so 28 points will not be scored on the Braves defense. Oh, did you forget to check the points? 46 points per game averaged by the Braves. Yikes again. Sorry, Monte Vista but it's the Unbelievable Braves Show in 2008. Good luck, because you'll need it!

By highschoolmvp 10:13 p.m., Sep 30, 2008

2. Braves, don't worry about the false predictions. Based on the rest of your schedule you may not be favored for the rest of the year in any game. Who cares, though? Who has Monte Vista beat? Who cares about that? Score the most points that have ever been scored on the shiny new field of the Monarchs! Put up 40 points on them Braves!

By TheCampofChampions 7:22 p.m., Oct 2, 2008

3. FINAL SCORE: MONARCHS 31-EL CAJON 17. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL I CAN SAY.

By MonarchFan 8:47 a.m., Oct 4, 2008

Division I unbeaten

Posted October 2, 2008, 6:37 p.m.

After Mission Hills and Otay Ranch both fell Friday, Escondido is the only perfect team in Division I:

The Cougars have been dominant so far in wins over Calexico, Orange Glen and El Camino and Rancho Bernardo. Through their first three games, Escondido's offense has averaged 53 points per game and their defense pitched consecutive shutouts to start the season



Final score: Cathedral Catholic 42, Otay Ranch 14

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Founded locally: 2004
Senior pastor: John Hilton
Congregation size: about 80
Staff size: 3
Sunday school enrollment: about 25
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to formal
Diversity: mostly Caucasian and African-American
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Website: thechapelsd.org

The pale-blue elementary school auditorium that houses the Chapel was a little more full than usual on Sunday. The extra attendees were there to witness the ordination of Roger Ziegler, a minister to Yard Three at the maximum-security Donovan State Prison. A card circulated through the congregation, and people wrote their congratulations. "Roger has a lot of friends," commented Chapel pastor John Hilton, "because Roger has impacted a lot of lives. God is using Roger in a tremendous way." (Ziegler noted that several of those present were former inmates, "men that God has touched on the inside who are now on the outside, serving Him.")

Hilton had known Ziegler since his early days as a small-group leader with the Rock Church. "I went over to this house," recalled Hilton, "and I could tell he was pretty well committed because he said, 'Well, we built this huge add-on room for the small-group meetings.' He has a way that God has given him—he can see people that have some kind of distress. Roger will say, 'That person is hurting.' And he calls them, and he touches them.... I think God made Roger for that prison ministry."

And so, said Hilton, "We're going to have an ordination service, and we're going to ordain Roger to the ministry. See, the Chapel doesn't really have the power to do much of anything—but it helps Roger that somebody's recognized that he has these gifts. The Chapel didn't give him these gifts.... All we're really doing is recognizing the call of God on Roger's life. That's what the ordination is; we don't have any hocus-pocus magic." The congregation laughed.

Ziegler took the podium. "I am so honored to be here today," he announced. "That He would allow me the privilege to receive ordination from this man right here." He recounted his growing involvement with prison ministry, starting with a Tuesday Bible study. "A month went by, and then a year, and then a couple of years. During that time, God began to do something to my heart. I can't explain

it to you because prison is not a place that anybody really wants to go. I'll go out and talk to men's groups, and I'll share my heart out about the miracles that God is doing in the prison, and I'll ask for volunteers, and everyone will turn and run the other way. That's where I was. But God has a way of capturing the heart, even in the midst of our disobedience."

Now he was involved full-time. "My heart is just becoming more passionate for these inmates. I do three services each Sunday morning, and it's, like, 'These are my boys. These are my sons.' I'm telling you, this is where I belong. My mind is getting twisted—I'm serious—sometimes I have to check myself. Sometimes, I think, *Why don't I just get a room here?* God calls us to go in there and share His love with these men. If we don't do it, please tell me, who will? The implanted word does something to a man. When you see these guys change right in front of your eyes, it messes you up. It's, like, *Lord, how can I possibly do anything else?*"

He closed with a letter from an inmate serving a life sentence—the man was 28 and had been incarcerated since he was 15. "Pastor Roger, you are a good man. I genuinely see God working in you.... I can really say we love you. In this negative environment, it is important that we see great examples. You are one of them, brother."

Roger and his wife Peggy sat on chairs before the congregation. "We're recognizing that God has His hand on Roger," said Hilton. "We're going to place our hands on Roger, symbolically. I want to ask all the men to come up, and we're going to put hands on Roger and Peggy. If you can't quite touch Roger, touch somebody else—the hand will touch the hand." The men (and one woman) came forward and surrounded Ziegler, hands on shoulders.

The man directly behind Ziegler offered a prayer. "Heavenly Father, we come to You with joy.... You sent Jesus to make a way, to give us freedom from the penalty, the power, and, ultimately, the presence of sin. You called certain ones for special assignment, God. We recognize that this is Your gift, that You are the one who enables. And so we thank You, Lord God, for calling our beloved brother Roger and our beloved sister Peggy.... They shine brightly as a light in a dark place.... In the name of Jesus, we ordain him to the Gospel ministry."

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—EVE KELLY

“Maybe I should just shave my head like that Sinéad woman did,” complained Aunt Azelda, dropping a rare pop-culture reference. Azelda was staring at her reflection in the vanity mirror, lamenting time’s gradual ruination of her hair. Weekly trips to the salon had long been high points, sources of cheer. Now they were becoming burdensome, and her hair was showing its neglect.

“Maybe you should think about getting a wig,” I suggested.

“Maybe you should get on that, Eve,” she answered.

“Fifty percent of our customers are chemo patients,” said Claudia Pedley, sales manager of Hair Unlimited in Mission Valley (619-299-6060; hairunlimited.net). “The other half is a mixture. Some are older ladies with fine or thinning hair, and some are people with hair problems brought on by medication for high blood pressure. They’re much more lightweight and natural-looking than in the past. They come in any color, from black to lightest blond. They can have highlights, lowlights, even darkened roots to make them look more natural. Still, when you first put one on, you notice it. I suggest that first-time customers wear the wig just at night, in order to get used to the feeling.”

The shop, said Pedley, carries a wide selection of designer wigs, made from either human hair or synthetic hair. The hair for the human-hair wigs comes from “poor villages in Asia. The companies offer money to the women, based on the weight of their hair. They cut the hair in a short bob and then tie off the hair at the root end and at the bottom end. They want the root ends to be at the top of the wig. Our human-hair wigs are hand-tied — sewn one at a time into a mesh with a special needle. Those are the most natural-looking. It looks like the hair is coming from your own scalp.” (A non-stretch mesh is used for the crown to add to this effect.) “You can part the hair any way you want, and it will look like a natural part. With a machine-made wig, you can part it, but it will look like the hair has been teased a bit in the part.”

Caring for human-hair wigs involves “washing every two weeks in the summer and once a month in the winter. You can use your own shampoo — preferably a moisturizing shampoo. If it’s a blond wig, I recommend using cold water to help the color last as long as possible. When you condition, you start at the middle of the wig and work toward the bottom — you never put conditioner on the top because it will soften the hair and cause it to start falling out. Too much blow-drying isn’t good for it, so I suggest squeezing it out as much as possible first and then laying the wig on top of a towel. After that, you can go ahead and flatiron it or style it however you like. You can use hot rollers, curling irons, anything you want. You can style it while it’s on your head or on a wig



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stand [\$2.99–\$3.99]. It will hold the style for about a week — only the bangs might go flat and need a touch-up. If worn every day, a human-hair wig will last up to a year and a half. Some people don’t wear them every day, in order to make them last longer.”

Synthetic wigs are less flexible — they come pre-styled, and the wig retains a memory of the style even after washing. They’re less durable — Pedley estimates a six- to eight-month life span if worn every day, with certain caveats. “You must keep a synthetic wig away from heat — you cannot cook next to a hot oven or stove. I even tell people to stay away from those outdoor heaters in restaurants. It’s not that they’re flammable; what happens is that they get frizzy.” They require a specialized wig shampoo (\$6.99) and wig conditioner (\$6.99). “They’re very easy, especially for people who want something ready to go for when they travel.” And they’re less expensive. A human-hair, hand-tied wig can run from \$300 to \$800, where synthetics cost \$119 to \$288.

Full-head wigs come in petite, average, or large. Some fasten at the back of the neck with Velcro, some have hooks, and some feature elastics — “You can pull each side to adjust them. If someone gets fitted for a wig while they have hair, and then they lose the hair, they can come back for an adjustment — we’ll sew it to make it smaller.” Custom-made wigs are also an option, if an expensive one (\$500–\$1200, depending on length, density of hair, etc.).

“You have a mold made of your head, and we cut a bit of your hair and send it in so that they can match it. It takes about four to six weeks to arrive. You can pick the length, and we can style it for you, or you can wear it to the hairdresser’s.

“We observe the customer to see their needs,” concluded Pedley. “If the hair is very thin on top but still thick in the back,” Pedley will suggest an integration instead of a full-head wig. “It’s like a hairpiece, with clips underneath it. It clips onto the crown of the head, and the hair looks as if it comes from the scalp. We can even add bangs and style the integration for the customer. They’re cooler than wigs, but you cannot shower or swim with them.” Integrations, available in synthetic or human hair, run from \$49 to \$599.

Other wig sources around town: Donna Good Hairpiece Center, Hillcrest and La Mesa (619-297-2909). Synthetic wigs, \$190–\$450; human-hair wigs, \$250–\$550.

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by Barbarella

Native Tongue

One way to prevent conversation from being boring is to say the wrong thing.

— Frank Sheed

How do you say, ‘Your mother is a toad?’ I said, lifting my pen in expectation.

“I don’t understand,” said Josue, who erroneously attributes his frequent bafflement in my presence to English being his second language.

“Just...how do you say it?” I pushed.

“You don’t,” said Josue. “You never talk bad about the mommy. There’s the Virgin of Guadalupe and your mother. They are at the same level.”

“Yes, mothers are revered,” agreed Rosa, who was born in Tijuana. “They are off limits. What situation would you be in that you would need to say that?”

Because I recognized that every answer I could give would be inane, I told Rosa I’d have to get back to her on that and then asked her how to say the more practical “Please speak slowly” in Spanish.

I had invited Rosa and

Josue over for wine in exchange for a short lesson in Spanish phrases not found in the pocket translation book I planned to bring with David and me to Spain the coming week. My friends couldn’t understand why I was only interested in colloquial idioms or absurd phrases. I wasn’t much help, as my desire to use language to confuse or amuse the natives of far-away lands is impossible to explain. Even David, the person closest to me, couldn’t figure it out. When I shared some of the phrases my father has taught me in Korean, Japanese, and Italian, David said, “Why is it that when people are traveling as ambassadors of their country, the first thing they want to know is how to insult

their host?” But he was missing the point. The phrases my father, my sister Jane, and I like to collect are not meant to insult, but to surprise and delight.

My father is a worldly man. As a war-game guy, he spends time on military bases abroad working closely with representatives of foreign governments. Though he insists the most important things to learn in any language are how to order a beer and ask for a bathroom, Dad prides himself on gathering esoteric idioms that he likes to strategically deploy. One evening, while out drinking with Korean officers, Dad gleaned a strong and creative way to shut someone up in Korean. He pronounces it, “*Tak-cha-rah azsuma*,” which, he told me with a smile, loosely translates to “Shut the fuck up, you old shop woman.” While drinking, one of the Korean officers taught the phrase to my father and goaded him into saying it to another Korean officer at the bar. “When I saw their reaction,” Dad remembered, “I realized this was a gem.”

Dad pocketed the phrase and bided his time until a few days later when, after one of his American colleagues and senior guy on the project was being particularly ornery, Dad tossed out the line. “Americans don’t know what it means, but Korean heads spin around,” Dad said. “It’s like an inside joke for the Koreans. Because they’re so face-oriented and status conscious, to do something like that is *WHOA!* They’re shocked when

an American knows a colloquialism like that.” But it’s not only insider insults that Dad likes to collect. He often employs another Korean term (*hyung*, meaning “older brother”) to demonstrate his respect for the Korean commander with whom he works. “It’s a very polite and honorific term to use with another guy,” Dad said.

Jane was the first to follow in Dad’s linguistic footsteps — using language more as entertainment than exchange of information. As a teenager, Jane spent a day babysitting the children of a Japanese naval couple Dad was sponsoring. While Dad showed Mr. and Mrs. Shinohara around town, Jane kept their three children occupied by teaching them a song. When my father returned with the esteemed Japanese couple, the children were eager to show off their new talent. With her arm in the air like a conductor’s baton, Jane led the kids in an enthusiastic performance. As they began to sing, their parents watching proudly, Dad was having a different sort of reaction. He shot his eldest daughter a complicated look that Jane fully understood without the aid of words: *This is not okay, what you did, but I’m way too proud of you to carry through on any punishment.* Everyone wore smiles, but for different reasons, as the children chanted, “We like Jane! Jane is nice! Jane is good! We like Jane!”

While traveling through Italy as a single woman, Jane got by on two phrases. The

“How could knowing how to say, ‘I have to pee like a queen,’ in Spanish make you friends?”



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first was *Mi dispiace, ma sei stupido*, which means “I’m sorry, but you’re stupid.” This collection of words spoken by a foreigner forced locals to wonder whether or not Jane knew what she was saying and, if so, whether or not she was serious. The other phrase, “*Non rompere le mie palle*,” meaning “Don’t break my balls,” was particularly enjoyed by Italian men, who found the idiom hilarious when spoken by an attractive young woman.

I have done my best to follow my father and sister’s path. Prior to visiting Japan, I studied the language with Rosetta Stone software. Unlike fast-learning travel and phrasebooks, Rosetta Stone treats language learners as children — it does not translate, but rather immerses one in a new language by way of photographs and labels. For example, a picture of a ball will appear, and a woman’s voice will say “*bo-ru*.” A cat will appear, and the voice will say, “*nekko*.” Eventually, one works up to “*nekko to bo-ru*,” for the picture of a ball and a cat.

The program took more time than I had anticipated, so I only made it to the third chapter prior to our departure. But that was enough for me to learn several childlike sentiments with perfect Japanese female newscaster precision. As I learned from my father, who says, “The weirder the shit, the straighter my face,” it’s all in the delivery. Dad has learned how to say, “Where is the shit ditch?”

in Japanese and will sometimes throw out that question in lieu of a politer word for restroom. Dad told me, “I’ve perfected that stone face, to where they don’t know, and they’re always like, ‘Is he kidding? Does he know?’ and I go, ‘What, what?’”

At the party for David’s gallery exhibition in Tokyo, I applied my software lessons to breaking the ice. I walked up to Japanese businessmen and women at random and said, “*Teeburo no shita ni iru otokonoko*.” It means, “The boy is under the table” — a nonsensical comment at a gallery opening, but when said with a straight face and unquestionable diction, I may as well have been a monkey reciting Shakespeare.

“So you see,” I explained to David, with Josue and Rosa bearing witness, “I don’t want to

offend, I want to befriend. Get it?”

“How could knowing how to say, ‘I have to pee like a queen,’ in Spanish make you friends?” David asked. Josue and Rosa nodded in agreement. I was alone.

By now the sun had set outside our living room window, and we watched as the San Diego skyline donned its evening attire. “Look over there,” I said. “You see that? All those sparkling lights?

That’s Tijuana. Now that I think about it, speaking Spanish won’t be any problem at all for me. I can see Mexico from my house. That makes me, like, practically fluent. And, Rosa, I promise not to insult anyone’s mother.” ■

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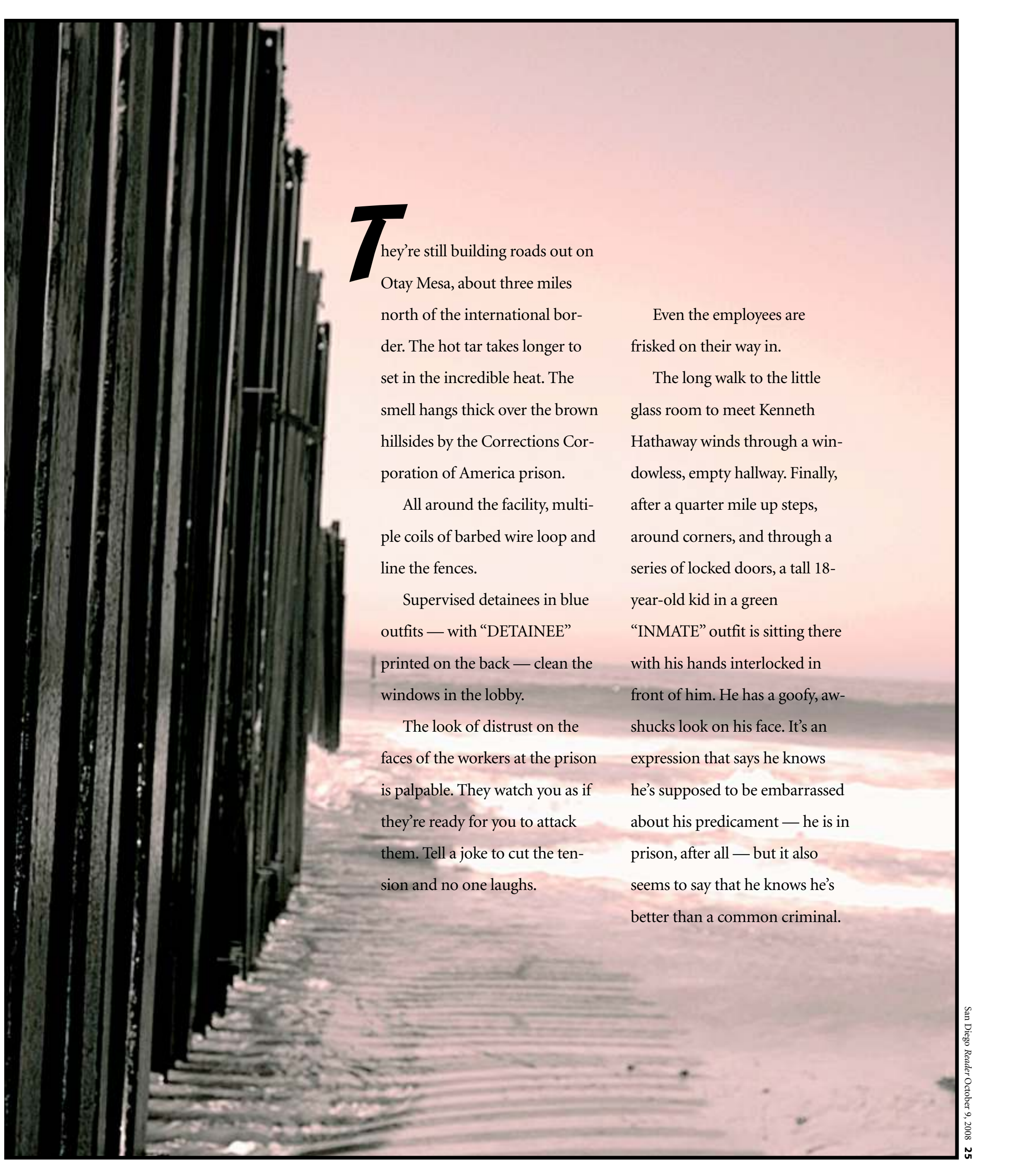
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All around the facility, multiple coils of barbed wire loop and line the fences.

Supervised detainees in blue outfits — with “DETAINEE” printed on the back — clean the windows in the lobby.

The look of distrust on the faces of the workers at the prison is palpable. They watch you as if they're ready for you to attack them. Tell a joke to cut the tension and no one laughs.

Even the employees are frisked on their way in.

The long walk to the little glass room to meet Kenneth Hathaway winds through a windowless, empty hallway. Finally, after a quarter mile up steps, around corners, and through a series of locked doors, a tall 18-year-old kid in a green “INMATE” outfit is sitting there with his hands interlocked in front of him. He has a goofy, aw-shucks look on his face. It's an expression that says he knows he's supposed to be embarrassed about his predicament — he is in prison, after all — but it also seems to say that he knows he's better than a common criminal.

Hathaway's hair is brushed forward so that it all points at his face. It accentuates his pointy features: a birdlike nose and sharp eyes, even. He's tall, about six feet two, and there's a space between his two front teeth.

Hathaway has served three months of his sentence. He was caught red-handed driving a vanload of aliens on I-8 near Campo. "It sucks being in prison," he says, rather goofily.

Hathaway got lucky. Six months instead of the recommended 18. He also has to go back to Alaska to live for three years, supervised by his mother while he finishes high school and goes to vocational school to

become a mechanic.

It's Hathaway's first time locked up, although he was on probation more than once as a juvenile.

How did Hathaway get involved in human

money?' And I was, like, 'Yeah, sure.' Because I was pretty much just bumming off them. So they said we'd go down to San Diego and make a bunch of money."

Hathaway was work-

shows he knew there was a risk. "And they were making it sound all good. Like, 'We're going to take care of you. You're going to make so much money. When you come back, you're going to be set.' Because that was the plan. Just go down there and make some money, and then come back to Oregon and be all right for a while. But instead, I lost everything. I lost my car. I lost my clothes. I lost my jewelry. I lost my money. I lost my tools. Man."

Hathaway's friend and his father are Hispanic, although Hathaway himself is white.

"So we drove down," Hathaway says. "It was me and my cousin's friend and my buddy and his dad. And we went to Mexico. And we went to their family's house in TJ. And their family was, like, the ones who take the people across the border. They had a whole business operation going

on down there, with, like, nice cars, 2007 Escalades and Lincoln Town Cars, with all these compartments built into them. And they had all these people working for them, doing the same thing."

Hathaway was hired as a driver. "They had a bunch of drivers," he says. "But I didn't want to take anybody across the border because I knew that was dangerous. So instead, my job was to go back up in this van and then pick these people up who already came across, and then I was going to drive them up to San Diego so another guy could take them to Los Angeles."

The deal was that Hathaway would drive first and get paid later. He was supposed to earn \$400 per person that he carried.

"My friend was in one car, and I was in the van," Hathaway says, "and the plan was for me to follow him and then

stop when he told me." The two were in constant contact on cell phones.

Hathaway has a knowing look in his eyes, and the way he uses his hands when he talks suggests a kind of conversational intelligence.

"But I stopped," he says, "and all these people started jumping into the van. I was supposed to pick up 6 guys, but 13 got in. They couldn't even sit down. They were all on top of each other. And I was, like, 'Dude, I can't do this.' I was stressing."

After Hathaway picked up his cargo and started driving, he was immediately followed by Border Patrol agents in a marked SUV.

"I saw the Border Patrol right away," Hathaway says. "And I was, like, 'Fuck!'"

Border Patrol followed Hathaway for 10 or 15 miles. They'd pull up alongside him and then pull in behind. Hathaway's friend in the

"I was supposed to pick up 6 guys, but 13 got in."

smuggling?

"I moved in with my buddy from school," he says, referring to his hometown of Reedsport, Oregon. "And this guy's dad was, like, 'Do you want to make a bunch of

ing on a car, drinking a beer, when his buddy's dad approached him with the idea. "He was, like, 'There's no risk involved,' " Hathaway says, with a look of ironic disbelief on his face that

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other car tried once or twice to get in front of the Border Patrol car and slow down, but then he gave up and drove away, leaving Hathaway to his fate.

"I've never heard from my friend since," Hathaway says, shaking his head.

Hathaway's parents split up when he was 4. His mother moved to Alaska with what Hathaway calls "some derelict." He grew up in Alaska until he was 16, when he moved down to Oregon to live with his father. He got kicked out of his father's house when he was 17.

Hathaway says that his friend's family in Tijuana was moving at least 100 Mexicans across the border every month. "It was a family business, basically," Hathaway says.

"They were pretty much like slaves until they'd pay off the

money," he adds. "And that's how they talked about them. They'd say they owned these people if they couldn't pay. And they'd keep them in these houses over here for months at a time if they couldn't pay. Or the people over here would put up the money, but if they

become more difficult to cross the border," says Rick Madueno. Madueno, 46, owns and operates Defense Investigative Agency. He interviews witnesses, evaluates crime scenes, develops theories, and coordinates with experts in the quest to discover what really

is anywhere from \$1500 to \$3500. And the fee depends on how you get crossed. You know, are you going to be walking through the pedestrian lanes at the port of entry with fake documents, or using stolen documents and you have a likeness to the person? Or are you going to climb the hills and run through the desert with a guide and then get picked up in a vehicle miles and miles inland? Or will you agree to be put into the trunk of a car to go through the port of entry?"

Madueno doesn't use the term "coyote" to refer to people smugglers. "Coyote" is a word that used to be used in the past," Madueno says. "Now, *pollero* is the more popular word, because the illegals are called *pollos*, which is chickens. And a *pollero* is the one who carries or has *pollos*. And so, the lingo among

"There's paths out there, but you have to know the way."

couldn't pay right away, then they'd keep the people and make them work it off. It was \$2000 to bring each one across."

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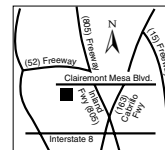
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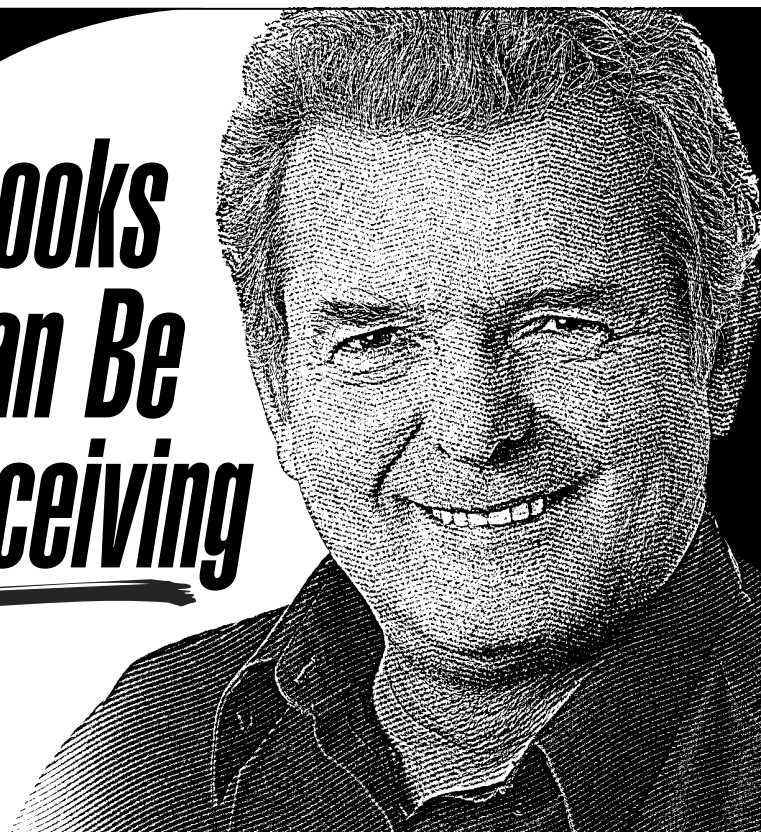
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the smugglers is, you know, 'How many *pollos* do you have?' It's a trading game."

Madueno's worked on human-smuggling cases for over 13 years. "A lot of times they have recruiters in Mexico," he says, "and they'll be at a train station or a bus depot, and they'll be asking you, 'Do you want to go to the United States?' And they gather all these people, the recruiters do, and then they go and sell them to the *polleros*, to the people who actually have an operation going to get them across. From there, you have your once-in-a-while kind-of *pollero* who does it only when he's strapped for money, and then you have the organizations that have the whole network, from the recruiters to the guides to the drivers on this side of the border to the people who keep stash houses for pil-

ing up people so that when they have to go to L.A., they take as many as possible, to save on fuel and risk. Because you have checkpoints to go through. And they have spotters who drive up and down the checkpoint areas to see if they're on

1985. Levine estimates that he's defended at least 100 coyotes over the years. "The smugglers have operatives in, probably, I would guess, every major city in the United States. And they're independent contractors, essentially. And they get a

"You can make a quick thousand by bringing a couple of illegal aliens across."

or off, and then they relay that information to the drivers."

"There's a definite network, here as well as there," defense attorney Don Levine explains. Levine, 55, has been doing federal alien-smuggling cases since

cut of the action for every illegal. You know, the drivers typically get \$50 to \$100 a head to drive them from point A to point B, and then another driver gets another amount to drive from point B to point C, and so on."

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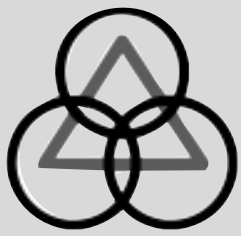
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Levine cocks his head as he talks, and it comes across as sincerity. Levine has graying hair, a graying beard and mustache, and a round face. He rolls up the sleeves of his red oxford shirt and carries a black leather bag full of files and papers.

"What happens is, you get all of these Mexican citizens that want to be brought across," Levine goes on. "They don't know how to do it. They come from the interior of Mexico, and they get to Tijuana or thereabouts, and they ask

around, and that's where your coyotes have runners and people that work for them to drum up business. So then the illegal alien is told, okay, so we'll meet tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at this park over here, or something. And they show up, and typically they'll have a vehicle that's been altered in some way."

And how do they alter these vehicles?

"I remember one case where they actually did a type of bed on top of the engine," Levine explains. "Basically just a steel plate on top of the

engine. And they put a very tiny Hispanic lady in the engine compartment of a moving vehicle, if you can believe that. And I've seen a lot of cases where they stack people like cordwood in the back of a van. And many where they just shove as many as possible in the trunk. But the typical sort of thing is they build a compartment right next to or on top of the gas tank. And they run a rubber air hose from the compartment, and they will literally bolt the people in, so that it's like a metal coffin. And some

of these compartments are so tiny, if you were claustrophobic, you'd go nuts."

Levine says the coyotes — *polleros* — often target minors to drive the altered vehicles because they know it's difficult to prosecute minors in the United States.

"And then there's also a lot of people that just make a run for it," Levine says. "Over the fence, under the fence, around here, around there, and they don't even pay a smuggler. But most of them, the way it works, they don't pay any

money up front. They agree to pay, and I think the going rate now is \$3500. And the agreement is, there will be a series of transports to get them to wherever they're going — Los Angeles, Michigan, Chicago. And they agree upon the amount, and if the family doesn't come up with the money, I've actually seen smugglers go and kidnap the illegal alien and hold him for ransom. But that's typically how it is, where the illegal alien doesn't pay any money up front. Instead, they start working and mak-

ing monthly payments." Madueno, who is of Mexican descent himself, spent six years in the Marine Corps as a military policeman. But he never saw anything there to compare with what he sees now working on human-smuggling cases.

"Many times, the illegals strike a deal with the *polleros* about getting crossed, and they're not even told how they're going to do it." Madueno sounds incredulous. "I'm surprised, time and again, when I ask them what was the deal about how they were going to

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get across, and they don't know. All they know is, they were going to be crossed."

One Who Made It

Victor is from Guadalajara. He's been in the United States since 1997. Back then, he walked across the border through East County.

"My cousin find a coyote for me," Victor says, speaking good English but with a thick accent. Victor, who is 28 years old, stands about five feet six and has short dark hair and a youthful face. Today, he works as a busboy at a local restaurant.

"I think he find him here in San Diego," Victor says. "And when I get to Tijuana, I call my cousin and talk to him, and he say somebody is going to go and pick up you and cross you the border."

Victor met his coyote at a Tijuana hotel. "He didn't even talk to me," Victor says. "He was so serious. He was just, like, 'Let's go.' And that's it. He just wanted to cross me and get the money, and that's it."

Victor's cousin paid \$750 to have him crossed in 1997. "But it's a lot more now," Victor acknowledges. "Every time it's more expensive, because it's a lot more harder now."

So what was the plan when Victor crossed? Did the coyote provide food and water?

"No, no," he says. "It's more organized now, you know. But back then they just encouraged us to have food and water."

And how many people crossed with Victor?

"We started with 22 people and 1 coyote," Victor says, "but we cross only 5."

Seventeen couldn't make it?

"Yeah," he says. "They got caught by immigration."

All at once?

"No, no," he says. "We got chased a lot. The first time, they caught 5. The second time, like, 4. And it was like this, you know. They even caught the coyote. And I ran every time. I

was lucky, you know. And then I had to wait for another coyote. And then, finally, another coyote came along, and I talked to him, and he said, 'Sure, I cross you, and you give me \$750.' "

How did Victor find another coyote?

"There's paths out there," he says. "But you have to know the way."

And the paths go down cliffs and through rivers and over

mountains?

"Yeah, yeah, yeah," Victor says. "Rivers, mountains, yeah. We walk for three days."

And then what? "Then we walk to a road, and a car pick us

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And his cousin met him at the house and paid for him?

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"So then she goes to

work for another maquiladora, Sony, I think it is, and she works there for another 24 months, and then they fire her. And then she goes to the next one. And everybody does it this way.

"And by now, her

across.' So, you know, she gives in to the temptation. And of course she gets busted.

"Her two kids are living with relatives in Mexicali now. And I'm hoping to get her time served because she's just so pathetic."

"Smuggling Koreans will get from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Chinese, maybe \$60,000."

bills are outdistancing her income, and one of her coworkers comes up to her and says, 'Hey, you can make a quick thousand by bringing a couple of illegal aliens

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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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Sadness? Low energy? Trouble sleeping? Can't concentrate? These are symptoms of Depression!

If you or someone you know is:

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- Have had a diagnosed depressive episode within the past 5 years
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**You did too much. You tried too hard.
And now... SHOULDER PAIN.**



Doctors are evaluating investigational, medicated patches to see if they relieve pain when applied directly to the shoulder.

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- Be 18 years of age or older, AND
- Be experiencing shoulder pain that's occurred within the last seven days, AND
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**For more details on this local study, call:
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"I feel controlled by my anxiety."

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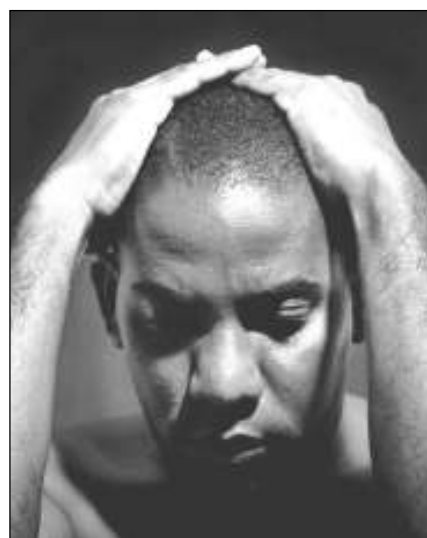
Millions of people across the world live their lives with a constant burden of anxiety, where their excessive worrying occurs for no apparent reason or is triggered by the smallest or most insignificant of incidents.

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Are you living in the shadow of bipolar depression?

We're working to bring future treatment options to light.

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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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Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) unit for the San Ysidro port of entry, is balding and has a graying mustache and friendly eyes. "They process what they catch," he says. "They react to what's happening. But what we do with ICE, we do the proactive stuff. We do investigations. We go after the organizations. Our goal is to take all the heads out of the organizations and to seize their assets."

In 2007, Immigration and Customs Enforcement seized nearly \$6 million in assets and forfeitures from human-smuggling organizations. In 2006, nearly \$3 million was seized.

One way the agency conducts investigations is to notice a pattern and follow where it leads. In a recent case called Black-jack, all the drivers were from Delano, California,

and all the cars were rigged the same way for smuggling, namely, people were stowed in the passenger-side dash-

board, with their upper bodies in the dash and their legs under the floorboards.


The 100 or so arrests



Secondary inspection area at San Ysidro

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RESEARCH STUDIES



Afraid to show your feet?

Do you have toenail fungus?

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- Depressed mood or sadness
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Medical researchers in your area are currently enrolling participants in a clinical study evaluating an investigational drug for the treatment of a severe form of depression. Participants must be 22-75 years old and be experiencing symptoms of depression. Participation will include a confidential evaluation by a psychiatrist, all study-related visits, physical exams, and study drug at no cost.

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related to Blackjack led to over 30 prosecutions and the seizure of a house and multiple bank accounts.

Rob Rogers looks like an ex-football player, thickset, with a puffy face and a reddish goatee. Rogers is the group supervisor in between the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry.

"Since Gatekeeper began, the smuggling has become a lot more organized," Rogers says. "Where there used to be a lot of mom-and-pop organizations or a lot of people who would come

up to the border and wait around and then just jump the fence and try — and maybe even try four or five times before they'd get through — they can't do that anymore now. There's double layers of fencing and lights and cameras and helicopters and Border Patrol agents on motorcycles and ATVs and horses. There's so much infrastructure built up along the border now, we've kind of interrupted that migratory pattern where someone would come up and work for a couple of

months and buy up a bunch of furniture and TVs and take them back south after the picking season, and then they'd come back up after the holidays. But that doesn't happen anymore because we have so much organization now. But that's also caused the smugglers to get a lot more organized. And now we're seeing the drug cartels getting involved. They've noticed that the price for smuggling aliens has increased to the point that it's pretty lucrative now. So the drug cartels are starting

RESEARCH STUDIES

Crystal, Meth, Tina...



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to charge these smuggling organizations a fee or a tax to work in their areas.”

Martin adds the following. “When you’re smuggling Mexicans, you’re talking maybe \$3500. But when you start talking about Chinese, Koreans, Brazilians, the money starts going up. Koreans will get anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Chinese, maybe \$60,000. You’re talking about huge amounts of money. More than you can make on narcotics, sometimes, so of course the drug cartels want a

piece.”

And the Koreans and Chinese and Brazilians avail themselves of the Mexican smugglers because the Mexicans have the foot-guide networks and the drivers and they’ve timed the routes of the Border Patrol shift changes and they have a sophisticated business designed to overcome whatever the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and Border Patrol can throw in their way.

Lauren Mack, public affairs officer for Immigration and Customs

Enforcement, is a small, redheaded woman who moves her hands a lot as she talks. She has an earnest, serious face behind thin-rimmed glasses.

“We’ve caught people from virtually every country in the world here,” Mack says, “in a smuggling venture, at one time or another. Every country.”

“There’s an interesting trend now in the smuggling of people,” Rogers says. “Used to be whole family groups crossing, when it used to be much easier, without

RESEARCH STUDIES

UCSD research study on Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder



Are you taking a medication like Seroquel, Zyprexa, Geodon or Abilify? Would you like to try something new? UCSD is conducting a research study on the effects of an investigational drug called Lurasidone, not approved by the FDA.

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an investigational
medication you must be:**

- A woman age 18 to 45
- Healthy
- A non-smoker
- Taking oral contraceptives for at least three months
- Able to make overnight stays

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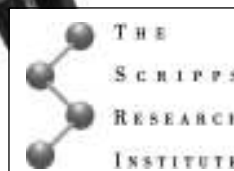


Investigators at The Scripps Research Institute are currently seeking volunteers who consider themselves to be heavy drinkers and do not have any desire to stop drinking.

The purpose of the research is to learn the most effective way of studying predictors of relapse or a return to drinking.

Earn compensation for completing 4 study visits that take place over 3 weeks.

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- ❖ 18-65 years old
- ❖ Male or female (if female must be practicing an effective method of birth control)
- ❖ A non-smoker or smoke less than 10 cigarettes a day

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical care at no cost and may receive up to \$4,050 for time and travel. Eleven overnight stays and five study visits are required.

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

Have your migraines become more difficult to treat? A clinical research study is underway to evaluate an inhaled migraine therapy in men and women with at least a 1-year history of migraine (with or without aura). All participants will undergo pulmonary function testing and echocardiogram, both included with other study-related procedures and study medication, at no cost to the participant.

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:

- Examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medication, labs, EKG, echocardiogram, chest X-ray, and pulmonary studies
- Compensation for your time and travel

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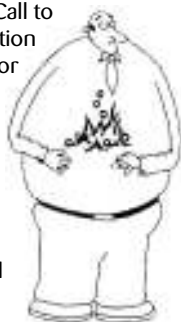
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the fencing. But small children can't climb up over these fences, and they can't be carried in backpacks because it's too dangerous. So what we're seeing now is Mom and Dad, sometimes, or at least Dad, crossing through East County or being smuggled across, and then these families entrusting their children to the smugglers in Tijuana to bring the children across with fake documents. Completely separated. And these are small children who maybe can't speak yet,

and the smugglers are being trusted to reunite the children with their parents on the north side."

The families will do this often because they can't afford a port-of-entry trip for the whole family, and the East County trip is still the cheapest way to go, usually about \$1500.

But the young children who are caught without their parents can't be sent back to Mexico. "We turn them over to the Mexican Consulate," Martin says. "They have an officer at the port of entry. And they try to figure out where the parents are, and then maybe they turn the kids over to foster care in Mexico."

"Imagine the separation that occurs in these families, though," Rogers says.

Adds Mack, "The Mexican Consulate tracks the number of unaccompanied minors that they try to return and repatriate to family members every year, and it's in the thousands."

"We have trouble with Mexican officials too, often," Martin says. "We'll talk with them when we want to take something down on the



San Ysidro pedestrian crossing into Mexico

south side. But we know, too, because of the corruption down there, in certain areas, they've gotten involved with the smuggling themselves. They'll charge people in certain areas so they'll look the other way."

Four Immigration and Customs Enforcement units work in San Diego County, with about a dozen agents in each unit. Martin estimates that each unit might have 20 or so human-smuggling cases going at any one time.

The cases might take as much as a year to investigate and obtain prosecutions, but Martin says the average case lasts about six months.

The investigators make it a point to stress that trafficking and smuggling are two different things. Martin says, "Trafficking is where people are being abused, forced into prostitution, treated as slaves. Smuggling is when the people are willing, and they know what they're in for. Now, we have some traf-

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Medical and psychological evaluations will be conducted at no cost. Eligible relatives will receive compensation up to \$1300 for their time. Family members with schizophrenia will also be compensated for their interview time.

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ficking cases here as well, and often the people don't even know that they're being trafficked. Often the alien doesn't know, and the mule doesn't know."

Mack adds, "We hate to mislead the public. We're talking about smuggling here today. And trafficking is a whole other thing."

Mack has a collection of incredible photos depicting how people are smuggled across the border. In one picture, a man is sewn into the seat of a car. In another, a boy is stuffed and strapped into a dashboard. And in still another, a little girl is curled up inside a piñata.

"And now, boat smuggling is the new thing," Mack says. "Well, it's not new, but they're doing it a lot more than they used to. Last year, we caught about 10 loads that way, and this year it's already been about 20. And they're doing it at night, bringing them over in old, rickety boats with inexperienced drivers."

Out Along the Border

The original fence, which was finished in 1994 along the southern border of San Diego County, is made of welded corrugated metal landing-strip material from the Vietnam War. It's only ten feet high at most, rusting in places, and has numbers spray-painted on it. It's low, looks old, and is hardly daunting. This old fence seems to serve as more of a symbol than a deterrent.

About a tenth of a mile north of the old fence, the new fence looms and gleams. It's 14 feet high, made of tightly woven iron mesh, and topped with coils of concertina wire.

The two fences run parallel for nine miles, from San Ysidro eastward.

"The environmental activists don't see this fence as a good idea,"

Alejandro Renteria says, squinting in the sun and scanning the fence line. Renteria, 30, is one of the public relations officers for the Border Patrol. His chiseled features and dark complexion make

him look like a magazine model or movie star. "So," Renteria goes on, "nine miles from here, the new fence just stops. The other fencing we have continues on out into East County, and

then it stops out there. But we do have vehicle-barrier fencing out there. So people can walk over it, but you can't just drive across. And now a big accusation that people are making is that we're


driving people out of here and making them risk their lives in the mountains, as opposed to just walking across the border here."

In 2007, the Border Patrol took part in 93

rescues. And at least 22 immigrants died trying to make the trip through East County.

To the south of these two fences, the shanties and poverty and debris of suburban Tijuana —


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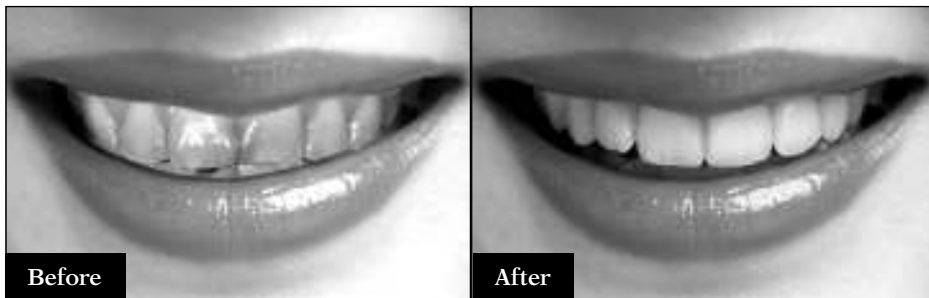
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if you can call it “suburban” — slumps out over the dirt hills. Eventually, a few miles to the east, the industrialization of the Tijuana airport becomes visible over the fence to the south.

In between the two fences, in an area called no-man’s-land, camera towers and stadium-style lighting poles jut up out of the dirt. Each tower has eight cameras, four for daytime and four, with infrared capabilities, for nighttime. The cameras have a five-mile range.

Hopeful Mexicans will try to go over, under, or through the mesh fence. Panels of it are riddled with patches where cuts were made, areas near it show signs of digging, and Renteria explains that ladders are jerry-built with rebar poles to go over the top, despite the risk of injury from the concertina wire.

“We put a lot of the ladders we find into this area right here,” Renteria says, indicating a fenced-in power box just north of the secondary fence. He gets out of his truck and bends down to pick up a ten-foot-long metal pole with staggered L-shaped handholds and footholds soldered and duct-taped along its length. At the top of each ladder is a rebar hook to attach it to the top of the fence. A half dozen more of these “ladders” are piled up here.

“Some of these,” Renteria says, kicking at the ladders with his boot, “imagine if you were a heavier person trying to get up on this thing.”

Not to mention that after climbing to the top of the fence and negotiating the concertina wire (perhaps with the help of a draped blanket), you’d have to fall 14 feet down the other side.

“We try to make our arrests here, in no-man’s-land,” Renteria says. “Out there, north of the secondary fence, it gets a little harder to make

arrests. Especially here, in California, with all the accusations of racial profiling.”

Massive open warehouses and construction sites gape just north of the secondary fence,

about a mile east of the Otay port of entry. It’s easy to imagine someone making it over the fence and getting lost among this industrial sprawl.

But the narrow swath of no-man’s-land

is restricted federal property.

“It’s very calm right now,” Renteria says, surveying the empty brown hills with heat radiating off them. “You know, people always talk about

all this excitement and jumping around and grabbing people and being this crazy cowboy-type agent. But, for me, as an agent who believes in the mission, this is perfect. This means we’re

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sors in the ground. "If somebody crawls around out here, we know it," Renteria says.

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Whereas Customs agents seem like police officers, Border Patrol agents are more like cowboys, out on the range, squinting in the sunlight under the brims of their hats. "We are still very old school," Renteria agrees. "We're out here in all-terrain vehicles and on horses and on bicycles. And there's not a lot of home comforts for Border Patrol. No roofs over our heads or anything."

Driving along in his white SUV, Renteria passes a colleague whose vehicle, along the side of the dirt road, can only be described as a "war wagon."

"We had to outfit some of our vehicles like

that because of all the stones getting thrown at us," Renteria says. The war wagon is an SUV like Renteria's, but it has thick iron cages over the windows. The cage across the windshield is equipped to slide up or down, depending on the danger. The back of the war wagon is retrofitted and reinforced as a holding area for arrested individuals.

Renteria explains that the purpose of many assaults and rock-throwing incidents is to distract the agents on patrol so that people might cross the fence in another area.

Over 300 assaults on Border Patrol agents in San Diego have been reported so far this year.

The work that Renteria and his Border Patrol coworkers do is so exciting that ABC has been filming a reality television show based on it.

Border Security USA will begin airing later in the year.

All this evidence of desperation and ingenuity invites the naïve yet poignant question: What can Mexico do to make its people happier?

Renteria seems to have thought about this. "My parents were Mexican," he says. "They're U.S. citizens now. But, you know, Mexico is a very rich country. There's a lot of money in Mexico. There's a lot of oil. But it's all owned by the government. And they don't have social services to help their people. They refuse to do it. And that's why people come chasing the American Dream. Where, if you think about it, if they would really use their resources, there wouldn't have to be an American Dream. It would be a Mexican Dream."

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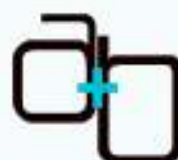
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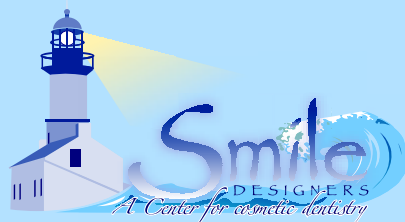


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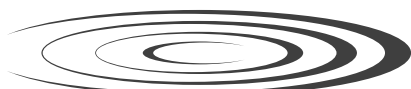
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Spread out below are hundreds of cars inching through 24 lanes of traffic. The lines extend as far as the eye can see, beyond a clutch of Tijuana buildings and over a hill. The international border — marked by a thick dotted yellow line — cuts across the road about 100 yards away.

"It's like this every day," Bond says. "And you can see we have all 24 lanes open. This is it. This is as good as it gets."

The wait time to cross through the border right now is about one hour. It's midmorning on a summer Friday.



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Mexico/U.S. border fence (Mexico on left)

Bond estimates that "50,000 to 60,000 cars or more" will pass beneath this room today. And 25,000 to 35,000 pedestrians will walk through the port in the same 24-hour period. The long line of people standing and waiting is visible

from here, just off to the left of the road.

This is the busiest land border port in the United States, and, Bond adds, "It's most likely the busiest land border port in the world."

Bruce Ward is one of the assistant port direc-

tors at the San Ysidro port of entry. He's dressed in police blues and carries a gun.

"One in every eight people who comes to the United States, whether it's by land, air, or sea, comes through here," Ward says, nodding his

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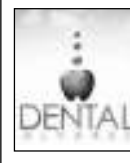
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And then the pride in Ward’s voice turns up a notch as he says, “Last year, 70 percent of all the aliens caught in the United States at land border ports were caught right here.”

That’s 42,000 undocumented migrants caught attempting to come into the United States illegally in 2007.

“Of those, we presented 511 criminal prosecutions to the U.S. attorney,” Ward says. “And we had a 98 percent conviction rate.”

For the other 41,489 people, administrative actions were taken against them. According to federal criminal statutes, U.S. Code Title

8, Sections 1324, 1325, and 1326, first-time undocumented aliens who show no criminal record of any kind are almost always sent back to their home country. This is called a “voluntary return.”

Second- and third-time offenders with no other criminal record may also be voluntarily returned, although they may face up to six months in prison.

Illegals with criminal histories may face up to 20 years, depending on their outstanding offenses.

Smugglers will face varying penalties, up to 10 years, depending upon the number of aliens carried or guided, the level of endangerment the aliens faced during transit, and the smuggler’s specific role. The minimum penalty for bringing one or two aliens across the border is 3

years. The minimum penalty for three or more aliens is 5 years.

Transiting aliens on this side of the border — from San Diego to Los Angeles, say — carries a penalty of up to 5 years. Harboring aliens in a safe house also carries up to a 5-year penalty.

“In fiscal year 2005, we caught 64,000 undocumented aliens here,” Ward says. “In 2006, it was 48,000. And last year, it was 42,000. And my take on it is, we’re getting better. There are more tunnels going around and under us and more apprehensions in boats and more apprehensions out along the border, all because of the job we’re doing here.”

Vincent Bond illustrates how this works with an effective metaphor. “It’s like a balloon,” he says. “You squeeze it smaller in one place, and the other

places get bigger.”

And Ward adds, “It’s the same with Border Patrol. When they shut down a corridor, it puts additional strain on us.”

Ever since the new border fence was built in 2006, the port of entry has become more of a focus for smugglers.

“But with Operation Gatekeeper, when they put this big fence up all around us,” Bond says, “it made it so that we could build the America’s Mall. We used to have undocumented people running through there. But now we have homes built all around the area. When the fence went up, the stability went up, and that land all of a sudden became valuable land for expensive homes and for the mall, which is literally right up against the fence.”

Ward reminisces a moment as he surveys

the lines of cars. “I remember one night before Gatekeeper when I was working pedestrian,” Ward says, “and they called me over and there were five of us. And there were 200 aliens lined up on the Mexican side, arms locked, and they just ran north. And we were just there grabbing what we could. It was crazy.”

Ward laughs, a single “ha,” and shakes his head.

“You don’t see that anymore,” says Bond, smiling grimly.

Ward and Bond head down a hallway and take an elevator to ground level. Cars coming through the primary booths drive slowly past. Through a locked door, they’ve entered the watch commander’s office.

The watch commander’s office at the port of entry is encased in bulletproof glass and contains multi-

ple monitors, computers, and immigration officers.

“This is basically the nerve center of the port,” Ward says. All decisions about opening and closing lanes, 911 situations, bomb threats, and other crises are run through this office. It’s open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

“Here’s an interesting statistic,” Ward says. “More 911 calls are made from this office than from any other single place in the United States. We have births, deaths, shootings, robberies and, of course, a lot of people who come here for medical treatment. We call 911 an average of 10 to 15 times a day.”

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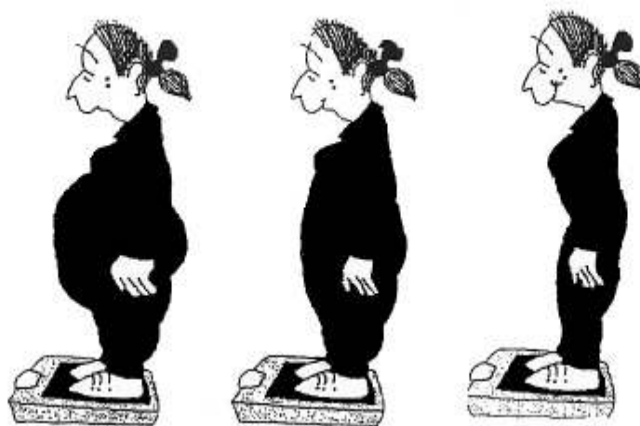
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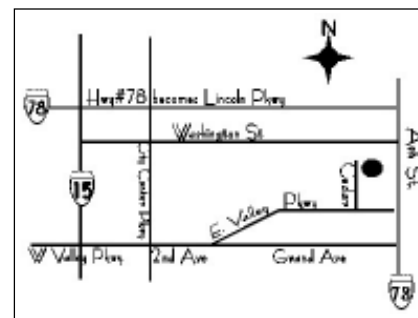
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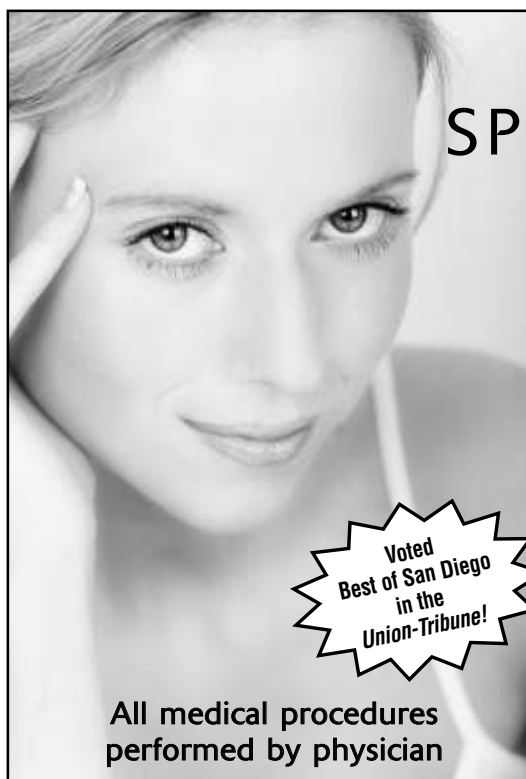


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And Bond adds, "We're strict, but we have to be compassionate too."

Compassionate, and also vigilant. Ward estimates that three to five times per day his team at the port will deal with someone who the computer says is "armed and dangerous."

"We take that very seriously," Ward says, "and we take those people down at gunpoint."

The last shooting at the port was a couple of years ago, and Ward says that in his 23 years at the port he's witnessed "seven or eight" shootings.

"This port is the anomaly," Ward says. "There's no other port like it. You could visit other ports and think that they're boring compared to this."

And why is that?

"We have a huge maquiladora population on the other side of the border," Ward speculates. "Sony, Panasonic, Sanyo,



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Border Patrol alongside U.S. border fence

Toyota, all those. They have assembly plants down there and sister plants on this side. So we get a lot of Japanese, Koreans, and U.S. citizens working down there and living on this side. Also, San Diego and Los Angeles are huge cities. Tijuana is a big city. This is a major thoroughfare for coming into the United States."

Stepping out into the brightness and heat, among the idling cars, Bond dons a wide-brimmed white hat to keep the sun off his face. "It's the Vince Bond hat,"

says one of his coworkers, with a smile. "You can see him from a long way off."

The primary inspection booths could well be tollbooths except for the state-of-the-art computer system inside. By the time a car reaches the booth, its license plate has been read and run through a database that gives information about the car and who might be driving it.

"Officers don't sit in the booths for an entire eight-hour shift," Bond says. "They're moved throughout the port all

day long to keep them mentally alert."

A man on a white moped pulls up.

"Where were you born, sir?" the inspection officer asks.

"Los Angeles, California," the man says. He's a dark-skinned Hispanic fellow in his 20s.

"What were you doing in Mexico?" the officer asks.

"I live here," the man answers.

As they talk, the officer keeps glancing at the computer screen. He sees something he doesn't like.

"We're going to need you to pull around over here with me, sir," the officer says, as he swings a gate shut behind the man and escorts him to secondary.

"There was a security problem with him," Ward says. "The computer indicated that we should look into his background a little more, so we're going to run some more checks on him. He could have a warrant. He could have a prior history. But because he's a U.S. citizen, the privacy act dictates that we can't tell

you anything specific about him."

The man is still straddled on his moped in secondary an hour later, awaiting his fate.

Ward says that 1 in every 353 cars in each lane has some sort of violation and needs to be sent to secondary.

Secondary is essentially a parking lot with a series of booths that is situated a hundred yards after primary. There, questionable travelers are inspected more closely by teams of officers.

"We do an average of 13 to 15 drug loads every day," Ward says. "Our record is 28 drug loads for a 24-hour period.

And by 'drug loads' I mean over 100 pounds. We seize 100 to 150 cars per month for drug smuggling and alien smuggling."

As dozens of border officers rove and inspect around him, Ward surveys the scene.

"You know, a lot of people in San Diego don't know what goes on down here," Ward says. "They think we're gate guards."

And then Ward understates the case dramatically. "It's a busy job," he says. ■

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That was, what, back in '92? Then, she was already washed up, with false teeth and a nasty scar on her right cheek from God only knows what kinda devil. I was dating one of the dancers from that club. Hah! "Dated" — a sugar-coated word for what we really did. She was about 35, a decade and a half my senior, but kept herself up like super glue. Called herself Autumn on stage, but her real name was Jane. Said she liked younger men because it made her feel young. I guess I liked older women because it made me feel like a tough guy. Like, everything I did back then I did to feel like a tough guy.

Now I sit here, finish off my smoke and go for another, the tough guy in me gone like yesterday's keg. I'm just a phantom along the highway now, some lonely specter trying to remember. Was it here? Now there's nothing but a Bruegger's Bagels or soon-to-be Crescent Heights restaurant. The grit of the old strip-joint district I lived amongst is gone now, replaced with a sanitized version of what was meant to be.

I pass the old Piccadilly Hotel. The bar here was one of Jane's and my old haunts, replete with transsexual hookers and crack dealers. This was where you could find the people I felt comfortable with: the rabbles,



PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANK GLASER

Fifth and Broadway, downtown

the dregs, the down 'n' outs, those whose souls had been stripped right down to their bare bones who babbled glossolalia into their highballs and never expected a damn thing from no one. Because those have always been the people for me — creatures caught in the vicious grip of a malevolent fate, victims of vicissitude, harbingers of madness.

Now this place is called the Sofia, with a plaque honoring that racist dick, Pete Wilson. The bar is now a pretentious upscale café that calls itself a "California brasserie," with eight-dollar salads and ten-buck drinks. Inside are people made of plastic who all look like mannequins in your local department store. Outside is a mixture of the suits of the rich and shadows of humans so far gone they're beyond



Author name: **Bryan Varela**
Neighborhood: **Downtown**
Age: **35**
Occupation: **"Town drunk"**

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redemption and Ave Marias. I smoke another cig, knowing I'm the only one left who walks between these two worlds, a place now my own, as if I'm in my own personal purgatory.

Where was that liquor store around here? The one whose owners used to score dope from my neighbor, where a car crashed into the joint back in '95 and the cashier pulled the driver out and

beat him senseless. It's all faded into an endless nothing. I light another smoke and walk on.

1910. Would've gone to other dives like Beanie's and Sushi Deli for a few rolls, some hot sake and

Am I just an apparition caught in the vortex of time, somewhere between

Liquid Television and the O.J. trial?

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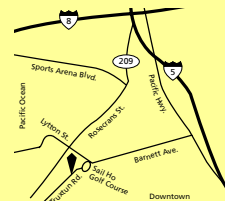
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for the wrecking ball like the condemned. I would've gone to see Mona at the Hong Kong, then on to the Limerick and Hard Times Billiards. But that building was razed long ago, replaced with a vapid square glass structure offering nothing more than a 7-Eleven, Starbucks, and some overpriced office spaces that all look vacant. Then I'd do the same tour back and end up with some honky-tonk special or at the Pussycat Theater on Fourth before crashing at my flop-room at the Golden West Hotel.

Now, since that world is gone, I light another smoke and take a right on Fifth, off Broadway. The Gaslamp Tavern, where the old Western Hat Works was, is a helluva joint. Among all the kitsch and gaudiness of the new downtown, this dig is a genuine rough in a town full of fake diamonds. Not a dive, not a place where you'd find Carol, but the bar has had more soul than Davy Jones's locker since day one. The folks that run the place don't judge, always give a second chance, and don't ask too many questions.

I order a bottle of Bud from Emma. I tell her I'll tip her next time, but she's heard that BS from me before. Somehow the staff here still treats me like a king. Maybe it's because their bar instincts let them know that I'm as loyal as a hound, or maybe it's that old Sympathy for the Devil thing.

I walk out and soak up the panoramic view of this world I can no longer relate to: the hustlers and hussies, the beautiful people who look so miserable. Could it be them? Are they all stamped out of the Lohan mold and run right off the Paris press? Or is it me? Am I just an apparition caught in the vortex of time, somewhere between *Liquid Television* and the O.J. trial?

I finish my cig and inhale the warm late-summer air. This place looks like a postcard I'm living in — not a cool psychedelic postcard like they sell at the Black in O.B., but the cheesy tourist

kind like they sell at Longs in Horton Plaza. I think about Jane and wonder, *Is she some hot-shot real estate lawyer now or did she end up like Carol?* I'm guessing somewhere in between, probably closer

to the latter.

I think of how glorious and euphoric it was to have Jane, sweet sweet Jane, all naked, wrapped around my body, yet how much more real and in place she seemed as

Autumn on the stage.

I think of Jane, then let it rest. Best leave her nestled away in the heart of my memory, way back, back in a more dangerous yet simpler time — back when you didn't need a

MySpace account to make friends, when full-sleeve tattoos weren't a dime a dozen, when Gwen Stefani was a cute little lead singer for an unknown, outside-of-Southern California ska band.

Emma asks me if I want another Bud. I tell her I'm broke, but she serves me one on the house. I reach in my pocket for a smoke. I have one cig left and, therefore, a chance. ■

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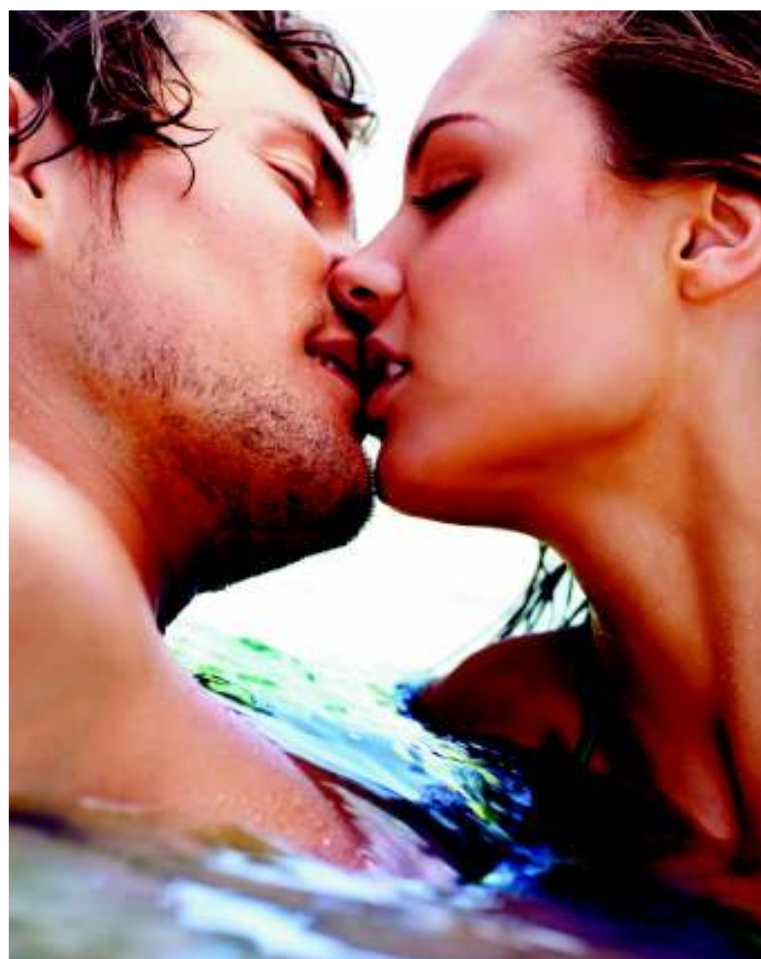
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The story's opening two paragraphs are excerpts from an unpublished work-in-progress written by Rick Ortiz. — Editor

Undead

I was reading an online restaurant review of Maryjane's Coffee Shop in the Hard Rock Hotel in the October 2 edition of the *Reader*. The author was Naomi Wise, and the title of the article was "The Second Childhood of Suzy Creamcheese."

Several paragraphs into the review, Ms. Wise talks about the meat loaf and mentions that it comes with something called "Wavy Gravy," named after the late San Francisco hipster-comedian.

Ms. Wise might want to check her facts in the future. Wavy Gravy (aka Hugh Romney) is very much alive.

You can find Wavy Gravy's webpage at wavy-gravy.net/.

If you look at the website, you can find a page on "Booking Information" with the name and phone number of his agent. No, Wavy Gravy is definitely *not dead*.

Karyn Ann Bosso
San Francisco

Macho Mortality

I've had two friends die in their 50s of one-cigar-a-day head and neck cancer, after disfiguring surgery failed ("I Never Inhale," Cover Story, September 25). Really macho, right?

Dr. Steve Hansen
via email

Second-Hand Stogies

Gropen titled his article "I Never Inhale" (Cover Story, September 25) and in about a half dozen instances reiterated the point that most cigar smokers don't inhale. This is, of course, absurd given the copious quantity of smoke a cigar makes — it is essentially impossible *not* to inhale the second-hand smoke. If many cigar smokers prefer to not inhale secondhand smoke ("even their own"), they aren't go-

ing to avoid doing so even by smoking outdoors, as Gropen suggests. The vague references to people who can smoke their stogies and still run a 10k or to physicians (or even children of physicians, impressively!)

who smoke cigars strike me as little more than weak testimonial "proof" offered up by the lamest of TV infomercials.

Name Withheld
via email

Thanks For Antonia

Thanks for the story of Mother Antonia ("Sheep and Goats," September 25). What a wonderful woman, full of compassion and doing Christ's work every day. She is a remarkable woman

I met many years ago. Now I know why I picked up the *Reader* today.

Barbara Lester
via email

The Mayor's All Wet

Water, water everywhere and not a drop to flush... I

am scrutinizing your cartoon (Neal Obermeyer) in the September 25 issue of the *Reader* showing San Diego's mayor cajoling a group of neighbors to conserve water as they are hosing off their driveways. So, our mayor is

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sewer usage taxes went up 6.5 percent again this July. I say "tax" because a rose ("fee") by any other name is still...a tax! These rate increases, we were told, are needed to fund infrastructure disrepairs and replacements and to comply with government regulations.

Why is the mayor of an almost-bankrupt city telling its utility customers to use less water when the City really needs to sell us more water to raise revenues to

pay for water and sewer capital improvement? It's like a surreal Cal Worthington TV commercial where Cal is standing on his head and barking, "I'll do anything *not* to sell you a car!"

San Diego has a new official bird, the crane. Downtown, Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Hillcrest, Bankers Hill, and La Jolla's Golden Triangle have a plethora of construction cranes excreting steel and concrete, floor after high-

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rise floor, building multi-story condos, apartments, and office buildings. The mayor's unrestricted growth agenda keeps adding toilets and washbasins and population times infinity that will consume water we don't have. What is Jerry Sanders thinking? I have always wondered why creativity and imagination are so lacking in government leaders of today.

Our toilet seats back up to the Pacific Ocean, and yet not a drop of salt water do we flush, nor can we — but we could! Cutting-edge desalination plant technology is providing “cool clear water” to the Persian Gulf countries right now. San Diego needs desalination plants yesterday to insure adequate amounts of drinking water for San Diego's future. The zoo has these new nonflushing urinals that use little or no water. This innovation saves them hundreds of thousands of gallons of water a year. Are the community concourse, the convention center, and the sports stadiums equipped with these water-saving urinals? San Diego needs “smart” leadership, not “controlled” leadership. We need a leader who can think outside the influences of lobbying special interests and do what is proactively correct to insure adequate future water supplies for San Diego.

My August water and sewer usage statement shows I used 45.2 percent less water and sewer pipe space than this time last year. I challenge Mayor Jerry to demonstrate that his August water bill conserved any amount of water over last year!

William Dean Owen
via email

Cool Dude

I read an article in a paper. It was called “Crasher.” The author goes to parties. He is much more cool than anyone at these parties. His writing sounds like Hemingway, if Hemingway had been smoking weed daily since he was 11 years old. Dude. Cool.

Court Babcock
via email

Comments from Reader Website

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

Letters to the Editor, “We’re Cornball Red-necks”

Published October 1

Posted by Goatskull on October 4, 12:49 p.m.

Dude, you have series issues. Quite honestly I think

half the stuff you wrote is not really your feelings of San Diego. There is no way you have visitors who complain there is nothing to do in San Diego. If they really do complain about that then they are serious losers

(as are you). If they don't really say that (and I suspect they don't, that is if you really get visitors) then you are just simply a troll.

True our downtown is no Chicago, Boston, or New York but then again who

cares? There are so many better things to do than hang out downtown anyway. I'll admit our arts/cultural scene leaves much to be desired but that alone does not make this a bad place to live. We have some good live

music venues though not as much as other cities I'll admit. The Casbah, The Ken Club, Brick by Brick, House of Blues and I could go on and on. Yeah we do have the beaches, and with that surfing, kiteboarding,

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I also think you full of BS when you day your Asian relatives from Hawaii consider that a redneck town. Yeah are some rednecks here. There are rednecks everywhere and a much higher percent in other towns. I you really have rednecks that say that then they need to travel a bit more. Hell I've seen full fledged white trash rednecks even in Hawaii. Your comments about jocks, working out, following silly sports teams drinking beer and eating burritos was pretty funny. I guess I didn't now being an athlete and working out was considered a bad thing. Beer and burritos? No that's not high end dining but so what? Are you so high class that you only eat gourmet food all three meals a day?

Lets face the fact here. If you hate San Diego so much you can always leave. You're here so you must not hate it that much. Don't give me some BS about how you have to be here because of your job. You're here by choice and guess what? Most people who live in San Diego are transplants from somewhere else. Most people like it here. That just a simple fact. When you say the rest of us will just suffer in silence that cracked me up also. There is no "rest of us". If you are really suffering I hope to meet you in person so I can laugh in your face at your misery. You twit.

Diary of a Diva Published October 1

Posted by MsGrant on
October 5, 11:12 a.m.

My husband schlepped 15 boxes of stuff through three moves into our final resting place here in Point Loma (I am never moving again). I finally asked him what was in them. He did not know. They were soggy and stunk of mildew and one weekend I finally got him to deal with them. Good thing they had gotten wet at one point, because the only thing keeping him from hanging on to most of this stuff was the smell!! But what a feeling of relief to finally get rid of them. There is nothing like a good purge. As an aside, I remember reading that you used to

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workout at Bodylines Fitness. I went there, too! My trainer was Tim.

Cover Story

Published September 24

Posted by hudel19 on October 1, 10:01 a.m.

What a great article, it is nice for the cigar smoking community to get some informative and positive press. However, it would be a great disservice to San Diego tourists and the local cigar aficionado not to mention Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar - Miramar. I subscribe to their email newsletter and decided to attend a recent Rocky Patel event. When I got there I was blown away by the newly constructed walk-in humidor and expanded lounge. I saw some pictures of their new humidor beforehand on their website www.excaliburcigarclub.com but the images do not do the place any justice. You have to see it in person. Anyway, I agree with this article that there are some nice cigar shops scattered all around San Diego, but if you have never been, I highly recommend Excalibur, Miramar. They are doing good things over there.

City Lights by Don Bauder

Published October 1

Posted by historymatters on October 2, 8:14 p.m.

Last night on AM 600 whistleblower and Investment adviser Catherine Austin Fitts stated "We've been draining value out of the real economy, and the proposed bailout will just funnel investments into propping up the bubble, the plan will actually send money from Main St. to Wall St., instead of the reverse. What's going on with the bailout is more than theft, "it's a coup d'état" — a "reengineering of government institutions,". She also pointed out that there is 4 trillion dollars that has disappeared off the books in the NY fed reserve bank and no one can or will account for it. And this "plan" will give Paulson the authority

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to shred the documentation. Write your reps. Oppose the bill.

Posted by Anon92107 on October 3, 2:02 a.m.

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Buffett should show some true leadership himself by forming a Coalition To Bail Out American Capitalism.

But the truth is that all they want to do is maximize their greed at the expense of the American taxpayer regardless of the destruction they cause to American families.

And that is the republican legacy.

Posted by Anon92107 on October 3, 12:20 p.m.

Yesterday and today shall go down in history as the two days that the U.S.

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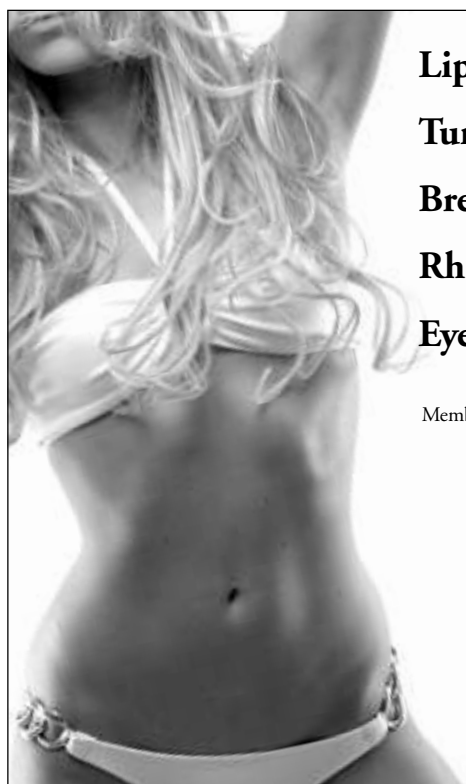
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Posted by Anglophiliac on October 3, 2:14 p.m.

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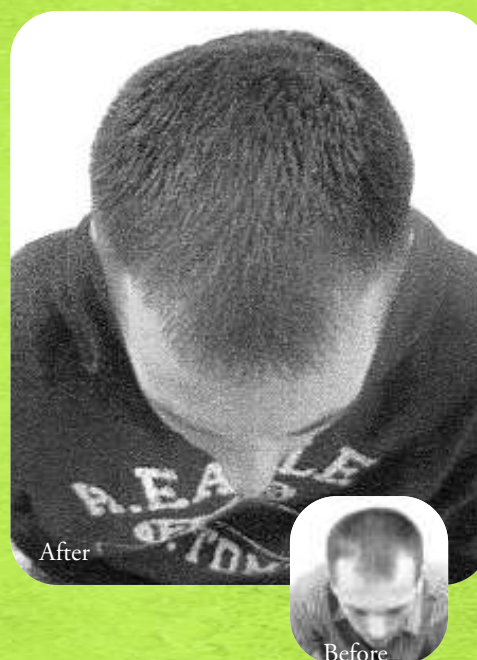
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British banks HSBC, Barclays, Royal Bank of Scotland, HBOS and Lloyd's TSB are slated to receive up to \$175 billion (25%) of the \$700 billion US taxpayer bailout of Wall Street, according to a September 26, 2008 article in The Times by Miles Costello. The story noted that "Combined, the five British lenders hold securities worth \$175 billion, which they could transfer to a federally backed Treasury fund. Under the proposed terms of the rescue package, non-US financial institutions must have significant operations in America to qualify."

Congress recently passed a Bill that provided \$25 billion to US automakers to shore up their balance sheets and retool to build more energy efficient cars. Can you imagine the hue and cry if even \$1 of US taxpayer bailout funds were directed to Japanese or German of Korean or British automakers because they have "significant operations in the US"? So why has no one in the know uttered so much as a peep about \$175 billion of the Wall Street bailout going to Britain? What is this Lend Lease II?

The Times article of Sept 26, 2008 by Miles Costello is at www.business.timesonline.com.uk

Posted by Anon92107 on October 4, 12:59 a.m.

Speaking of bailouts, how about Gov. Schwarzenegger's warning to Treasury Secretary Paulson on Thursday that the state might need an emergency

loan of as much as \$7 billion from the federal government within weeks? And then there are also the escalating San Diego budget failures.

Why don't California state and local government employee retirement funds like CalPERS dedicate their funds to investing in the future of California, San Diego, etc. by bailing out the people of California?

Posted by dbauder on October 4, 6:34 a.m.

That would open a Pandora's box. Pension funds must be invested safely. Already, such funds are taking too many risks. Remember when John Moores wanted a local pension fund to invest in the ballpark? Mercifully, the idea died.

Posted by Fred_Williams

on October 5, 6:27 a.m.

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Electroride

Volt-Powered Vehicle Fest

One electric motorcycle, called the 'Killacycle,' goes from zero to sixty in one second," says Paul Thomas, organizer of the Kick Gas Festival, an electric-car-racing and eco-fair event being held at the Barona Drag Strip this weekend.

"Electric cars are not as expensive as people think," he adds. According to Plug In America, an organization that promotes electric vehicles, the cost of electricity needed to power a car equates to about 83 cents per gallon.

"A majority of the cars [racing] will be cars that have been converted from gasoline-powered vehicles," says Bill Hammons, former president of the Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego.

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"ICE stands for internal combustion engine; we like to refer to our cars as a car with no internal combustion engine, or a NICE car. We convert ice to nice."

Though almost any car can be converted, Hammons says some models are better suited for running solely on batteries. "An SUV is a big box — it doesn't push through the wind all that well, and the aerodynamics are not that great. We have a 1933 Rolls-Royce that was converted, and there's a guy converting a Cadillac. A Miata is a nice car to convert."

The Electric Vehicle Association held a two-week workshop this summer, during which students converted a Volkswagen Beetle. The process, Hammons says, is "pretty elementary." He says the toughest part about

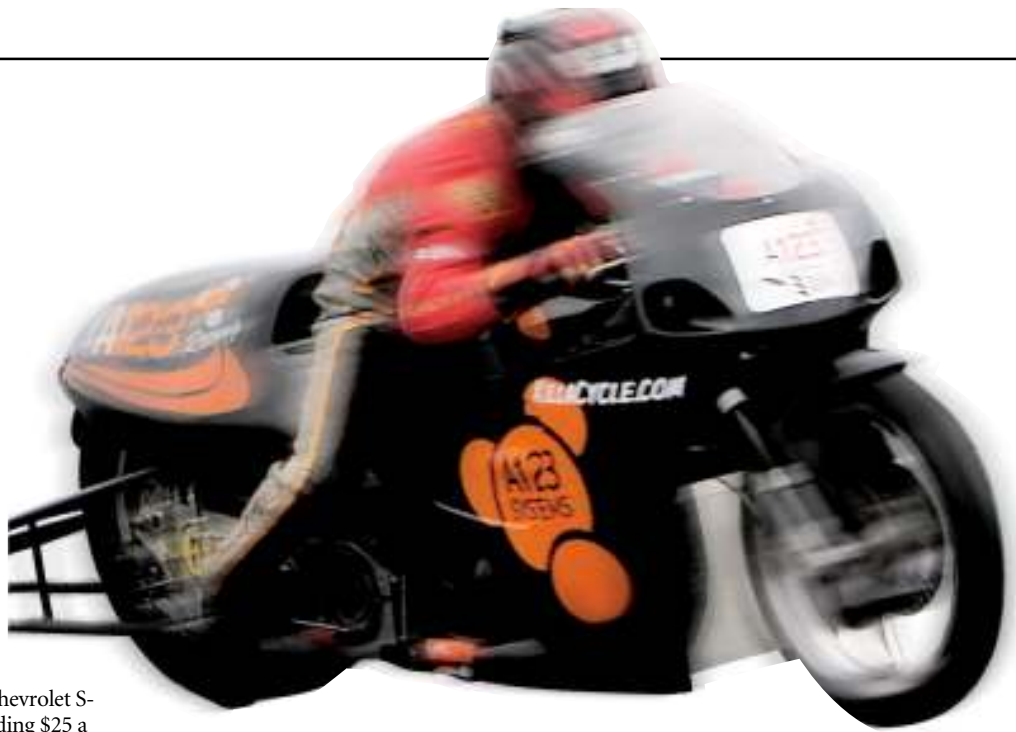
vehicle conversion is "getting away from the TV for two hours a day and doing it."

Regarding the cost, Hammons says, "When I got my first electric car in 1998 [a Chevrolet S-10 compact pickup], I was spending \$25 a week. I've been told that gas has gone up since then."

To bring an electric car from no-charge to full-charge can take up to eight hours. "It takes me about two seconds to charge my car — just stick the plug in the outlet," says Hammons. "You don't drive it until you're empty and then charge it up, you drive it until you get where you're going and then you top it up. In a lot of ways it's similar to a cell phone — you don't wait for it to disconnect. Keep the batteries happy, and they keep you happy. Common batteries are happier when they're more than 50 percent charged."

In many ways, electric vehicles are simpler than conventional ones. "There's no smog inspection for vehicles registered as electric with the DMV; tags are cheaper, no oil changes, no belts. A conventional car has over 1000 intricate moving parts that move in every direction imaginable. An electric car has one moving part — that's the motor. Just like a motor on a fan, it never breaks down," says Hammons.

Despite the advantages of electric, Hammons currently drives a hybrid SUV. "I used to have an electric car and a gas car — what I did was get rid of those and got a hybrid [Ford Escape]." One of the reasons he chose a hybrid as his sole car is that it will allow him



Killacycle

to drive long distances (few electric cars can travel more than 100 miles between charges).

"A conventional Ford Escape gets about 18 miles per gallon; the hybrid gets 31 miles per gallon. Hopefully, by adding electric power to the rear wheels, I'll get up to 60 miles per gallon."

Because they are high-efficiency vehicles, electric cars tend to have more power than those that run on gasoline. "We've been going down to the drag strip for years, beating gas cars," says Hammons. "In a conventional car, you turn the key and that engages the starter, and that starter engages the motor, and that's where all the torque is. In an electric car, you just switch on the motor. This 1933 Rolls-Royce we've converted, [the owner] drove it until the parts wore thin — they just wore out like a sewing machine."

Restoring the parts would have cost \$40,000. "So he converted it to electric, and once he did, it ran much better than a gas car. Then he had to go in and beef up the brakes because we couldn't stop the thing."

The relative silence of electric cars can present a problem. "When I drive down the street and a pedestrian is in front of me, they usually don't know I'm there until they catch

me in the corner of their eye," says Hammons.

According to one study conducted at University of California Riverside, pedestrians must be 40 percent closer to a hybrid than a conventional vehicle before they hear it. Lawmakers will soon vote on a bill — presented by the National Federation of the Blind — that will require the Department of Transportation to ensure all hybrids and electric vehicles are more audible.

Hammons, having grown accustomed to both the silence and zero emissions of his electric vehicle, says that when he attends races that involve gasoline-powered cars, "I can't hear or breathe for days afterwards."

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DANCE

Contradance JoAnn Koppamy calls, Flight Path makes music for dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. 619-283-8550. Saturday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing Judee Pronovost calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, October 12, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

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

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

Philippine Dance Gathering 2008 This year's theme is "Philippine Dance in America: Bringing the Village to the Stage," led by Philippine dance leaders from California and Hawaii, focusing on presentation of the original form versus staged interpretations, impact, portrayal of various ethnolinguistic groups. Fee is \$40 per individual, \$100 for three. Registration: 619-477-3383. Saturday, October 11, 8 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 9 a.m.; \$40. PASACAT Center, 102 East 16th Street. (NATIONAL CITY)

Ragtime Revisited Explore easy basics as well as fancy variations of ragtime-era one-step, including some "delightfully silly animal dances," during Waltz & Such dance class in Casa del Prado room 207 (beginners: 7:15 p.m., intermediates: 8 p.m.). Open-request

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dancing follows until 9:45p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, October 10, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Swing and Country-Western Dance Party DeeJay plays West Coast swing, country and western, and requests for singles and couples of all ages. Host and roving dance instructor: Jane Hance. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m.; Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

FILM

9/11: Dust and Deceit at the World Trade Center Penny Little's film "reveals the disturbing and heartbreaking story of the toxic dust and environmental disaster of September 11." Donation.

619-222-2120. Sunday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Golden Door Emanuele Crialese's 2006 film showcased for International Film Series at MiraCosta College; screened in Italian with English subtitles. Friday, October 10, 1 p.m. in room 204 at MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue (760-757-2121 x7737 or 7806); film repeats at 7 p.m. at Oceanside campus, One Barnard Drive, in the Little Theatre (room 3601; 760-757-2121 x7737 or 7806). (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

Lioness Meg McLagan and Darla Sommer's film tells "story of female Army support soldiers who became the first women in American history to be sent into direct ground combat" through accounts, journal excerpts, archival

footage. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Seeing the Forest for the Trees San Diego premiere of a new film about Mary Ellen Long, who "is interested in invoking the spirit and investigating the history of the places in which she creates her temporal, outdoor works while collaborating with the changing seasonal processes that inform her pieces." Event includes screening and reception with a talk by artist. Saturday, October 11, 3:30 p.m.; UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Interested in Filmmaking? So-Cal Moviemakers gather for premiere of new film by Jeremy Saville. Randy Ullrich discusses "Five Sprockets" — a tool for film production for moviemakers. Also, "We'll be shooting a scene from a bipartisan/no-party political satire called *The Candidate*," and attendees will be asked to play townspeople in this fictitious account putting election process in perspective. 619-309-7492. Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.; ages 16 and up. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

New Releases See *Miss Pettigrew for a Day*, with Frances McDormand, Amy Adams, and Shirley Henderson, when new flicks are showcased for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky leads pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, October 15, 5:30 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Italian Film Festival Festival continues with screening of *Vento di Terra* by Vincenzo Marra on Thursday. Enrico Pau's *Jimmy della Collina* screens on Friday. See *Incantesimo Napoletano* by Paolo Genovese (3 p.m.); and *L'Abbuffata* by Mimmo Calopresti (7 p.m.) on Saturday. Sunday's schedule promises Alessandro D'Alatri's *La Febbre. Se devo essere sincera* by David Ferrario may be seen on Tuesday. Take in *Ma che ci faccio qui* by Francesco Amato on Wednesday. 858-456-1735. Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.; Friday, October 10, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 11, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 12, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The Horror Continues Lyric Opera of San Diego and Hawthorn's present movie series, featuring *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* this week. No one under 17 admitted without parent. 619-239-8836. Wednesday, October 15, 8 p.m.; \$9-\$7. Hawthorn's Restaurant, 2895 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Up for Some '70s Paranoia? Philip Kaufman's 1978 sci-fi thriller *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, starring Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams, Leonard Nimoy, screens for film series. Cult classic features "adult content and violence." 858-454-3541. Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Up for a "Plucky On-the-Road Memoir"? The indie drama *The Go-Getter* (2006) by Martin Hynes screens for Film Forum, with Zooey Deschanel, Lou Taylor Pucci, Judy Greer. 619-236-5800. Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Who Wins the Contest? Gaston's Puppets take stage for *The Hare and the Tortoise* through Sunday, October 12. Enjoy a *Witches Brew* when Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales perform October 15-19. 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 9; Friday, October 10; Saturday, October 11; Sunday, October 12; Wednesday, October 15; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

ROAM-ORAMA

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

In 2003, a big parcel of land on the west rim of the San Fernando Valley — the private Ahmanson Ranch — was reborn as the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve. The new preserve protects prime grassland and valley-oak habitat and houses a locale called Lasky Mesa, which was utilized decades ago as a backdrop for a number of film and television productions.

To visit Lasky Mesa, first navigate to the preserve's Victory Trailhead (open during daylight hours), which lies at the westernmost end of Victory Boulevard, a major San Fernando Valley thoroughfare.



Valley oak beneath Lasky Mesa

From the trailhead you descend by foot or on a mountain bike for 0.1 mile to a trail junction. There, you make a sharp left, briefly reversing your path (your return route lies on the right). You then start winding uphill through valley oaks clinging to the grassy slopes.

Before long the climb moderates and spacious Lasky Mesa lies ahead. Meadowlarks and redwing blackbirds sing, accompanied by the droning hum of distant traffic on Highway 101, unseen from this vantage point. At 1.0 mile, stay left where a segment of the Mary Weisbrock Loop Trail intersects on the right.

At 1.3 miles you swing by some old ranch buildings that were used

in the movie and television industries. Starting in 1914, motion-picture pioneer Jesse Lasky utilized the surrounding landscape for wide-screen settings Lasky described as "big scenes." Movies such as *Gone with the Wind* and *The Charge of the Light Brigade* were partially filmed here, as was the television series *Petticoat Junction*.

Bypass the ranch buildings and swing to the right (north), remaining on the Mary Weisbrock Loop Trail. Continue north, ignoring other old ranch roads, signed against entry, which lead into an off-limits habitat-restoration zone to the west. At 1.8 miles, keep straight where the north segment of the loop trail comes in from the right.

Now you begin a delightful descent down off the mesa, past fine specimens of coast live oak, and later through willow trees. Turn right at the next trail junction (2.2 miles) and head east, uphill, on the East Las Virgenes Canyon Trail, which will take you back to the Victory Trailhead.

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"Chocolate Wednesday's Comedy Show" Midsouth Entertainment presents show hosted by Nate Jackson, starring Tony Roberts, with music by DJ Alonzo. 619-708-7975. Wednesday, October 15, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 21 and up. Club Rio, 1299 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"DimeStories Live" Expect "compelling three-minute stories told by great writers." This event is in collaboration with new NPR show (debuting in fall). Pay-what-you-can. 858-534-TIXS. Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m.; Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Something Old, Something New" Comedic legend Joan Rivers plans concert benefiting "No on Prop 8." 619-239-8836.

Sunday, October 12, 8 p.m.; \$53-\$103. Stephen & Mary Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

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, Ju-

lian 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 9, 7 p.m.; Adventure 16 Mission Valley, 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Are There Closets in Heaven? Carol Curoe and Robert Curoe discuss their book, subtitled *A Catholic Father and Lesbian Daughter Share Their Story*. Question-and-answer period, signing. 858-270-8642. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; Open Door Books, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Away Acclaimed author Amy Bloom signs, discusses her latest novel, telling tale of "an accidental heroine" and her odyssey from New York to Siberia. 858-454-0347. Monday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Manic: A Memoir Beverly Hills entertainment lawyer Terri Cheney discusses, signs her book chronicling her secret bipolar disorder. 858-454-0347. Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Misfortunes of Wealth Award-winning journalist James Oliver Goldsborough discuss, signs his new book exploring "one of American society's endlessly fascinating scenarios, the one where inherited wealth and family intersect, not always to the good." 858-456-1800. Saturday, October 11, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Once a Marine Nick Popaditch signs his book, subtitled *An Iraq War Tank Commander's Inspirational Memoir of Combat, Courage, and Recovery*. Popaditch suffered injury in Iraq that left him partially deaf and blind. 858-541-2960. Saturday, October 11, 12:30 p.m.; Hipp Marine, 4070 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Once a Marine, Again Nick Popaditch signs his book, subtitled *An Iraq War Tank Commander's Inspirational Memoir of Combat, Courage, and Recovery*. Popaditch suffered injury in Iraq that left him partially deaf and blind. 858-684-3166. Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

Approaching Our "Multipolar World" Author Laurent Cohen-Tanugi offers comprehensive analysis of world politics in his new book, *The Shape of the World to Come: Charting the Geopolitics of a New Century*. Cohen-Tanugi is Paris-based international lawyer, public intellectual, expert in European and transatlantic affairs and international relations. 858-822-5297. Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m.; Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Comedic Hypnosis Master hypnotist and magician Michael DeSchalit entertains. 760-720-2460. Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

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Hillcrest Comedy Headliner is Joe King from the Comedy Store; show hosted by Adam Sank. Stand-up comedians perform their own material, second Sunday of each month. 619-291-8221. Sunday, October 12, 8 p.m.; \$4. Ages 18 and up. Bamboo Lounge, 1475 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Hinges Improv Comedy Show Enjoy long-form skits when group gets “pretty darn silly, crazy, and naughty.” Completely different every time. Not “for kids or prudes.” 619-414-7723. Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Ages 17 and up. Compass Theater, 3704 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series Authors Duff Brenna (*The Book of Mamie*) and Thomas E. Kennedy will read from their work. Kennedy writes fiction, literary criticism, essays. 619-594-5318. Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m.; Malcolm A. Love Library at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Literary Reading Poet Hank Lazer, author of *The New Spirit* and other books, reads from his work for World Literary Series. 760-750-8077. Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Magic and Comedy Show Master hypnotist and magician Michael DeSchalit entertains. 760-720-2460. Saturday, October 11, 5 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Ocean Beach Comedy Headliner is Brandon Vestal. Open-mike comedy show (6-7 p.m.) precedes Vestal’s performance. 619-222-6822. Friday, October 10, 6 p.m.; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Open Poetry Open-mike poetry readings on tap. 510-296-0616. Monday, October 13, 8 p.m.; Twigg’s Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Recountdown Tour Henry Rollins returns. Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Friday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.; \$22. Ages 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Screenwriter and Author Dean Lorey signs *Nightmare Academy: Monster Madness*. 858-268-4747. Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Speculative Fiction Author Kage Baker discusses, signs new fantasy novel *The House of the Stag*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, October 11, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Naveed’s Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

“A Renaissance Evening With Leonardo” This art of wine tasting/lecture series continues when Barbara Baxter leads journey interweaving of wine and art at be-

ginning of modern Europe. Italian wines will be sampled. 858-454-5872. Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

“Climate Change and Our Water Resources” Pacific Institute president Peter Gleick speaks for “Sustainable Planet: Water” series. Book signing follows. Required advance registration: 619-232-3821. Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Essential Connections: Natural History, Collections and Marine Conservation” Phillip Hastings, curator of Marine Vertebrate Collection at Scripps, describes his research on fishes of Gulf of California and Southern California for “Perspectives on Oceans Science” lecture series. “Learn how this type of research is essential for guiding conservation efforts aimed at protecting marine fisheries and ecosystems.” Required reservations: 858-534-5771. Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

“Ghastly and Ghoulish: Unlocking Our Archival Vaults” Descend into depths of Casa de Balboa to view menacing objects, daunting documents, chilling photographs held by San Diego Historical Society showcasing darker side of San Diego’s past. Victoria Cranner, Jane Kenealy, Chris Travers lead “chilling trip through some of San Diego’s more macabre memories.” 619-232-6203 x129. Tuesday, October 14, 5 p.m.; \$3-\$8. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Inspiring Social Change Through Education" Annual social issues conference continues. "We Are the Ones: Student Strategies for Community Organizing," an interactive workshop addressing issues facing students, starts at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday. At the same time, a panel entitled "In Our Own Voice: The Chicano/Latino Struggle for the Education of La Raza" convenes.

Tony Campolo, founder of Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, speaks at noon on Thursday in Hahn University Center Forum. He is author of 35 books including *Red Letter Christians*, *A Citizen's Guide to Faith and Politics*. "On Both Sides: A Borderless Night of Artistic Activism" promises a band of musicians, a photographer, a painter, and an actor collaborating in an event combining words, music, images on Friday in Hahn University Center Forum.

"Reflections on Justice for Immigrants" is presented on Monday by Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick. McCarrick was the fifth Cardinal Archbishop of the Washington, D.C. Diocese from 2001-2006. 619-260-4206. Thursday, October 9, 10:45 a.m. and noon; Friday, October 10, 6 p.m.; Monday, October 13, 7 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Managing Your Irrigation Water" Kathy Eagle discusses how

soil, plant, water relationships result in better plant health and improved water management for Water Wise series. Learn about soil types, soil amendments, determine the water content of soil. 619-660-0614. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated when Rover won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Social Networking" Genealogy librarians Mary Van Orsdol, Ann Montgomery, and Judy Michaels discuss how *Facebook.com* and other internet communities can further genealogical research when Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group sponsored by North San Diego County Genealogical Society gathers. Nonmembers welcome. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, October 14, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"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. 858-454-5872. Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"The Cycle of a Life" Biologist May Morris speaks (in English) about advancements in research on cancer, recent developments in therapeutics, and future of women

OUT & ABOUT

"100 YEARS OF MAGIC"

Disney on Ice, San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday-Sunday, October 9-12.

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in the sciences during talk hosted by Alliance Française de San Diego and French Bio Beach. Donation. 858-254-2253. Friday, October 10, 5:15 p.m.; ages 13 and up. Salk Institute, 10010 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

"Wills, Probates, and Land Records" Get the skinny during beginning and refresher genealogy class series. Nonmembers welcome. Attend any or all sessions. 760-757-0528. Monday, October 13, 7 p.m.; Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Wine, Celebration, and Power" Wine expert Barbara Baxter returns with another series of talks on interweaving of wine and art through history, complete with wine samples. Series fee: \$90

for members, \$100 for nonmembers. 858-454-5872. Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Women PeaceMakers" Activist, mediator, peace educator, regional interfaith dialogue forum creator Shinjita Alam of Bangladesh focuses on "Empowering Impoverished Women in Marginalized Communities" and shares her story in Peace and Justice Theatre on Thursday.

"Fighting Against Rampant Sexual Violence Against Women" provides topic for conversation with Sylvie Mbanga Maunga from Democratic Republic of the Congo on Tuesday. Maunga is a lawyer, counselor, radio correspondent, advocate for victims of sexual vio-

lence. 619-260-7509. Thursday, October 9, 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, October 14, 12:30 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

A Future Without War Judith Hand focuses on "the strategy of a warfare transition" for Humanist Fellowship of San Diego. Hand will sign copies of her new book, *Women, Power, and the Biology of Peace*. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. Tuesday, October 14, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Confused About Running Versus Clumping? Bamboo expert Bob Dimattia shares his understanding of "Bamboo, the Earth, and Us" when San Diego Horti-

cultural Society meets. Know any "good plant-citizen bamboos"? Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, October 13, 6 p.m.; Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Fix a Flat in Record Time! Learn to lube a chain and make minor adjustments when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinic. 619-591-4924. Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m.; REI Chula Vista, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Interrobang Lecture Series Danish architect and designer Alfred Homann — whose designs are featured in projects and exhibits worldwide — speaks for series. Homann "believes that furniture and lighting create ambience in a space." 619-232-0109. Tuesday, October 14, 6 p.m.; \$15-\$18. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Know Your Ancestors by Name? Do you know where they came from? Gain two basic tools to start your search when Pam Journey leads genealogy class for beginners sponsored by San Diego Genealogy Society. Participants will make a pedigree chart and family group sheets. 858-552-1655. Wednesday, October 15, 6 p.m.; University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Poetry-Writing Workshop Poet and writer minerva leads class. Required reservations: 619-236-5847. Saturday, October 11, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Speak for Success Professional speaker, trainer Dana Bristol-Smith helps participants "get past the fears and discomfort of public speaking." 760-602-2012. Saturday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.; Schulman Audito-

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Sweet Skulls Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and Halloween are fast approaching. Celebrate these holidays by making Mexican sugar skulls during workshop. Materials provided. Registration: 858-538-8159. Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m.; ages 8 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Who Was Kate Morgan? Author John T. Cullen discusses, signs *Dead Move: Kate Morgan and the Haunting Mystery of Coronado*. Morgan's "mysterious death...at the Hotel del Coronado has long held the interest of historians and ghost hunters alike." Cullen proposes new theory of her identity. Signing follows. Tickets: \$6 lecture only; \$15 prepurchase book and lecture. 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m.; \$6-\$15. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Who Will Win? Astrologer Robert Blaschke focuses on the "2008 United States Presidential Election" for San Diego Astrological Society; he'll also address "issues the winner will face in light of upcoming astrological trends that suggest massive social and economic change." Blaschke is author of *Astrology: A Language of Life* series. Talk takes place in lecture hall room H-117/118. 619-654-1265. Friday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.; \$7-\$12. Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

OUTDOORS

As the Beach-Going Season Winds Down, San Diego County's coastline is padded by what is likely the deepest and widest accumulations of sand we'll see this year. Many stretches of the coastline are vulnerable to powerful waves associated with winter storms. This wave action can pull sand off the beaches and deposit it offshore, leaving behind (especially in North County) nothing but cobble beds. During the spring and summer gentle wave action usually returns much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of the summer tourists.

October's Lowest Tides, coinciding with afternoon hours several days in a row, usher in several months of excellent tidepooling opportunities to come. A -0.7 foot tide occurs at 4:17 p.m. on the 15th; a -0.8 foot tide occurs at 5:06 p.m. on the 16th; and a -0.6 foot tide occurs at 6:00 p.m. on the 17th. The region's best-known places to view intertidal life include Cabrillo National Monument and areas up the coast from La Jolla.

The Full Moon Rises impressively from the east horizon at around 6:10 p.m., very near the time of sunset, on Tuesday, October 14. It's a perfect time to take a twilight walk and enjoy some of the last "Indian summer" weather we'll have during 2008. Some folk names for the October full moon include "blood moon," "shedding moon," "falling leaf moon," and "moon of the changing season."

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Habitat Restoration for California Least Tern Help maintain a nesting site for endangered California least terns at Mariner's Point in Mission Bay (off Bonita Cove). Participants remove invasive plants. Wear work clothes. If you have them, bring work gloves, weeding tools, or clippers. 619-224-4591 or 858-581-7602. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; Bonita Cove, 1100 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

"Giants Prayed for Rain" Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads moderate 2.65-mile hike and discusses the people who painted giant cave murals of Baja California Sur, Mexico. 760-839-4680. Saturday, October 11, 8:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Mountain Adventure Celebrate the 75th anniversary of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and Palomar Mountain State Park with nature walks (10:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m.), "Fire in the Parks" panel (10:30 a.m.), "History of the Parks" stories by Jim Newland (11:30 a.m.), commemoration ceremony (1 p.m.), "Mountain Lions in the Park" program (2 p.m.). 760-765-3020. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; Cuyamaca Outdoor School, 12561 Highway 79. (JULIAN)

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

California Gold See gold leaves of native cottonwoods and sycamores during interpretive walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 11, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Clean and Green Team Cleanup Help restore the river and do something positive for environment. Meet at blue tent in Mast Park parking lot. 619-297-7380. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; Mast Park, 9125 Carlton Hills Boulevard. (SANTÉE)

Compost Happens Master composters lead composting workshop with instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. 760-839-6216. Saturday, October 11, 8:30 a.m.; Escondido Community Garden, just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Through a (HUGE!) Looking Glass Search for a shooting star or Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) in MiraCosta College's baseball field. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, October 10, 8 p.m.; Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Natural Environment History Learn about this history during guided nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 11, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, October 15, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Rediscover Old Escondido East Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday, October 11, 11 a.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Sea Kayak Adventures Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts sea kayak adventures. Participants learn basics of ocean kayaking while discovering wonders of La Jolla State Marine Conservation Area and learn about current Scripps research within reserve. Beginners welcome. RSVP: 858-454-6195. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; \$60. Ages 10 and up. Birch

Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Torrey Pines Cleanup Beach cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper starts at lifeguard tower near entrance to south parking lot. Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, N. Torrey Pines Road. (DEL MAR)

Weeding and Planting Party Help out with weeding in Old Town State Park's native plant garden. Bring: hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool, something to kneel on. Garden is found across Congress Street from trolley/train/bus depot, right next to parking lot. Saturday, October 11, 1 p.m.; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Work Party in Silverwood Sanctuary Help remove invasive, nonnative plants during work event. 619-682-7200. Saturday, October 11, 8:30 a.m.; Silverwood

Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"100% Serrat" Spanish Catalan singer-songwriter Joan Manuel Serrat concerts. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.; \$85-\$125. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

"African Footprint" Music and dances from Africa showcased. 011-52-686-554-2825. Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m.; \$20-\$50. Teatro del Estado, Calzada López Mateos at Avenida Tapiceros. (BAJA)

"La Raza" Eco-Cultural Festival Visual arts, music, workshops, ecological activities planned in Foro Experimental and Plaza de las Artes. 011-52-646-173-4307 or 011-52-646-173-4308. Saturday,

October 11, 2 p.m.; Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

"Small" Bullfights Bullfighting action promised. 619-591-8889. Saturday, October 11, 4 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Olé al Arte Bullring, Zona Río. (BAJA)

30th Anniversary Ensenada Seafood Fair Enjoy seafood, wines and beers, live music, entertainment in gardens of Riviera Cultural Center. 011-52-646-174-0448. Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.; Riviera Hotel, Miramar Street. (BAJA)

La Mujer no Hace Milagros Love and loyalty in the '40s with actors Laura Kaplun, Victor Robles, Edgardo Meza, Fernando Chagoyán, Lucía Retes, Basemat Mendoza, Jenni Lucía, Edgar Coronel, Gilberto Corrales. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, October 14, 8 p.m.; \$10. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Ball Play The Harlem Globetrotters play basketball and entertain. 619-734-2333. Friday, October 10, 8 p.m.; Auditorio Municipal, Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

Conjunto Nacional Folklórico de Cuba Havana-based group performs. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, October 9, 8 p.m.; \$45. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Demolition Derby 011-52-664-900-4511. Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m.; \$5-\$10. Estadio Calimax. (BAJA)

Festival de Octubre Incidental Music Concert Pianist Iván Velázquez de León Reyes performs musical score from Fritz Lang's 1927 science fiction movie *Metropolis*. 011-52-646-177-0392. Wednesday, October 15, 8 p.m.; \$3-\$5. Teatro de la Ciudad, Avenida Diamante. (BAJA)

Festival de la Raza Enjoy bullfights, paella contest, music, food, entertainment. Tickets include lunch. 011-52-664-685-3031. Saturday, Oc-

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Fishing Tournament 011-52-646-172-3022. Saturday, October 11, 6 a.m.; Plaza Ventana al Mar, Boulevard Costero at Alvaro Street. (BAJA)

From Mozart to Verdi Opera gala with performances by soprano Paola Antonucci, mezzo-soprano Encarnación Vázquez, tenor José Medina, pianist Daniel Greenbush. 011-52-664-687-9650. Friday, October 10, 8 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Mummies from Guanajuato
See traditional Mexican mummies from 1865, Sunday, October 12, through Friday, November 14. 619-734-2333. Sunday, October 12, 9 a.m.; \$4. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

Tequila Expo More than 350 different tequilas featured; music, entertainment. 011-52-664-684-8481. Sunday, October 12, 11 a.m.; Monday, October 13, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, October 14, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, October 15, 11 a.m.; \$6. Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

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All manner of items on offer during eighth annual patio show and sale hosted by Art Glass Guild and Art Glass Association of Southern California in studio 25. 619-702-8006. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m.; Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Beginning Yoga Series of yoga classes for adults only. Bring yoga mat, wear comfortable clothing, be prepared to remove your shoes. 858-538-8159. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; through Saturday, November 15, Ages 18 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"A Place in the Wild" Opening reception for painting exhibition by Christine Waters in Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery. Show closes Friday, November 7. 619-668-3280. Saturday, October 11, 2 p.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

“Books and Bites” New program sponsored by Warwick’s Bookstore, promising lunch and discussion with novelist Selden Edwards, author of *The Little Book*. With purchase of Edwards’s book (at 20 percent discount), lunch tickets are \$20. Required reservations: 858-454-0347. Friday, October 10, 1 p.m.; Burgundy Restaurant, 830 Kline Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Day" San Diego Center for Jewish Culture hosts program in collaboration with La Jolla Music Society for tenth annual San Diego Jewish Music Festival. Events include lecture by violinist and music columnist Eileen Wingard entitled "Leonard Bernstein, IPO's Conductor Laureate for Life: His Music, His Life, His Love of Israel" (5:30 p.m.).

San Diego musicians including David Amos (conductor), Matthew Garbutt (principal tuba, Summer Pops conductor of San Diego Symphony), and Tatsuo

Sasaki (timpanist, xylophonist) share memories of playing with, conducting Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) at 6:15 p.m.

Israeli buffet supper at 7 p.m. (\$16.50 members, \$19.50 non-members). "My Cousin Zubin" is presented by Navroj Mehta (violinist, conductor San Diego Symphony) at 7:45 p.m. See documentary *The Israeli Philharmonic and the Creation of a Nation* at 8:15 p.m.

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
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858-362-1348. Sunday, October 12, 5:30 p.m.; \$10-\$16. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Sanctuary” West Coast premiere of “Sanctuary,” a new piece for red fish blue fish percussion ensemble, with live computer processing composed by Pulitzer Prize-winning UCSD composer Roger Reynolds, presented “at dusk in courtyard of architect Louis I. Kahn’s modernist masterpiece.” Events begin with architectural tour (4 p.m.), lecture by composer (5:15 p.m.). 858-534-TIXS. Saturday, October 11, 4 p.m.; \$25. Salk Institute, 10010 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

"The Art of Ra Sushi" Head sushi chef Joao Mezashi presents "sushi primer" with look at making perfect sushi rice, selecting ingredients. Sample hand rolls, take home recipes. 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, October 11, noon; \$30. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Tiny Treasures" Miniature Book Society's traveling exhibition

featuring 123 miniature books from around the world may be seen through Saturday, November 1. Miniature books are generally books whose dimensions measure three inches or less. 619-226-4441. Thursday, October 9, 10 a.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

All About Youth Day Enjoy hip-hop dance contest, car and bike show, food, health information and services, more. 619-517-7555. Friday, October 10, 4 p.m.; Neighborhood Healthcare, 885 East Madison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Bus Port Tour of San Diego
San Diego's working waterfront is a hub of industry and commerce. Take a closer look during bus tour. Reservations: 619-686-8008. Tuesday, October 14, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, October 15, 9:30 a.m.; ages 18 and up. Pepper Park, Bay Marina Drive at Tidelands Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

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 Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead. Reservations: 619-889-6222. Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m.; \$5. Julian Pioneer Cemetery, Farmer's Road. (JULIAN)

Celebrate Polish Heritage Polish Festival including performances by Polish folk dance

groups, various bands, Polish food and Polish beer (for sale), arts and crafts. 858-272-7655. Saturday, October 11, noon; Sunday, October 12, noon; St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Polish Mission, 1735 Grand Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Chinese Musical Instrument Program Presented in conjunction with "People, Prints, Politics: China 1920-1980" exhibition. 619-239-2001. Saturday, October 11, 1 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Coming Out Day — Pride at the Beach Music, food, community group exhibits hosted by LGBT North County community. 760-672-1848. Saturday, October 11, 3 p.m.; Beach Recreation Center, 300 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Commercial Solar Tour Guided bus tour of local commercial businesses showcasing various solar technologies and applications. Each tour site will have business contact, solar installer present to answer questions. Reservations: 858-244-1177. Monday, October 13, 10 a.m.; \$75. Ages 18 and up. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Family Solar Day Learn about solar and the environment; race solar mini cars, sun drawing contest, solar-powered experiments, solar-powered music, more. 858-244-1177. Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.; Spanish Landing Park, off North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Full-Moon Walk in Scripps Pier Explore the pier (normally closed to public) and learn of structure's history, collect plankton, dissect a squid, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Required

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LOCAL EVENTS

reservations: 858-534-7336. Tuesday, October 14, 6 p.m.; \$17-\$20. Ages 9 and up. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

House of Spain Lawn program with ethnic dancing, music, costumes. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, October 12, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Insiders Open Art Studio Tour Self-guided tour of art and artists in greater Fallbrook area; visit 18 artists in their studios and shared spaces. Purchase VIP ticket (\$35) or general tour ticket (\$25), which include event wristband, event bag, program with guide and map. Visit as many open studios as you wish over two-day period. 877-

451-3282. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m.; \$20-\$35. Fallbrook Visitors Bureau, 123 West Alvarado Street. (FALLBROOK)

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

Little Italy Festa The 14th annual festa celebrates Italian cuisine, culture, music, art. Gesso Italiano chalk painting event promises over 50 chalk teams and over 150 artists working on asphalt; stickball exhibition game. 619-233-3898. Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m.; Little Italy. (LITTLE ITALY)

Lux at Night Painter and sculptor Ray Smith — whose “work is characterized by a unique kind of

magical realism” — is creating a 6x13 foot oil painting on canvas during his artist-in-residency time. See his work, enjoy more art, music, refreshments, meriment during “Lux After Dark.” Exhibit continues through October. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m.; Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Ocean Beach Oktoberfest 2008 Sausage toss competition, live music on two stages, dancing, food, vendor booths, at foot of Newport Avenue and nearby grassy area. 619-224-4906. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; Ocean Beach, Newport Avenue and Abbott Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Put 120 Candles on the Cake! University Heights’ 120-Year celebration promises entertainment, cake, ice cream, educational displays about history of University Heights, Uptown area. 619-297-3166. Sunday, October 12, 2 p.m.; Trolley

Barn Park, 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Quantum Physics What does it tell us about the world? Ponder with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Sacred Craft Consumer Surfboard Expo Expo brings “together all who love surfboards and all things surfboard.” Collection of shapers, hard-goods manufacturers on hand, seminars, panels, surf movies (*Under the Sun, Bonzer: The Mothership, Between the Lines*). 760-445-9770. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Slabs, Beads, Rough Material! Dealers offer all these and more — beads, carvings, books, tools, faceted stones, fossils, demonstrations — during Vista Gem and Mineral Society show. 760-724-

0395. Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m.; Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

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)

German Oktoberfest Festivities at clubhouse and beer garden promise “authentic” German food, music by Guggenbach-Buam from Baden-Württemberg, 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 10, 3 p.m.; Saturday, October 11, noon; Sunday, October 12, noon; German American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

tap: “Hybrid Shootout” allowing stock hybrid car owners to race for “2008 Hybrid Shootout Champion” title. Alternative-fuel vehicles on display as well as alternative-energy exhibits, vendors, live music by 12 bands. Camping available on Saturday night (\$25). 858-586-1202. Sunday, October 12, noon; \$15. Barona Drag Strip, 1750 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Six Bernardos Ride Knickerbiker bicyclists will travel on six roads with “Bernardo” in their name during 25-mile ride starting in parking lot in front of Starbucks. Bring money for (optional) lunch at Greek eatery near end of ride. 858-453-3687. Sunday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.; Albertsons Market - Rancho Bernardo, 12475 Rancho Bernardo Road. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Southern California Martial Arts Convention Objective is to promote “martial arts culture and to provide a venue where fans, practitioners, and professionals can connect and share their passion for all martial arts.” Meet martial arts and MMA “stars,” industry exhibitors, demonstrations, seminars, and San Diego Brazilian jujitsu and submission grappling championships. Weekend pass: \$25. 858-337-7289. Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 9 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

SPORTS

15th Annual Bruce Gorder UCSD 5k Walk for Melanoma Event begins and ends at Moores UCSD Cancer Center, with walk route through Stuart Collection. 858-822-0023. Saturday, October 11, 8 a.m.; \$25. Moores UCSD Cancer Center, 3855 Health Sciences Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Backcountry Bicyclin’ San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists head out for 80-mile ride venturing to Valley Center, Lilac, more. 619-688-6536. Sunday, October 12, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Bombing and Carving! World’s longest mountainboarding race? Riders “try to stay in one piece as they compete for the fastest run down Nate Harrison Grade, a seven-mile fire road”; last year’s winning time was around 20 minutes. Riders include four-time undefeated champ Krazy Kris Kidwell.

To reach Nate Harrison Grade, take I-15 towards Highway 76; head east. Follow Highway 76 about 12 miles; after Cole Grade Road, turn left on Nate Harrison Grade, follow to start of dirt road. 858-382-0355. Friday, October 10, 10 a.m.; Nate Harrison Grade. (VALLEY CENTER)

Chargers Football San Diego Chargers host New England Patriots. Broadcast on NBC. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Sunday, October 12, 5:15 p.m.; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fall Festival Horse Show 858-794-1171. Thursday, October 9, 8 a.m.; Friday, October 10, 8 a.m.; Saturday, October 11, 8 a.m.; Sunday, October 12, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Kick Gas Festival This “electrifying, high-speed ‘green’ event” features NEDRA- and NHRA-sanctioned electric vehicle national championship drag racing. Also on

MUSEUMS

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center “Urban Legends and Country Tales” by the Digital Art Guild continues through Saturday, November 15.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marston House Museum Historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill,

the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade "Through My Father's Eyes: The Filipino American Photographs of Ricardo Orceto Alvarado (1914-1976)" is a collection of 50 photographs offering "rare insight into the emergence of the Filipino-American community in postwar America." The complete collection of nearly 3000 photographs was discovered in 1976 by teenaged Janet Alvarado in basement of her family home following her father's death. Closes Sunday, November 2. 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "Messages from the

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Oozing with disgusting science and hands-on learning games, "Animal Grossology" takes a scientific look at "some of the slimiest, stinkiest, and downright yuckiest creatures on Earth," adapted from author and science teacher Sylvia Branzei's *Grossology* children's book series. Visitors gain perspective on animal kingdom, with 16 exhibits bringing

to life gritty and gross facts about some of "nature's most disgusting critters." Continues through Sunday, January 4, 2009.

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

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

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

Technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare

German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an

RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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

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

San Diego Automotive Museum "Hall of Heroes" pays tribute to decades of American racing champions.

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

San Diego Hall of Champions Ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum

is dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement. 2131 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

OUT & ABOUT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARTIAL ARTS CONVENTION

Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12.

(SEE SPORTS)



on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

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

San Diego Museum of Man "People, Prints, and Politics: China 1920-1980" features work by Chinese artist and scholar Xian Rang Yong from Shandong Province. Yong utilizes Chinese art of woodblock printing to create compelling portraits, landscapes, depictions of

cultural activities, political posters. Closes Sunday, October 19.

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

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

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their

significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katsinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

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

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

San Diego Tugboat Museum A 100-foot retired Korean War-era

tugboat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

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

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Jacobs' Masterworks Season Premier San Diego Symphony, conductor Jahja Ling, and guest artist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg (violin) perform Sheng's "Shanghai Overture," the "Violin Concerto No. 1" by Shostakovich, and Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake (Suite)." Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11; 2 p.m., Sunday, October 12. (DOWNTOWN)

Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Seventeen

OUT & ABOUT

LUCERNE FESTIVAL STRINGS

Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, Sunday, October 12.

(SEE CLASSICAL MUSIC)



young aspiring opera stars compete for chance to end up onstage at New York's Metropolitan Opera. Auditions sponsored by San Diego District of the Metropolitan Opera National Council, with judging by Marsha Baldwin, Frank Graffeo, Roger Pines. Donation. 619-479-8184. Stephen & Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue), 10 a.m., Saturday, October 11. (NORTH PARK)

Selections by J.S. Bach and Dvorák School of Music and Dance alumnus Roland Schleider in concert, joined by Donna Conaty (oboe) and Felix Olschofka (violin), with San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra. 619-594-6031. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU (5500 Campanile Drive), 2 p.m., Saturday, October 11. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Sanctuary" West Coast premiere of "Sanctuary," a new piece for red fish blue fish percussion ensemble, with live computer processing composed by Pulitzer Prize-winning UCSD composer Roger Reynolds, presented "at

dusk in courtyard of architect Louis I. Kahn's modernist masterpiece." Events begin with architectural tour (4 p.m.), lecture by composer (5:15 p.m.). 858-534-TIXS. Salk Institute (10010 North Torrey Pines Road), 4 p.m., Saturday, October 11. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, October 12. (BALBOA PARK)

Fine Arts Trio Fall concert series continues when Robert Hart (piano, composer), Tom Johnson (violin), and Willis Frisch (cello) perform Mendelssohn's "Trio No. 1 in D Minor" and two movements from Peter Warlock's "Capriol Suite" arranged by Hart from Warlock's original string-orchestra. 619-236-5810. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 12. (DOWNTOWN)

Trombone Time Trombonist Michael Dessen returns for concert with his trio, in which he performs on trombone and laptop, joined by

New York-based musicians Tyshawn Sorey (drums), Christopher Tordini (bass). 858-534-3229. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Sunday, October 12. (LA JOLLA)

Gold Medalists' Concert California International Young Artists Competition winners, aged 13-18, perform in concert. Reception follows. 760-580-0518. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 2 p.m., Sunday, October 12. (ESCONDIDO)

Lucerne Festival Strings Fallbrook Music Society's symphony season opens with concert by this ensemble hailing from Switzerland. Program includes "String Quintet No. 2 in G Major" by Brahms, "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra *Distant Light*" by Vasks, and Ammann's "Stellen." Violinist Daniel Dodds is featured soloist, playing the Stradivarius "ex Baumgartner" from 1717. 760-451-8644. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, October 12. (FALLBROOK)

On Beyond Limitations... San Diego Symphony principal bassist Jeremy Kurtz plans CD-release concert, along with pianist Daniel Wachs. Program boasts selections for double bass and piano by Peter Askim, David Anderson, Giovanni Bottesini, Luis Prado, François Rabbath. 619-818-2789. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 15. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"...Notes, Passages Between" Opening reception for exhibition of work by sculptor, painter, stained glass artist, poet, builder James Hubbell, who seeks "the possibilities of change." Closes Sunday, November 23. 760-765-1676. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery

(30352 Highway 78). 4 p.m., Saturday, October 11. (JULIAN)

"Color Riot" Opening reception for PhotoArts Group exhibition exploring color, with work by 18 artists. Through October. 760-480-4101. InnerSpace Gallery (262 East Grand Avenue). 5:30 p.m., Saturday, October 11. (ESCONDIDO)

"From Life" Opening reception at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 9, for exhibit of paintings and drawings by Tim Lowly. Works in show "suggest the artist's tendency toward expressive distortion in works done from life." Through Thursday, October 30. 760-757-5368. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). (OCEANSIDE)

"Girls: The 2008 Edition" Opening reception for exhibition of work by Billy Martinez, who plans "live art performance during the reception." Closes Monday, November 3. 619-299-4278. San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, October 11. (NORTH PARK)

"Marking Territory: The Imaginary Lines That Limit Us" Adapta Project teamed with "design/build gurus" Bells & Whistles for this opening event of group show featuring San Diego and Tijuana artists Ben Darby, Vero Glezqui, INKSTAIN, Robert L. Nelson, Ryan Tannascoli. 619-717-2877. The Loft at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive). 6 p.m., Friday, October 10. (LA JOLLA)

"Premeditated: Meditations on Capital Punishment" Reception for exhibit by Malaquias Montoya, described as "a leading figure in the West Coast political Chicano graphics movement." Art

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Calendar ART

lecture follows reception in G-101 (7 p.m.). Exhibition of 23 works exploring and condemning death penalty and policies of American penal institutions continues through Thursday, November 6. 619-388-2829. Mesa College Art Gallery (7250 Mesa College Drive). 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 9. (MESA COLLEGE)

"Vantage Points in Travel Photography" Opening reception for fine-art photography exhibit by Anastasia Lang. "Show focuses on her...skill at capturing unique vantage viewpoints of historic locations." Closes Friday, December 12. 619-501-8458. Coffee and Art Photographic Art Gallery (777 Sixth Avenue, Suite 105). 6 p.m., Saturday, October 11. (DOWNTOWN)

Creative Stitchery! Opening reception for exhibit of work by *San Diego Troubadour* publisher Liz Abbott, who uses techniques combining machine embroidery and appliqué. Abbott's most recent work features recreations of old photographs of musicians. View more than 75 pieces of this artwork through December. 619-276-1677. Tecolote Guitar Works (1231 Morena Boulevard). 7 p.m., Saturday, October 11. (CLAIREMONT)

Three for One! Reception for Southwestern Artists' Association three-artist show in Gallery 23. See work by John G. Davis, Neal Evans, Jo Ann Pastori through Wednesday, October 15. 619-232-

3522. Spanish Village Art Center (1770 Village Place). 1 p.m., Sunday, October 12. (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 recre-

OUT & ABOUT

"GIRLS: THE 2008 EDITION"

San Diego Art Department, opens Saturday, October 11.

(SEE ART GALLERIES)



GIRLS, BILLY MARTINEZ, 2008

ation." 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 "Nomadic Legacy — Tent & Textiles of Cen-

tral Asia and Iran" presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt — a round, domed, trellis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter — won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan's existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit opens Sunday, October 12, and continues through Sunday, March 22, 2009. 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 Ramirez 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 be-

tween 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.

"Nancy Newhall: A Literacy of Images" 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."

"DAMNGORGEIOUS: 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 4, 2009. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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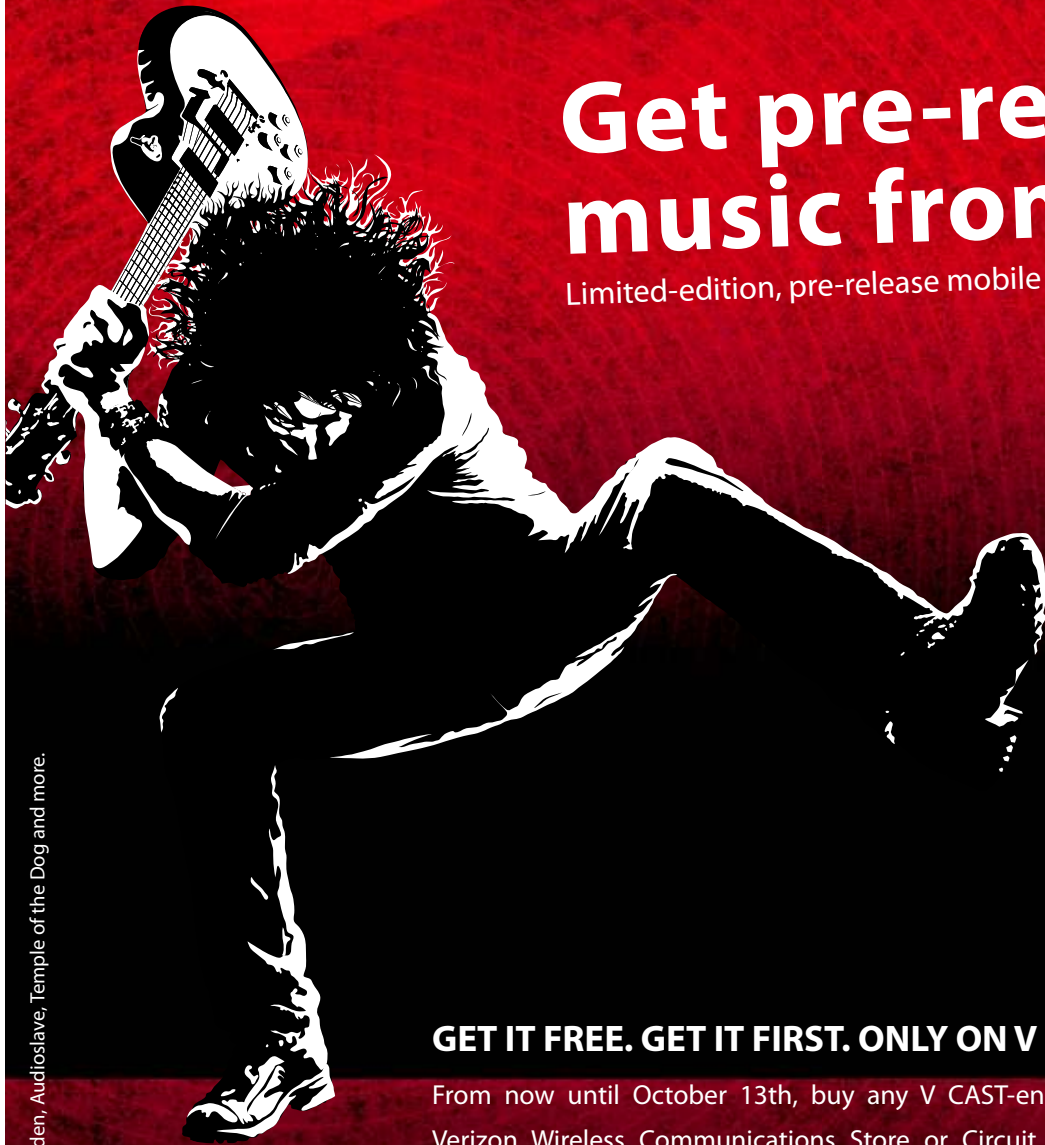
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Nothing Against Country... "It was like playing Bob's Country Bunker in *The Blues Brothers*." Guitarist Ben Jones

bluesy, country rock has drawn comparisons to Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Allman Brothers.

"The lady who books Mulvaney's wondered if we were country enough," says lead singer Wolf. "But we kept on pushing. Ben [who acts as manager] is a great salesman. We only have two

sedate it, but after three songs we ran out of songs we could countryfy.

As soon as [guitarist] Johnny [Ben's brother] started playing leads, they hated it. Couples started coming up, getting pissed off. They said, 'We came here to dance.... This is not dance music and we don't like it.' They said we sounded like AC/DC, which is ridiculous."

Mulvaney's general manager says, "They wouldn't play the music that people could dance to. They left early. They wouldn't finish their set."

"We had an hour left, but I just wanted to get out," says Wolf. "Within 15 minutes after we started, everyone left and there were, like, two people left." Nevertheless, Mulvaney's paid the band in full.

Soul Plow appears at Hennessey's Tavern in Vista

on October 11 and on October 17 at the Surf and



A LITTLE BIT ROCK AND ROLL (SOUL PLOW)

Saddle in Solana Beach.

— Ken Leighton

For Just One More Show The Penetrators got their break in the mid-'70s, opening for the Ramones at SDSU's Montezuma Hall. "During that period," says singer Gary Heffern, "we racked up a number of concert disasters all over San Diego."

"There was the time we played at the San Dieguito High School gym, and someone in the band got caught either smoking pot or drinking. The principal stopped the show, and the kids went crazy and had a teenage riot. One of those

kids reminded me of that show years later; his name was Eddie Vedder." The future Pearl Jam vocalist eventually appeared on Heffern's *Painful Days* album.

"We played the California Theatre, and a bouncer started beating up a kid, and [the bouncer] ended up hitting me when I tried to stop him. Kids started pulling up their seats and throwing them at the bouncers.... I turned around, and a cop was telling me I was under arrest for inciting a riot. The news that night had cops in full riot gear showing up....

"There was also the time we first headlined the Community Concourse [downtown], with Dick Dale opening, and after the show, punks were throwing garbage cans into the bank windows from the upper parking lot. Once again, cops showed up in riot

gear. They were there again when we did the first of a two-night stand at the La Paloma [Theatre in Encinitas], along with the fire department, but that time it was because the music pit collapsed."

Gary Heffern's new album *Consolation* will be released on iTunes and Amazon on October 15, with guest players including Steve Berlin (Los Lobos), Alejandro Escovedo, and Peter Case.

The Penetrators reunited



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC RIFE

HEFFERN AS PENETRATOR, 1981

in November 2005 to play a tribute show at the Casbah for Dan McLain (aka Country Dick Montana), the band's drummer who'd died on stage ten years earlier. Heffern says, "The Penetrators will play one final

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says his band Soul Plow didn't get pelted with beer bottles, but playing Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel in Santee on September 26 was like dropping into a parallel universe.

"We found out they call their own town 'Klan-tee.' Even the guy at the 7-Eleven was playing this weird techno-country behind the counter."

Some of Soul Plow's five members played in local '80s and '90s bands Incognito and Sauce. Their all-original,

hours of music, but he talked them into paying us \$300 to play four hours."

Jones says the dance floor at Mulvaney's is as "big as a football field," and the bartenders were "beautiful like the girls in *Coyote Ugly*." But the regulars....

"There were, like, 80 to 100 hard-core country bumpkins in full-on cowboy shirts and boots," says Wolf. "The average age of everyone on the dance floor was, like, 50. We tried to take our first few songs and mellow it and

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reunion show in January, for the Casbah's 25th anniversary. That'll be two gigs in a row with no police intervention. Hopefully."

— Jay Allen Sanford

When Amyl Was in the Band

The Legendary Mighty Raw Tones Experience and Revue has been playing San Diego for over 30 years. The rock/blues band's current lineup has been together "easily 20 years," says Point Loma guitarist/surfboard-shaper Scat, who explains how the four current members got together:

"[In the late '70s] we used to play down in O.B. in a garage — just high school buddies — and we'd get delirious and play on really crappy equipment, and in the morning we'd get up and go surf. Then [guitarist] T-Bone came in, and he actually knew songs and he made us play songs; before that it was all free-form and wild."

Scat says sessions included experiments with amyl nitrite; they'd inhale vapors and record what they played for the 30 seconds of intense high that the compound (meant to treat heart diseases) would elicit.



KEEPING IT RAW (TIM, SCAT, DAVE, T-BONE)

"We would play at Halloween [parties] all the time. People would get completely obliterated and pass out on the floor in costumes, and they'd last till two or three in the morning. I'd be lying on my back playing 'Gloria' because I was out of it."

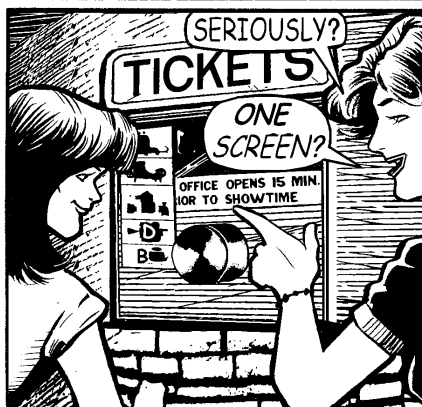
"And this other band that [bassist] Dave and [drummer] Tim were in — the Evasions, a surf band — they would be playing on the other side of Point Loma.... None of [the Evasions] were loadies like us, but they'd always call the cops on themselves so they could hang out with the chicks. And then they'd all come over to [our] parties that'd last all night. Anyway, I snagged them out of that band."

And so today's Raw Tones were born. Band members were born. Band members never tried to make a business of their act; they performed for the pleasure

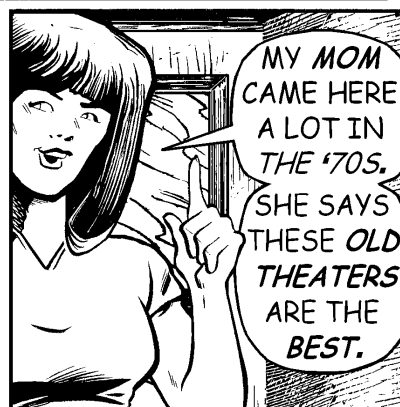
and were more dedicated to surfing. Their recordings were crude, never mixed in a studio, not intended for release.

"We never knew anybody that [recorded] or had any money to go pay someone to do it.... It turns out, when you're recording you got to do the same thing over and over — it's pretty tedious, and that's not me."

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the band "produced" a disc of songs recorded and mixed on the soundboard at Dream Street in O.B.

"Tim had a time slot that had been paid for, so we gave the [sound man] 15 bucks and he said, 'Okay, I'll record you guys.' But he didn't listen to it, I don't think. He didn't have headphones; he just watched the lights [that indicated levels]."

Not as a result of rising fame due to the recording (the session is only on a few discs and not scheduled for release), the band landed a gig in Vegas that they played a couple of weeks ago (okay, it was a house party).

"The people in Vegas had heard us play at a Halloween party for some yacht-club people at a house at the end of Rosecrans Street. They wanted to have a big party, and they didn't know any bands in Vegas.... We asked for what we thought was an outrageous amount of money [low four digits], and they said 'yes.' Should have asked for double that, because I blew a tire on the way home. I probably came out a little ahead, but not much."

— Noah Cina

Turning Powaynese "I couldn't speak English at all when I moved from Japan to America [in 2003]," says Four Minutes Til Midnight guitarist Kenta Hayashi. "I had a really hard time. I was totally alone." He says Japanese bands toil in a different music scene.

"It was so hard to find band members, especially drummers, because Japan is not big like America, so it's hard to find space for practice. Also, pop music is really big, but all the great funk, blues, and classic rock is underground, and very rare. And musicians in Japan are crazy about technique but don't care much about feeling and groove."

Four Minutes Til Midnight initially formed in L.A., where they spent around three years. "But we felt like Hollywood was so plastic. There are definitely great people there, but too many

are only about branding, trends, fame, and emptiness."

The band departed from L.A. last year.

"I didn't know anything about San Diego at all, but our old bass player was from Poway. I had a chance to come here, and now I never want to go back to L.A. or Japan. Except maybe on tour."



FOUR MINUTES TIL MIDNIGHT, NOT BIG ON PLASTIC

appears October 14 at Winstons in Ocean Beach.

— Jay Allen Sanford

San Diego Fascist Department

Twenty-nine years ago tomorrow (10/10/79), the Clash headlined a bill at downtown's Golden Hall that included the Standbys, a local band.

For this date on the "Clash Take the Fifth" tour (a few weeks before the release of *London Calling*), the venue was only about half full. A series of troublesome punk

shows downtown caused the fire marshal to insist on the house lights remaining at full intensity during the entire performance. The Clash played their set so fast and furiously — with virtually no breaks between songs — that local newspaper reporters had difficulty discerning which number was being performed. The audience overran their seats and tried to climb onstage en masse, only to be fought off by security, police, and the band.

"They swarmed the stage in a fervid display of violent solidarity for the disillusioned from all walks of life," wrote concert reviewer Clyde Hadlock in *Kicks* magazine (November 1979). As recounted in the book *A Riot of Our Own* (by Johnny Green), before the full-on audience assault, the band stopped mid-song at least twice to complain about patrons trying to get onstage and spitting at the band. According to Joe Strummer, "When they all came at us at once, I kicked one punter right in his face."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Are You Ready for an Organ Solo? Out of New Orleans' 9th Ward comes electroclash couple **Quintron & Miss Pussycat**, who blow into Casbah tonight. One-man band Mr. Quintron developed his own gear, such as the synth-organ amalgam fashioned into the front of a car and the popular Drum Buddy, a system that plays drum tones in response to flashing lights. Give a listen to *Swamp Tech's* "Swamp Buggy Badass" for a cross-section of their carnival beats, French Quarter funereal dirge, and bratty boy-girl vox. Sure it's spectacle, there're even puppets. And tasty post-punk minimalism by Brooklyn's



QUINTRON & MISS PUSSYCAT AT CASBAH

Golden Triangle and local duo **Christmas Island**, to boot.... Welsh pop star **Duffy** kicks off her stateside slide out at Humphrey's. She's young (24) but does retro soul. Think Spector, Bacharach. *Rockferry*, her A&M debut, dropped in March and has dominated the charts, multigenerationally-like; i.e., expect teenyboppers to folks with walkers out by the bay.... Otherwise: Folkie **Joan Osborne** is touring her latest, *Little Wild One*, through Belly Up, where fellow Kentuckian **Matt Morris** will open.... The **Dogs** don't bite. They'll romp at Bar Pink.... While **Roxy Jones** and **Soft Hands** play "music to clean your room to" at Beauty Bar.

Friday 10

"Recountdown Tour." The insolent one, **Henry Rollins**, rails at 4th&B. The punk-rock progenitor (Black Flag, in case you forgot) is now an author

and multimedia blowhard — *scuzi*, spoken-word artist. In celebration of the end of the Bush era, Rollins is doing a talking tour. Check out his Space takes from this year's *Provoked* for his sociopolitical, oft-funny rants and banter.... Round the bend, MySpace friends **Santogold**, **Mates of State**, **Low vs Diamond**, and **Alice Smith** fill an indie-rock bill at House of Blues.... Campus collective Ché Café stages New Yawk grindcore trio **Genghis Tron**. They got a new collection of metal and clash out on Relapse called *Board Up the House*. They're touring with **Yip Yip** and **Clipd Beaks**.... Boston's heavy-metal big band **Bang Camaro** roars into Casbah with a chorus of a dozen front men. Who rides shotgun?... Soul-roots Rasta **Ellijah Emmanuel** drops his new disc, *Tres Sangres*, at Belly Up. Brassy, bouncy. **Al Howard and the K23 Orchestra**, **LYNX**, and **Jamie Janover** set the Solana Beach stage.... NYC alt-rockers

Rival Schools go at it at Brick by Brick.... Long Beach no-wavers **Repeater** and like-minded locals **Drowning Men** wash up at Bar Pink.... SanFran band **Empty Rooms** helps cut the tape this week at the revamped Ruby Room (was the SDSC). While we're here, pencil in Ruby Room's grand-opening sets on the 17th with **Grand Ole Party** and **Rafter**.

Saturday 11

Anaheim's **Big Sandy** kills at Casbah. Check out Sandy and his rootsy rockabilies the **Fly-Rite Boys** on Yep Roc Records — "playing it like they invented it." **Rip Carson** and the **Rumblers** open.... Rapper **Andre Nickatina** rocks the mic at



HENRY ROLLINS AT 4TH&B

Canes on his Coke White Tour. The Bay Area bad boy's got a duo disc out with Mac Dre called *A Tale of Two Andres*. **The Grouch and Eligh** split the beachside bill.... Canadian comedian (by way of Bombay) **Russell Peters** offers up cross-cultural observational oddities out at Humphrey's.... Back in the urbs, ya got jazzy trip-hop by locals

Science Fiction at the Ruby Room...**Bridge and Tunnel** (NYC) and **Ready the Jet** (L.A.) playing power-pop at Radio Room...and indie kids **Stripes and Lines** and **JFK** at Beauty Bar.

Sunday 12

House of Blues has a radio-ready triple bill Sunday night, with Southern-fried rocker



KINGS OF LEON AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Kings of Leon, Brooklyn-based indie-rock duo **We Are Scientists**, and Canadian quintet the **Stills**. A smorgasbord of sound. They've all got new commercially viable, if critically questionable product in the bins. Check their Space takes as well as your constitution before ordering.... NYC acoustichick **Jolie Holland**, formerly of the Be Good Tanyas, unleashes her spanking-new solo work, *The Living and the Dead*, at Belly Up. Bend an ear — it's sweet and sour folk-pop with weird, warbled vox. Diggable. As are openers, world-folk big band **Herman Dune**.... Noise-pop peeps the **Lanterns** light it up at Casbah. This summer, the local quartet dropped Les Savy Favulous debut *Apocalypse Youth*. It's a good'n. With **A Scribe Amidst the Lions** and those cunning linguists **Spell Toronto**.... Blue-funk band **thetightenups** will "Put a Spell on You" at Bar Pink.... While loud-ass local trio **Laserwolf & Thunderbolt** strikes at Radio Room.

Monday 13

"Radical environmentalists" **Wolves in the Throne Room** howl out at Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up. The Olympia, WA, trio is out to tout

Southern Lord set *Two Hunters*, an operatic sprawl of black-metal tones and thrash. In context of genre, *Pitchfork* hailed it as "one of the year's most singular, unflinching records." Yeah, it is. **Nachtmystium** also on the bill.... Pop-rock perennial **Gavin DeGraw** will drop in on House of Blues.... As Austin old-school punks **Capital Scam** dial in at Radio Room. Mohawks. Beer songs.

Tuesday 14

Tuesday's got hard-rawk sets by **White Lion**, **Pretty Boy Floyd**, and **6th Day** down at House of Blues...Brit pop-n-bop by **Rumble Strips** at Casbah...Tiki Tuesday sets by **Cheap Leis** at Bar Pink...and **Dizzy Gillespie's Band** resurrecting the man at Anthology. Or you could do some laundry...go for a run.

Wednesday 15

Suck up some Eddie Spaghetti Wednesday night, as the self-proclaimed "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world," Seattle's **Supersuckers**, hit the Casbah stage. You'll get a heapin' helpin' of their new one, *Get It Together*, due to drop in November. Wasn't that a Jackson 5 record?... Hip-hop heroes **Roots** join **Gym Class Heroes** at SDSU's Open Air. The Grammy-winning Roots are 15 years strong and have a fresh ?uestlove-produced Def Jam disc



SUPERSUCKERS AT CASBAH

on the charts, *Rising Down*. *Rolling Stone* says they're one of the "20 greatest live acts in the world".... So, there ya go: the greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world versus one of the greatest live acts in the world Wednesday night. Your dollars decide.... Udderwise: Philly electronica-rockers **Lotus** bring *Hammerstrike* down on Belly Up...and Portland punk perennials **Millions of Dead Cops** roust Radio Room. Kid Cobain was a BIG MDC fan.

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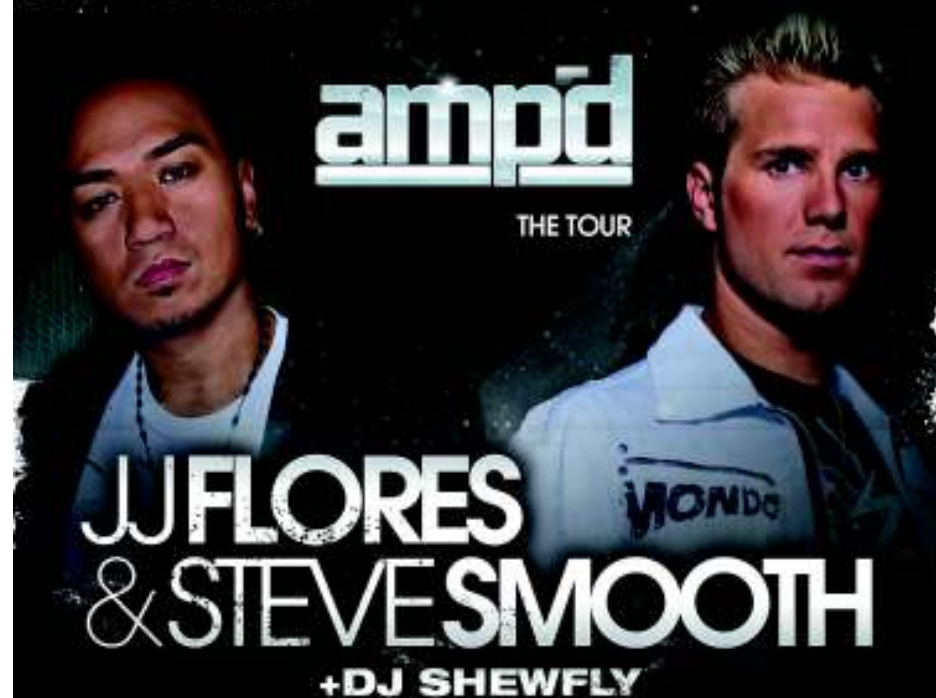
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The origin of Hotel St. George dates back to a night at the Casbah in November of 2007. “Erik [bass] and I met and had ourselves a bit of a pity party about the demise of our former bands — Vinyl Radio and a Week’s Worth, respectively,” says lead singer and occasional guitarist Matt Binder. “Erik knew Simon [drummer], and I was immediately intrigued because his last serious band had been a project in London with Ray Davies’s daughter. Brian [guitar] simply descended from the heavens as a gift from God to us.”

The band is a straight-ahead guitar-rock band that mixes alternative energy with some old-school FM radio songwriting prowess. They self-released an EP this past spring, *Yippee!!!*, and recently finished a full-length album.

“We’ve been advised to space out our releases further than three months, but we’re not going to do that,” says Matt. “Our goal is to make up what we lack in quality with sheer quantity. Actually, that’s not true either. It’s just that we write a lot of songs and I think that we’re progressing pretty quickly as a band, and we want to document our work.”

Even though Hotel St. George is a relatively new band on the scene, the group has managed to land one plum gig so far — the Karl Strauss Beer Festival.

“They provided us with a couple of ladies whose job was simply to make sure that we were well-fed and drunk,” Binder explained. “We kept them running around all day long fetching us beer and pizza. It was fantastic!”

WHAT’S WITH THE BAND NAME?

“The origins of our name shall remain a mystery,” says Matt. “However, I’ll give you a hint. It involves a St. Bernard puppy, a Schwinn bicycle, and a lot of heartache. If we weren’t called Hotel St. George, we were going to be called Dream Manfully. Our shtick would have been performing as repressed homosexuals playing death metal.”

DESERT-ISLAND DISCS?

Brian: *Rubber Soul*, the Beatles. “George, John, and Paul were at the peak of their pop careers —

maybe not their rock careers — but they were writing their best pop songs at the time. My favorite track there is ‘Nowhere Man.’ ” Simon: *Nevermind*, Nirvana. “This is the CD that got me to take up the drums.”

Matt: *Blood on the Tracks*, Bob Dylan. “My girlfriend dumped me a while back, and I listened to *Blood on the Tracks* every day. Then we got back together, and I didn’t need it anymore, but I’d like to pay my respects to it by saying *Blood on the Tracks*.”

Erik: *Turn on the Bright Lights*, Interpol. “There is so much variety in the songs, and all the members contribute to this record. Some tracks are intense while others are a nice calm.”

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

Brian: *Twilight Zone*. “It’s timeless, classy, and clever, and I’ve learned a lot about my own morality from the lessons taught on the show. Or not.”

Simon: *Quadrophenia*. “It’s the best British film ever made. It’s ace.”

Matt: *Straw Dogs*. “I saw it a long time ago with some friends. At the end of the movie when it was time to discuss it I figured everyone must have loved it just like me. Turned out everyone else hated it.”

Erik: *Sealab 2021*, Season 1. “That show cracks me up.”

BEST GIG?

Erik: “Our CD-release show at the Whistle Stop. It was a packed house.”

WORST GIG?

Brian: “We played a ‘secret show’ at the Triple Crown Pub dressed as cowboys and Indians. The opening band was some middle-aged, Christian folk-music act. After their set we set up our gear and then disappeared to the bathroom. We came out in full costume. We played entirely too loud for the bar, managed to offend the hippies with our Native American garb, and couldn’t see the people there to watch the show because there were pool tables set up in front of where we were playing.”



Hotel St. George

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION?

Simon: “My green card or a cup of tea. My green card is important, because without it I wouldn’t be able to be here or play in the band. But a cup of tea is probably the thing I prize the most. However, a cup of tea isn’t really a possession, is it? You can make tea just about anywhere, though, which I like. I drink it with dinner.”

VINYL, CD, OR MP3?

Brian: “Vinyl for pleasure; MP3 for convenience.”

FAVORITE HOTEL IN SAN DIEGO?

Matt: “When I first moved to San Diego I took a job working the front desk at the Best Western in Pacific Beach. On the Fourth of July the beaches are completely mad. There is a public restroom in front of the hotel, and there was a line literally a few hundred people deep to use it. Eventually, all the would-be bathroom users attacked the lobby of the hotel to use the facilities. My boss put me in charge of keeping them out and then split so that he could go party with friends. At first I tried to fend off the masses but eventually decided that it was an impossible task. So I took the low road and started charging the people to use the lobby restroom. Five dollars, no exceptions. I made \$600 that day. I was fired the next day. Oh well, at least I had my own built-in severance package.”

BEST SAINT?

Brian: “Saint Onuphrius. Onuphrius lived alone in the desert and wore only his hair and a loin-cloth of leaves — this led to his becoming patron saint of weavers. I like to think that he looked like Captain Caveman. San Onofre surf spot was named after him. I may have made that up.”

GREATEST GEORGE?

Erik: “George Foreman grill. That thing saved my life in college.”

BEER OR VODKA?

Erik: “Beer because it has more variety and a wider range of flavors. Although great vodka is amazing, nothing beats a nice cold beer in hand when relaxing.” Matt: “What’s great vodka? Doesn’t it all taste the same?”

HBO OR CINEMAX?

Erik: “HBO without a doubt has some of the best TV series. Currently, I’m addicted to *The Wire*, and *Entourage* is one of my favorite shows.”

STRANGEST COMPLIMENT?

Simon: “What do you call him... Bob Saget? Someone said I look like Bob Saget. Is that a compliment? He’s a comedian, right?” ■

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Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Joan Osborne and Matt Morris. Alternative/country/soul. \$25-\$27. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations. With LYNX & Jamie Janover. Roots reggae/rock. \$12-\$14. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — One Drop, Stranger, Mike Pinto. Reggae/rock/acoustic. \$13-\$15. *Sunday*, 9 p.m. — Jolie Holland. With Herman Dune. Jazz/folk/pop. \$15. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — Anya Marina, Meiko, Priscilla Ahn. With Brooke Fraser, Jaymay, Erin McCarley, and Holly Conlan. Indie/acoustic/folk. \$15-\$17. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Lotus. With BLVD. Electro/rock. \$10-\$12.

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Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — NaCalifa. Brazilian jam band. \$5-\$10. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Andre Nickatina. With the Grouch & Eligh. Hip-hop/rap. \$20-\$25.

Carmel Valley Library: 3919 Townsgate Drive, Carmel Valley, 858-552-1668. *Wednesday*, 7 p.m. — Virginia Garland. Accompanied by pianist John Danke.

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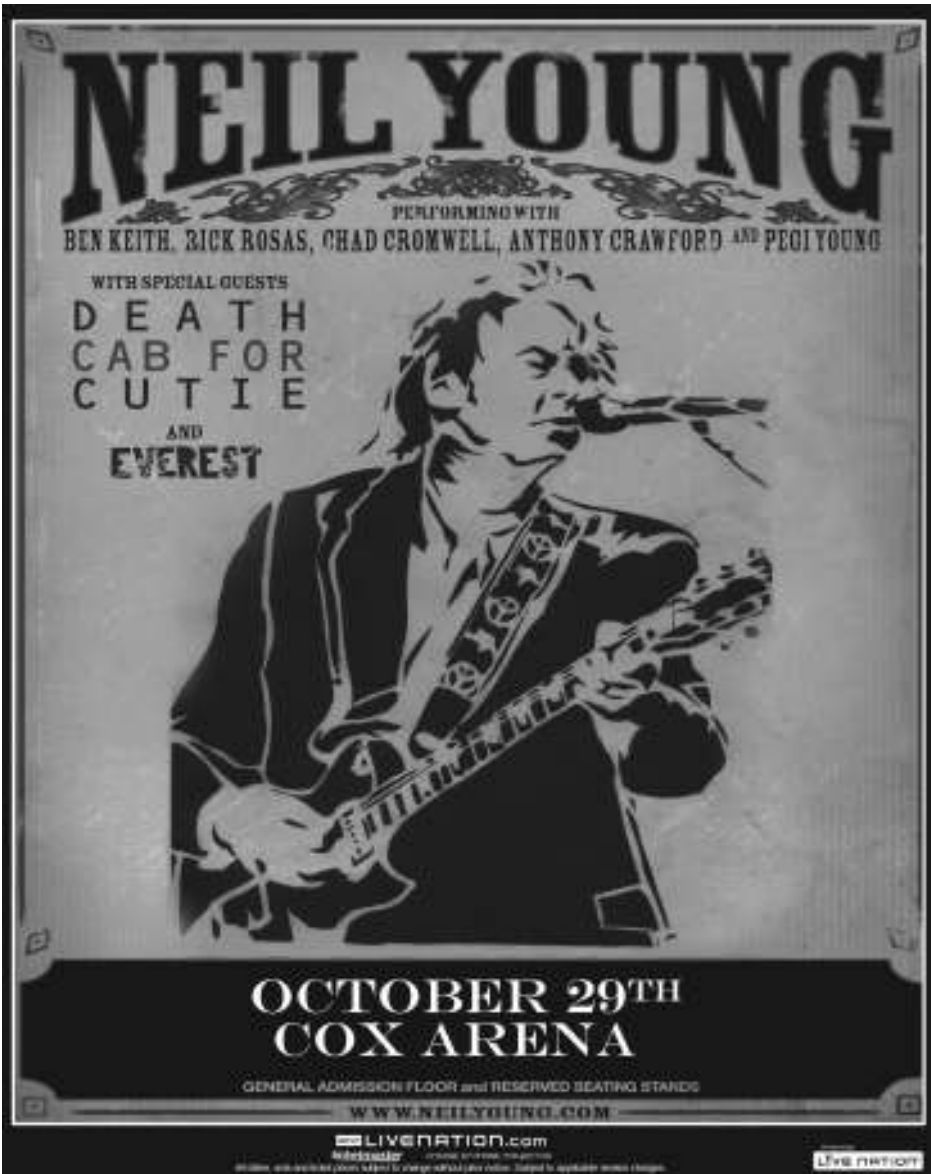
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Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday — Missy Andersen. Blues/soul/funk.
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The Round Table Cocktail Lounge: 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000.
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue. Blues.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

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Sunday, 6 p.m. — Every Time I Die and Revolution Mother. With Trash Talk and Alpha & Omega. Rock/metal/punk. \$15.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. — Norma Jean and Haste the Day. With the Showdown and Mychildren Mybride. Rock/metal/hardcore.

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Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.
Fridays, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

"Music speaks to us so powerfully," writes Diane Ackerman in her book *A Natural History of the Senses*, "that many musicians and theorists think it may be an actual language, one that developed about the same time as speech." She writes on about a psychologist from Harvard who thinks of music as a sort of intelligence, that musical ability resides within the frontal lobes of one's brain. I'm listening to the pop artist **Santogold** as I read this. I'm not certain that I would call music a language so much as a means with which to create an immediate sense of environment. But if Ackerman's thesis holds water then what is the language of Santogold?

Santogold is the stage name of Santi White, who currently resides in Brooklyn and is part of the current pop-music renaissance that is based there. She might as well have called herself Solidgold; after stints as a songwriter, producer, and a singer in a punk band, her greatest success came when she turned her skills on herself. Santogold's solo career took off like a bullet: the ever-tough reviewers at *Pitchfork* liked her, and *Rolling Stone* named her an artist to watch. In less than a year, she went from concert opener to concert headliner.

The language of Santogold, then? Not R&B, not hip-hop. A mash-up. She is a black woman with a punk mindset, and her indie music-language is multicultural and deejay-beat driven and of the sort that forceful people make. But one of Ackerman's thoughts persists: "If music evolved along



SANTOGOLD

with spoken language, why did it evolve? What was its survival value?" Good questions — my less-than-elegant reply is that music, language or not, gets me through a day. And that's enough for me.

SANTOGOLD, House of Blues, Friday, October 10, 6 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$20.

Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. — Open Blues Jam. With Will Jackson.
Sundays, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

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Sunday, 8 p.m. — Julieta Venegas. Rock en Español/pop. \$32-\$92.

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

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

Tuesday — Trent Hancock. Acoustic/pop/indie.

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Friday — Ramzy Funk. Covers/standards.
Saturday — Da'Mac. Covers/standards.
Saturday — The Burnsville Band. Blues/rock.

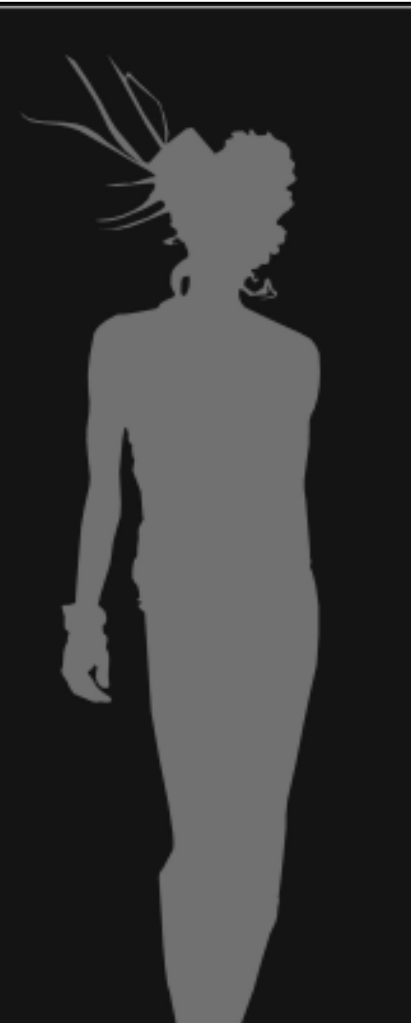
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Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Randy Travis. Country.


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October 19 — Mark Murphy.
October 21 — The Quarrymen.
October 22 — Nicole Henry.
October 24 — Steve Poltz.
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October 16 — The Black Kids.
October 17 — Uh Huh Her.
October 18 — The Skatalites.
October 19 — Orquesta Primo.
October 21 — Pinback and Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.
October 22 — Taj Mahal.
October 23 — The Presidents of the United States of America.
October 24 — Stereolab and Monade.
October 25 — Atomic Punks.
October 26 — The Young Dubliners.
October 27 — Tom Morello: the Nightwatchman.
October 28 — The Mountain Goats and Kaki King.
October 29 — Everlast and the Lordz.
October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.
October 31 — Halloween Heat.
November 1 — The Secret Machines.
November 6 — Keller Williams with Moseley, Droll & Sipe.
November 7 — Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers.
November 8 — Stepping Feet.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Jolie Holland didn't come from out of nowhere, she just sounded that way. The Texas-raised singer-songwriter had already been a founding member of the Vancouver, B.C., old-timey band the Be Good Tanyas before she moved to San Francisco and started making some lovely, low-budget recordings that would eventually be released in 2003 as the album *Catalpa*. The songs were recorded largely in her apartment, probably around the kitchen table, with just her simple guitar accompaniment and maybe a friend playing banjo here and there as Holland's voice swoops up to and down from and in between notes, playing with syllables

like Play-Doh.

Catalpa came across as a folk artifact — something wonderful that accidentally got recorded and released. Of course, it wasn't accidental; Holland knew just what she was doing. And her ambitions, both artistic and commercial, have grown steadily since then. Holland's new single, "Mexico City," sounds like a play for a bigger audience: It's almost like one of those Americana songs they fawn over on NPR.

Don't get me wrong: It may not be a bad idea to tighten up Holland's arrangements and rein in some of her more self-indulgent tendencies, but she's never going to be a conventional artist — and I don't think anyone should try to make her one. That fact may be best illustrated by Holland's cover of "Pure Imagination," the syrupy theme from the old *Willy Wonka* movie, which she



JOLIE HOLLAND

recorded for a children's album. Her version sounds less like chocolate than bourbon and cough syrup. In fact, it's more appropriate to the weirdness of the movie than Gene Wilder's original version was. It's perfect.

JOLIE HOLLAND, *Belly Up*, Sunday, October 12, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$15.

November 10 — Little Feat.
November 12 — Missy Higgins.
November 13 — Galactic.
November 14 — Groundation.
November 15 — Stripes & Lines.
November 16 — Devon Allman's Honeytribe.
November 17 — Elisa.
November 20 — The Bacon Brothers.

November 26 — Buck-O-Nine.
December 16 — Mike Ness.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
October 30 — Black Seven and the Lost.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.

October 18 — Linda Purl & Lee Lessack.
October 22 — Amy Grant.
October 28 — Vince Gill.
November 15 — The Preservation Hall Jazz Band.
December 31 — The City Limits Band.

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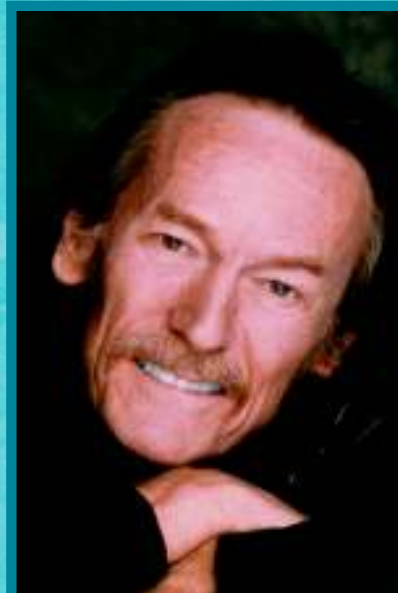
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December 11 — Los Lobos.
December 30 — The Wailers.
January 25 — Ramón Ayala.
February 7 — Badfish.
February 21 — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.
April 10 — Don Felder.

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October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.

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October 22 — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
October 20 — Doug Allen.
October 22 — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.
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November 3 — Doug Allen.
December 6 — The Farmers.

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October 29 — Anna Troy, Nathan James, Olivia Pierson.

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October 16 — Firefly.
October 17 — The Heroes.
October 17 — The Fabulous Pelicans.
October 18 — Federal Funk.
October 23 — Firefly.

October 24 — Innovation.
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October 25 — Old School.
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October 20 — Laurie Anderson.

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October 17 — The Shake Ups and the Wellingtons.

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October 16 — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra.

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October 31 — Jason Mraz.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
October 18 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
October 22 — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.
October 23 — Bill Magee Blues Band.

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November 4 — Madonna.

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October 18 — Kris Kristofferson.
October 24 — Natalie MacMaster.

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April 15 — Seun Kuti & Egypt 80.

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October 17 — Imaad Wasif.
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November 30 — Smashing Pumpkins.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown, 858-570-1100.
November 10 — Alanis Morissette.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.
November 8 — Carrie Underwood.
November 22 — The Trans-Siberian Orchestra.
November 15 — The Jonas Brothers.
November 25 — Céline Dion.
December 1 — Celtic Thunder.
December 21 — The Cheetah Girls.

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November 14 — Minus the Bear and Annuals.
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November 20 — Portugal. The Man and Earl Greyhound.
November 22 — The Faceless, Born of Osiris, Abigail Williams.
November 26 — Shwayze and Tyga.
November 28 — The Birthday Massacre and Tub Ring.
November 29 — Pierce the Veil and Breathe Carolina.
December 6 — Rancid.

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November 8 — Citizen Cope.

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January 16 — George Winston.

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October 17 — The Old School Band.
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October 18 — Candye Kane.
October 25 — The Farmers.
November 1 — Dave the Butcher and U.S. Drag.

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October 18 — Inigo Figuracion and Ron Greitzer.

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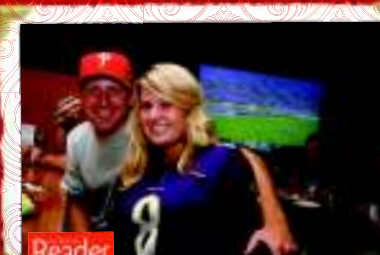
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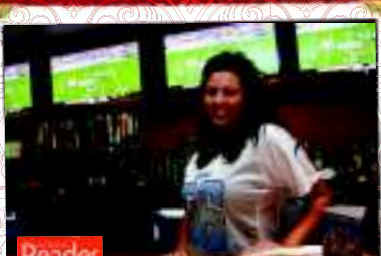
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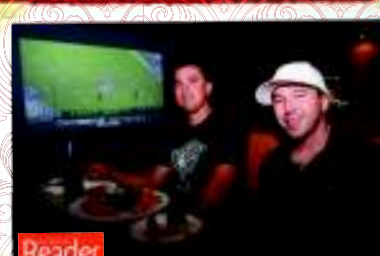
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JITTERBUGGERS

by Josh Board

I went to a fund-raiser for the music departments of Point Loma High and a community middle school. The small donation included a spaghetti dinner that came with an impressive spread of food.

But it was the entertainment that made the night so much fun. The students played big-band-era tunes for the people on the dance floor.

"In movies from this era, people were always spiking the punch at school dances," I joked with a woman named Diana. "I have Visine and Tums," she enthused and then made her way to the dance floor.

One couple came over and asked me and my girlfriend why we weren't dancing. We told them that we weren't dancers. They pressed the issue, so we figured that if we went and got food that would keep them from bugging us to jitterbug.

I saw one lady slip and wondered what kind of liability there was at a fundraiser. I asked a lawyer nearby who just laughed.



The lawyer and his date Leslie went out onto the dance floor and put on quite a show. They told me later that they met at a swing-dance class.

There were students walking around picking up empty plates and cups. Someone said, "Do you think these kids are on

being at Pat & Oscar's."

As we finished our spaghetti, we noticed that there was a break in the dancing. A

"People really give you a lot of crap if you don't dance."

such good behavior because there are teachers roaming around?"

When a ten-year-old girl delivered breadsticks to us, I remarked, "This is just like

woman went out and gave a brief dance demonstration.

The couple that had been bugging us to dance earlier said, "Now you don't have an excuse." I said, "Uh, well, my

excuse now is that I haven't gotten dessert."

One of the high school students was pushing around a cart with a variety of desserts. It was empty by the time it got to our table. Ten minutes later, it was restocked and coming around again, but the same thing happened. This time, though, people who were sitting at tables in the back walked up to the cart at the first table. Everyone at my table joked about surrounding the door near

the side of the stage so that when the cart rolled out, we could grab what we wanted. "If we're going to do that," I suggested, "it might be better to dance, or at least pretend to dance. Then, as the cart rolls out, you could just casually dance over, grab a pastry, and head back to the table."

Others started throwing out ideas, and it seemed as if we were in a war room with Patton or in a huddle with Knute Rockne.

After another ten minutes went by, someone at our table raised his hand and called the kid over. He brought the dessert cart directly to our table.

The dancing couple came over and said, "If you want to burn off the calories in that cake, no better way than to jitterbug." One of the young kids nearby asked, "Isn't that a kind of cell phone?"

I heard a guy nearby humming the Louis Prima classic "Sing Sing Sing." The band played it, and the young drummers sounded great.

When a different couple

Top: Susie and Jerry salsa dancing;
Bottom left: The cake with trick candles

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asked us why we weren't dancing, I thought about lying and claiming that I had a basketball injury. I said to my girlfriend as they walked away, "People really give you a lot of crap if you don't dance." Someone overheard this and said, "Are you going to finally dance?" I said, "Well, no. The only dances I can do are the cabbage patch and the Charleston." He laughed, and it ended in a debate with my girlfriend. I had asked her how many people under the age of 25 would know that the Charleston is a dance. She said most would. I disagreed, so we asked some kids. Most of them knew, although I contend that asking that question at a dance increases the odds of correct guesses.

We headed out before anyone else asked us why we weren't dancing.

The next party I hit was a La Jolla affair hosted by a salsa dancer named Susie. More dancing. It was a surprise party for her dance partner, Jerry.

I saw a group of tall guys and asked them if they all played basketball. They told me that they played lacrosse in college, a few for the University of

Virginia. I asked them if that's a sport where height helps. "Actually, one of the best players of all time — he was like the Tony Hawk of the sport — was only five foot nine."

I asked them about professional lacrosse. One of them said, "You'd only make \$15,000 to \$20,000 playing. A lot of guys just end up coaching at the high school level."

I met a 23-year-old woman who told me that she was a classically trained pianist and violin player. She told me a story about a 40-year-old music teacher who she had in high school. "He had a thing for Asian girls. He was married to one, but he wrote me notes and songs about me. I told him personal things about my life. He ended up coming to my house to give me

a gift for graduation. I cried. My mom was real upset, asking what was going on. I was 17 years old."

I said, "A teacher shouldn't be involved that way with a student, even if you were over 18, which you weren't." We debated the issue, but she agreed with me.

A friend of hers was standing with us, and I asked her if she dated teachers. "No. But I'm in the military, and I'm dating a guy two ranks ahead of me on the same ship. They found out after a year and shipped me out. We're engaged now and both stationed here at Coronado. It was hard for a while. We couldn't email on the boat because they were checked. On the phone, we had to act like we were discussing

work-related things." I met a guy who told me a story about an NFL player he knew. "He made ten million bucks, and he was the most frugal person ever." He wouldn't tell me the player's name but said that he played for the Broncos.

Some people on the back patio were smoking. Others were doing "keg stands," standing on their hands while drinking from the keg hose.

I saw a guy peeing over the balcony. The patio people were rowdier than the rest of the party.

Back inside, I saw that a cake was being brought over to Jerry. It had trick candles, so after his first attempt, everyone sang "Happy Birthday" again.

I met another Asian woman as we were both grabbing sodas. She said, "A lot of people don't realize that 80 percent of Asians are allergic to alcohol. With me, my teeth hurt and my skin breaks out."

Someone overheard

this and told me about their allergic reaction to chocolate. I asked, "How was Halloween when you were a kid?" She said, "It wasn't that bad as a kid. I might get bad migraines or just break out a bit."

As pieces of cake were passed out, I talked to the sister of the girl whose teacher tried picking her up. She informed me, "He sends her birthday cards each year...and letters. My mom is a teacher. I don't know why she forwards these to her. Or why she doesn't report the guy."

As I was agreeing with

her, we heard a drunken guy tell a woman that he did to the cake what the kid did to the pie in *American Pie*.

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"Let's do it," said Naomi.

Wow. I never thought she'd agree. I wanted her to show me what's going on with these new, like, artisanal dessert places popping up around town. Turns out she's curious too. So, hey, time to exercise the much-maligned sweet tooth.

The safari starts off on a Wednesday afternoon when we walk up to this door at 2121 El Cajon Boulevard. "Eclipse Chocolat: Chocolate-making as Alchemy," says the sign. Huh. Surprised to see a place like this in a place like this. Nothing wrong with the Boulevard. Just that here it's more, well, Napa Auto Parts (there's one opposite).

But inside, it could be Hillcrest. First thing you notice is a sea-green wall on the right with a huge pink swirl curling all along it. Second is the polished concrete floor and shiny tabletops made of Japanese split-bamboo.

And then, on the left, there's this big wall-sign that says: "A new moon crowns the night sky/ This is the moment of eclipse/ A convergence of art and science/ It is chocolate-making as alchemy."

Uh, okay. No worries. Naomi looks as though she understands. "Remember, we're here for the seasonal platter," she says. "That'll give us the best spread of what they've got."

We sit down with a couple of sheet menus that look more like architectural drawings. Except they're of cupcakes, platters, drinks. Actually, drinks — espresso, teas, lemonades, drinking chocolate — take up all but one menu column. But finally come the cupcakes, and — aha! — the real food, dessert platters, including the "seasonal platter" (\$12), a "collection of four perfect little chocolate desserts that reflect seasonal ingredients."

But when this guy Zach comes up, he says that's off today. Naomi's, like, majorly disappointed. "That's the one I heard about," she says. "Interesting truffles, cupcakes, chocolates."

So that leaves a vegan-friendly "chocolate olive-oil fondue and fruit platter" (\$10) and an "artisan caramel and cheese platter" that's basically four small slices of different cheeses with candied mango and sugared torta and a dipping glass of chile-burnt caramel sauce. They also have a salted s'mores platter (\$10), but that's mainly house-made marshmallows sitting on chocolate cookies with a chocolate/blood-orange/olive oil fondue and a couple of bowls of "exotic sea salts."

Hmm. Interesting. I mean, who thinks these things up? Seems like they're into a lot of unexpected pairings of sweet and savory or sour. Reminds me of the Filipino idea of mixing sweet desserts and hot fish dishes all on the same table at the same time.



Thomas Gérard

We order one each, me the fruit platter, Naomi the cheese platter. Plus, she gets an espresso, and I get a "Rio Earl Grey" tea. What surprises me when they come is, well, it's kind of minimalist. Looks beautiful, but it's a bit like a *Honey I Shrank the Kids* play-lunch.

Naomi must've noticed my gaping jaw.

"We're here to enjoy unusual pairings, flavors," she says. "Not fill up at a gas station."

Ho-kay. Get the picture. But my plate is a small pile of, well, not mangoes today, but pretty moist dried apricots, and then some little crisp bread pieces, some interesting plums, a little pile of almonds, and the chocolate/OJ/olive-oil dip in a glass. I mean, I have to take a time-out. Chocolate, blood orange, and olive oil. Who'da thunk it?

Basically, to an untutored gut like mine, it tastes like a chocolate sauce. I like it, dipping the sugared crisp bread in, combining it with the kinda tart plum and the sweeter apricots. Plus the cheeses on Naomi's plate taste great, dipped in their caramel sauce.

"These are marcona almonds," she says, reverently. "Very trendy. Taste how meaty and rich they are? These are lightly fried. From Spain, just

as the sugared torta are. Flatbreads. All the way from Spain." Now she's pecking at the three cheeses. "Aha. Gjetost," she says. "Goat cheese. From Norway." Huh. *Gjet* is goat in Norwegian. *Ost* is cheese. Who knew, apart from Ms. N?

Whatever, it's caramel-colored and has a dense, sweetish taste, a little bit sharp, a little bit caramely. Ties up well with the caramel dipping sauce. "See?" says Naomi, pointing to the three cheeses. "A goat, a cow, and a sheep." The other two, according to Will Gust-willer, who started this place, are a mango-ginger Stilton from cows' milk and a sheep-milk cheese called *etorki* that has been made exactly the same way up in the French Pyrenees for — get this — the past 4000 years.

'Course this all is way above my pay scale, but what gets me is how interesting it is to connect with history and faraway places through these modest little nibbles. Naomi says something about my plum being a little sour and the chocolate sauce not being sweet enough to sweeten it. And she calls the cheese plate's caramel dipping sauce "pleasant" but "a little naïve and simple — one size fits all."

"Huh," I say. Typical prole response, I guess. "Seemed great to me."

"Bedford," she says. "There's a whole food sub-industry out there (small producers, of course) producing fruit pastes aimed at complementing specific cheeses. Fig, quince, what have you, even honeycomb."

It's important, she means, to get it right. At least for cognoscenti like herself. We buy a couple of cupcakes for good measure. Even though — surprise! — I'm starting to feel a little full. We split these not-so-little monsters. "Oh, yes!" Naomi says. I can tell: she's happy again. Her instant analysis: "Devil's food cake texture with moist dark-chocolate center...idealized all-chocolate version of a Hostess Ho-Ho...but seriously fine bittersweet chocolate pastry. No perceptible lavender flavor, just some subtle hint of 'otherness.'"

And the goat cheese-fig cupcake has her speaking in tongues: "Mm. Ho-Ho for sophisticates. Goat cheese instead of vanilla cream at the center...faint spiciness...very sexy...can't taste fig per se...maybe that's the secret source of its sexiness..."

I've got to hand it to these guys — Will and his manager Zach Negin — for originality. I go back past the counter to where they're making everything, molding it, even packaging it, by hand. Zach says they're fanatically green and give ten percent of their net profits to local nonprofits. Cool. Very cool.

Plus, it turns out they do entire chocolate- or cocoa-based meals every month here on a different theme. This month (on the 25th), it's a five-course Moroccan-spice dinner. Things like "fried chickpea fritters with dark chocolate harissa sauce." I tell you, from PI (the Philippines) to CA, sweet and sour: It's happening.

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A few days later, Ms. Naomi continues my education. This time we're up at the corner of Fifth and University. That prime Hillcrest spot that used to be wasted on a realty office. Now it's white, glassy, classy, and somehow, it makes you feel important just to walk through the glass doors. And even more important when the server hands out real linen napkins in silver and lime enamel napkin rings. The place is white and green, with ceramics and sculptures recessed in niches, and a long white bench-seat running the length of the Fifth Avenue side, a wall fountain, another big three-tier green-leaf fountain, ebony-framed white chairs, black marble and slate floors...I swear. It could be Paris. We sit down at this table that looks like polished tapioca pearls. It's the kind of place that makes you clean your fingernails under the table.

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the *New York Times*. 'Course they'd kick you out if you read anything less.

We're both, like, hungry, and starting to enjoy this finishing-school thing she's doing with me. And salivating over all the good things to come. But first, we order something savory, seeing as it's on the menu. In fact, they have breakfast and lunch items like quiches and sandwiches for \$5-\$10, and then the full panoply of desserts, all around \$5. And a bunch of unusual takes on usual drinks. Like Dutch Coke, and Orangina. Naomi gets an espresso. I get straight coffee and a chocolate-filled mini-croissant. Oh my. That little cruncher is so delectable, and fresh, and goes perfectly with the coffee.

Then we go for a quiche of caramelized onions and Gruyère cheese. Naomi takes a bite, falls silent, looks up. "Amazing. The custard is amazing. So silky, light. Do they force it through a chinoise?"

"Chinoise?"
"Fine sieve."
"Ah."

Now she presses with her fork to get through the dough crust to cut me off a piece. "Crust's rather thick and heavy," she says. I take the taste. Mmm. What I like best about it is the French-onion-soup flavor.

I get a prosciutto sandwich. Of course, it's not just a slab of ham. It comes with "fresh buf-

falo mozzarella, tomatoes, basil, spinach, and a honey and white truffle vinaigrette." There's that sweetish tang again. It works. Then again, for \$9 it should.

We go to the counter to look for sweet things to go. And wind up going hog wild. I get a big orange slab called "Apricot Summer," more chocolate croissants, and a bunch of specialty chocolates. Naomi insists on paying. Me, I'm like a kid in a, well, candy store. Mostly what I can't believe is the fine art in the smallest chocolates. One, spray-painted with an airbrush, I swear, like a — what? thrush's egg? — is spotted from blue to brown, and it looks just too damned good to chew. I chew anyway. It tastes of fudge inside.

One thing we have to try: a Mille Feuille.

"What exactly is it?" I say.
"My God! Were you brought up by wolves?" Naomi says. But she's willing to share some of her flaky ("Mille Feuille: a thousand leaf") croissant-type pastry. It sandwiches layers of vanilla-rum custard with a striped vanilla and dark chocolate on top. "This is a variation of the 'Napoleon' dessert," she says, "a triumph of classic French pastry techniques. But you should have espresso or something strong like dark-roast French coffee with it, to give it some bitter with the sweet. And, my dear, this espresso here is excellent."

I see she's impressed by Mille Feuille, the food, the elegance, the atmosphere. But she has to take off for another gastronomic engagement. After she hurries away, I come across the guy who runs the kitchen. Thomas Gérard, *wunderkind* from Lyon, gastronomic capital of France. Turns out he has Paris, New York, San Francisco, and L.A. on his pastry-chef résumé. He was lured down to La Valencia in La Jolla.

"La Valencia is where I invented Apricot Summer," he says. "The wildfires were burning. The cooks were making carrot cake. I looked at the orange color, I looked at the fires, I got an idea."

Result is this coconut, pineapple, and carrot sponge cake "layered with orange-apricot cream-cheese filling topped with a marble glaze," as the menu describes it. And it sure does blaze out at you from the cabinet. Later, when I try it with Carla at home, we love the great combo of carrotty, orange-peel nuttiness and the texture, moist enough to put any fire out.

I ask Gérard about the more ordinary things on his menu, like my prosciutto sandwich. "I wanted to create something parallel to the burger concept," he says, "but healthy. Of course, we use our own bread, which is light, and burata, which is the softest mozzarella."

"Omygod!" says Naomi,

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when I call that evening. “Burata! It’s like a mozzarella truffle. The softest! A skin surrounding a mozzarella cream...”

Dang. Wish I’d thought more about it while I was scarfing it down.

So then we kinda analyze Mille Feuille. “For starters,” Naomi says, “their mini-croissant is the best idea since sliced bread. If you’re on a low-carb diet, it’s a breakfast indulgence rather than a binge. I brought one home with apple filling.

Sort of French meets American pastry, croissant meets apple pie. Second to brioche, these [mini-croissants] are what I’d like to eat for breakfast most.”

She raves about Mille Feuille’s piña colada pastry, another of her “to go” collection. “It’s coconut panna cotta (eggless custard) swirled atop a very light, almost airborne sponge cake. On top, it had lightly caramelized cooked pineapple. The panna cotta was a bit sweet for my taste, but otherwise this is my idea of a perfect dessert. Light? It was like sweetened, flavored air.”

Wow. And the chocolate orange tart? “Less orange fla-

vor than I’d hoped for — I wanted more bitter (from the rind) against the sugar in the chocolate. But fudgy, rich.”

And how about those marshmallows I saw her making off with (as she must have from Eclipse, too, while I was trying to figure out what went with what)? “Both are sublime. I think I like Mille Feuille’s a bit better, but it may be prejudice because I like Mille better. And also because my marshmallows from there are a favorite flavor (coconut), whereas Eclipse’s are lemon, which is another favorite, but less emphatic.”

So, her standouts from the two places? “My favorite was the pistachio truffle from Mille Feuille — ground pistachios with a coating of white chocolate ganache. A little taste of heaven. Just one bite and it melts in your mouth and vanishes. Subtle and supernal. Mille Feuille strikes me as the first serious challenge to Karen Krasne’s Extraordinary Desserts south of the 8 freeway.”

Wow. Supernal. I look it up. “Heavenly, coming from on high.” And the best of Eclipse? “The basil-absinthe truffle I brought home,” Naomi says. “The sweetness actually masks the other flavors when you’re eating it, but it leaves a pleasing, odd bitterness in the mouth, I suppose from the wormwood. That’s the basis of absinthe. This is a good grownup taste.”

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It’s been quite an education. But now, I have to try one on my own. I can do this, I tell myself as I get off the Number 7 at 30th and University, in North Park. The halo above the sign for Heaven Sent Desserts glints in the evening sun.

Coming here because I’ve heard that the new pastry chef, Tina Luu, has created a dessert that’s a tribute to U2. She’s a fan and, hey, I’m a fan, and I want to see how you’d make a, well, dessert tribute to such a gritty Irish band.

The place is chocolate and cream outside, with tables and chairs. Bi-ig improvement on the check-cashing place that used to be here. Inside, the first thing you notice is that the people behind the counter, the servers, are pretty much rake-thin, and the people on the customer side are, well — and I fearlessly include myself — a little on the porky side.

It has a nice feel to it. Civilized. Varnished plank floors, shiny mahogany-looking tables and chairs, high ceilings, translucent, marble sconces, tea-green dividers and walls, rust-red accents and walls, and a chocolate-brown ceiling in the main room, beyond the counter with, hey, old silent movies being projected onto the far wall.

But what everybody looks at is the displays. While I settle in, I order a gingerbread cookie, and a “Tolstoy tea cake,” and, heck — why not? — a tiny

Sarah Bernhardt chocolate dessert. And a pot of Earl Grey tea. I like that they give you a Winnie the Pooh book with your order number to scan while you wait. You see adults smirking as they read, rather than the usual champ at the bit waiting for their orders. Mine’s *Kanga and Baby Roo Come to the Forest*.

I stop reading, start noticing the taste of the fresh ginger strips laid on top of the delicious ginger cookie I’m nibbling on. This lady leans over. She’s at a table nearby, working on a laptop. “That’s a *triple* ginger cookie,” she says. “It has candied ginger, ground ginger, and fresh ginger. Also balsamic vinegar to make it sappy, and some black pepper. Do you like it?”

I sure do. It’s vivid. The lady turns out to be Tina Luu, the pastry chef herself. She tells me how the Tolstoy is like a Russian or Mexican wedding cake. No eggs, little flour. “So it should crack and crumble in your mouth.” And the Sarah Bernhardt, she says, is a pastry-chef staple, worldwide. “When you bite, you should crunch through the thin chocolate shell, then discover chewy macaroon, and, finally, feel the mousse melting. It’s a three-stage pleasure.”

But “Sunday, Bloody Sunday,” her U2 tribute dessert, is all hers.

I’ve gotten up and ordered one. “A rich fudge brownie grounded on whipped cream,” the menu says, “topped with

mint ice cream and blood orange sorbet, accented with butter scotched caramel sauce, seasonal fruit compote, and finished with mint Pop Rocks and a caramel halo.”

Oh, man. Total indulgence. But where’s the tribute part? Irish-green ice cream, I guess. When I start chomping, it’s that mint flavor and the chocolate that’s the heart of it. And then I get a hint. As I chew, little Pop Rocks start going *pop! pop!* in my mouth.

“I remember the moment when I thought of it,” Tina says. “I was making the new menu up in January [when she took over], and I discovered that Lachlan [Oliver, the owner] loved U2 as much as I did. I wanted to do something with ice cream, and it was January, so blood oranges were in season. That seemed appropriate for the song that commemorates two ‘Bloody Sundays’ in Ireland, and then I thought of adding Pop Rock candy — candy with carbonation inside — on top. Because it ‘explodes’ in your mouth.”

That’s what gets me. The stories that go into this food. The tales they tell. It’s so human. It’s back to old, inefficient handmade ways of doing things. It must be tough to make it work in this age. But these guys seem to be making it. Man, I’m so pleased to be living in an age when it’s cool to sometimes go back to the future. Thanks, Naomi. ■



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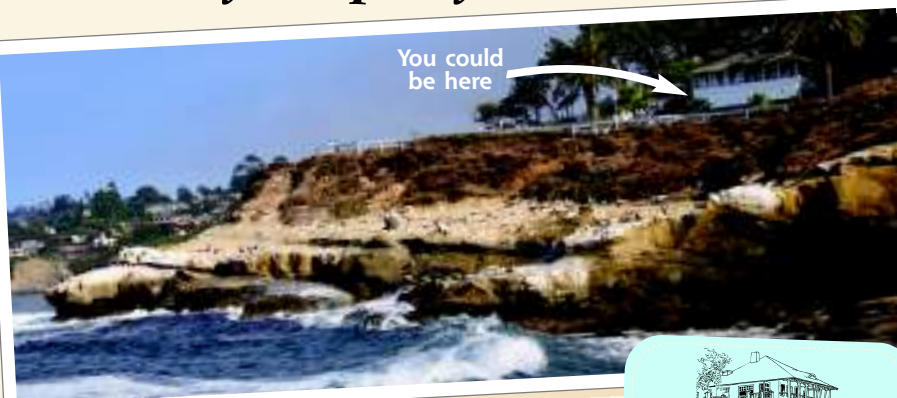
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Organic?

"These tabletops are made from a demolished chicken barn in Northern California."

"Spare a buck?" Scott asks. That's what starts it. I'm ambling innocently up Fifth toward University when I come across Scott, squatting against a wall, smoking. He gets me at a weak moment. So happens I've just broken one of my last two Jacksons into three Lincolns and five Washingtons. So, good karma and all that, I open the wallet.

"Hey," says Scott. "Five-spots. Gimme a five."

"Sorry, buddy. I need the rest."

I mean it. Gotta hand it over to the family banker (clue: her name begins with C). So I slip Scott the Washington and turn to cross Fifth. That's when I see it, glowing golden in the evening sun. The Alamo, I swear. How come I've never noticed this thing before? That same wavy shape at the top. The bell in the middle. The yellow stucco. No sign of Davy Crockett, but a sign: "The Guild." Oh, right. The old Hillcrest movie theater. Now it's "Above All Tattoo" on the right and "Pizza Fusion" on the left. Ho hum, yet another pizza joint, I'm thinking, when I spot the word "organic." Huh. Organic pizzas? Pizza con-Fusion! I cross over to check it out.

First thing I see is a sandwich board. "Lunch Special, 11-3. Personal pizza, side salad, and vitamin water, \$10."

'Course we're way past three o'clock. On the other hand, we're still before six. Happy hour, maybe?

Worth a try. I head in. Surprisingly woody for a pizza joint. Bamboo on the floor, brown and olive-green walls, with dark red pillars, a dozen tables.

"Hi!" It's this cute gal in a black T-shirt and jeans. "Like a table?"

"Oh, you sell them too? Kidding. A table would be great."

I follow her. "Don't just hug trees, plant them," says the back of her T-shirt. She sits me down at one of the side tables with high-legged chairs and leaves a big-page menu. Uh-oh. Basic pizza costs \$14. Extras like cheeses, veggies, meats ratchet the bill on up, at \$2 per add. They do have "personal pizzas" for \$9 (\$8 for cheese only), but the menu says these are lunchtime-only deals.

"Uh, do you have a happy hour?" I ask.

"Well, yes, from three to six. Dollar off most drinks."

"And food?"

"We do have one happy-hour special: the personal pizza for \$3, with \$1 for each additional topping," she says.

All right. Three buckaroos! I check my watch. Twenty to six. Twenty more happy-hour minutes.

"I'll have the personal pizza, with sausage as an add."

"White crust or multigrain? Multigrain's a dollar more."

"Okay. Multigrain."

"A side salad?" she asks. "It's all organic."

This is where my whole resistance starts breaking down. Sigh. Four more bucks. Would be refreshing with pizza, though. "Organic?" I repeat. "Okay, I'll do it."

"To drink?"

I see they have a bunch of health waters, juices, teas, and "natural" sodas. Even the "vitamin waters" (\$2) have flavors like "energy," "revive," "focus," and "endurance." No Coke. No coffee. Instead, Guayaki teas. Flavors like "pure mood," "pure passion."

I end up going for "Sol Maté," mainly because it's a yerba maté drink that promises to give you energy, and man, I need that.

There are non-pizza choices. This family at

the next table's sharing breadsticks with three different dipping sauces for \$7. Or full-size salads for around \$9-\$10. And then a bunch of "specialty pizzas," most around the \$20 mark, going up to \$26 for the shrimp and pesto, or "Bill's Pizza," which includes organic NY strip.

But no regrets. Stephanie brings out the salad first, on a cute little rectangular china plate, with vinaigrette in a cuter, littler rectangular plate. Then the "personal pizza" arrives on a square platter. It's an oval-shaped pie with rough edges, cut into four. So glad I added sausages. Sweet Italian. Nice and crunchy. Thin. I triangulate happily between it and the salad and the sweet-herby Sol Maté tea.

Place is starting to fill. Stephanie stops by again. I have to ask her about all this organic business.

"It's not just organic food," she says. "Everything in this place is green. That straw you're drinking from is corn-based, biodegradable, not plastic. These tabletops are made from wood from a demolished chicken barn in Northern California. The floors and walls are bamboo, a renewable wood. The menu and wall art's printed in soy inks. The bar countertop's recycled old bottles in concrete...we deliver our pizzas in hybrid cars..."

I'm surprised, because she says this is part of a franchise from Florida.

"See those?" She points up at light shining out from vertical, white-painted metal tubes. "Sunlight. Solar tubes. We don't need electric lights in daytime."

About now, a young-looking bearded guy



Mike

stops and joins the conversation. Mike, one of the owners. Turns out he's an ex-Marine. Two tours in Iraq. "I wanted to do something I believed in," he says.

He says his is the first of this chain in California, and the only one offering wines and beers. Organic wines and beers. "We really researched that," he says. "My brother Joe and I went up and down looking at every eco-brewery and vineyard in California. It was kind of like *Sideways*."

An hour later, that's how I feel. Dammit, couldn't resist trying one of those beers. "Maté Veza," a draft ale that's "naturally caffeinated from yerba maté" (\$7). By the time I get home those two Jacksons will have shrunk to two Lincolns. The family banker's gonna kill me. Hey. Maybe I'll just say I handed it all to Scott. ■

The Place: *Pizza Fusion, 3827 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-278-0057*

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BEACHES

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraiche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh-fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M.

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. Sister location in UTC. — N.W.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue/restaurant eat at the prix-fixe preshow dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Preshow prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — N.W.

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even

on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Midweek specials, \$40. No corkage fee any night. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Noisy when crowded. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — N.W.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing fresh local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reserva-

tions urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky water-side pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W.

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388, Baja, 664-685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank *vino tinto* — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food.

This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a mator's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) à la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

La Diferencia Avenida Sanchez Taboada 10611-A, Baja, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Vegetarian upon request. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Baja, 664-681-4458. This hidden (*escondida*) mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River Valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*); the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (*cabrito tatemado*). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompope* (Mexican eggnog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. Vegetarian upon request. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rey del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for

breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

Los Pelicanos Calle del Cedro 115 #45, Baja, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less-gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less-careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Vegetarian upon request. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W.

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and Third, Baja. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

CENTRAL

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue #171, Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B.

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Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goreng* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — N.W.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The Bandar Special entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-0425. Catherine de Medici brought her macaroon recipe to Paris in 1533. Thierry Cahez brought the same recipe to downtown San Diego in 2007. Customers have been swooning ever since. Well, this customer anyway. Cahez, a well-known pastry chef, has made a specialty of the delicate, golf-ball-sized, almond-based cookies. But the patisserie he opened also features breakfast pastries like chocolate-filled croissants and lunch items like little square French pizzas, *croque monsieurs* (toasted cheese sandwiches with ham), *croque madames* (*croque monsieur* plus an egg), and sandwiches. His pastries are exquisite, and the place has a genuine French feel to it. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday); closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Avenue, Downtown, 619-325-0977. This feels like a real French patisserie. For starters, the display cabinet has beautiful golden flaky croissants, plus pastries too arty to eat. They do breakfast, but at lunchtime the place is abuzz. You gotta try their version of the *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce), or crêpes with, say, blueberries and sweet cream cheese. The grilled chicken Caesar wrap is good, but it's their originality with simple items that'll turn you on. Like the onion roll loaded with marinated mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, goat cheese, and caper mayonnaise. Or a dessert carrot cake with "pineapple raisins." Don't ask. You have to try it. Open daily except Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Commonwealth Café 3408 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-2233. We're talking retro here, newly built but old looking. And it works. You and the Fonzy could sit together comfortably and groove to the same music and pretty much the same food. Burgers are traditional here (double, western, double western, chili size) and their fries, like the old days, are handcut and come separately, curly or straight. The Blue Potato (baked potatoes with bleu cheese) or chili-cheese potatoes are almost a meal in themselves. They also have hot dogs with all the fixings and corn on the cob. The Virginian ("Commonwealth") owner's idea: to become the neighborhood hangout. Seems to be working. If you like sweets, try the homemade pie or fudge brownies. Noon to midnight, seven days; opens 8 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar — La Jolla 8970 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass, and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the key lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M.*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged Prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50 but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super Tuscans, and scan-

dulously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up- or downstairs). Reservations urged but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W.*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, etouffee, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street, Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood

or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. One way or another they have been serving Japanese food here since 1915. Yes, it's usually crowded, and most go for the clichéd item, teriyaki rice bowl with beef skewers. But the teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish *udon soba* noodle soup with tofu *kitsune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese, especially out on the restaurant deck over a canyon. With Japanese flute music playing, the trees, and the noodles, you really feel in a Japanese space. Try kona-cha green tea for the nearest taste to tea ceremony tea. Open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches,

and a decent Lefty's *Carbonara* (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — *E.B.*

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their Great Grilled Gruben — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, *gemütlich*. Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix-fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.*

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-235-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from *mezze* (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good

enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade decor, all the cooking is from scratch — no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian *kebbeh*, *soujouk* sausages, and shrimp kebabs. Desserts include standard Middle-Eastern items such as baklava. Wines and beers include food-friendly imports from Lebanon. Lunch 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. — *N.W.*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau's extravagant multi-venue sports pub is major-league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s' McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on

high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream, something-for-everyone choices including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cucumber, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W.*

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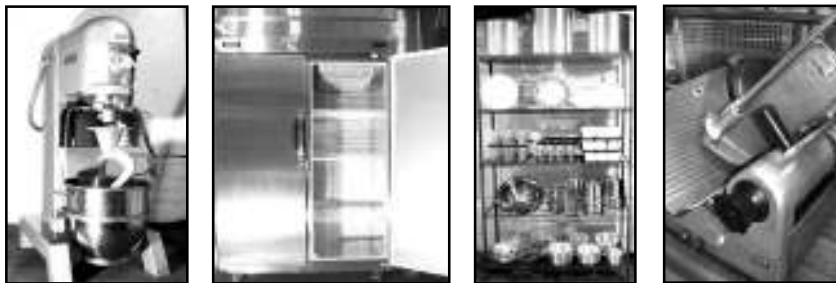
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Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts —

white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crust rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M.

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features Pacific coastal cuisine, an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial tapas sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight

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Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, Carmel Valley, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565. "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, offers zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W.*

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — *S.M.*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions, and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go,

What the Chef Eats

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BY BRIAN MALARKEY

Oceanaire Restaurant

I became a chef after a lot of trial and error with other professions. The culinary major came after the business, history, theater, and liberal arts majors. When I discovered how much art and fun were involved in cooking, I realized it was what I wanted. When I was a finalist on Bravo's *Top Chef 3 Miami* that was high intensity. It made me not like cooking too much for a while. It made food complicated and it took me a little bit to get my juices back.

I'm a pretty basic guy. Smoothies in the morning.

Brie cheese, lots of salads. A little bit of arugula with anything makes it better. I don't ever do a complete dish. I'm a cheese-and-cracker guy. Avocados, tomatoes, cheese, salt and pepper. Simple foods aren't good unless they are simply fresh. You need great fish directly from the ocean and fresh foods from the farms. Both my mother and father did a lot of cooking growing up. We had a ranch and sat around the dinner table. We spent summers at the coast and clammed and ate oysters and blackberries. Now, my wife does most of



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The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agri-

cultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s.

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meals. Moderate. — *N.W.*
Wayside Café 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Preheat the oven to 400°. Rinse the chicken and pat dry. Stuff the bird with the lemon; rub it with 1 T (about half) thyme, olive oil, salt, and pepper.

Cut the twine into 2-by-6-inch strips, tie the legs together at the chicken ankles and tie the wings together to keep the bird tight and juicy. In a

2-inch-deep baking dish that is large enough to hold the bird and some extras, add the bird breast up.

Roast the bird for 15 minutes and then add the potatoes, onions, carrots, and garlic. Turn the oven down to 350°. Roast for 15 minutes more.

Stir the vegetables and add the remaining

thyme, mushrooms, parsley, butter, and bacon. Season liberally with salt and pepper. The chicken should be done within 10 minutes (when a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh reads 165° and the skin is golden and crispy). Mix the vegetables and baste the bird with the pan juices. Take

the bird out of the oven and let it rest for about 20 minutes. Gather your friends, get some vino, and have a great evening. Cheers.

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Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — S.M.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are re-

warding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact,

NORTH COASTAL

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M.

Joe's Crab Shack — Oceanside 314 Harbor Drive, Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not

much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Pacific Beach, Mission Valley, and downtown. — N.W.

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q — Carlsbad 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Joey Maggioro doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as SoCal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the "suh-weet" sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. House-made hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-white-and-red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, pa-

prika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muuy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu

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Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s' Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch

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a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-

out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of

ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *cancha*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure alfresco with a glass of wine (40 wines by the glass available), sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Dog-friendly, too! Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Miguel's Cocina — Eastlake 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

EAST COUNTY

Greek Town Buffet 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat,

spanakopita, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria 8800 Grossmont College Drive, Grossmont College, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage-and-tater-tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the burro (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the menudo) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a

smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

The Neighbor's Pub and Grub 12169 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside, 619-561-8890. This tiny place is like one of those small "locals-only" watering holes that you sometimes see on TV sitcoms. The fellowship is real here, with friends showing up about the same time each day and especially on Saturday for karaoke. Half the wall's bricks have been painted with messages, many to GIs overseas. The food is simple, filling, and inexpensive. And if you ask nicely, you may get a way-big portion of the daily specials such as the meat loaf, roast beef, fish-and-chips, or pork tenderloin. Also the standard bar foods like chili, hot wings, corn dogs, jalepeño poppers, fried mushrooms, and mozzarella sticks. 9 a.m. to 12 midnight daily; till 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Maryjane's Coffee Shop, Downtown

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Miguel's Cocina, Chula Vista

I was so glad when Miguel's opened in Chula Vista, since the one in Coronado is sooo crowded. One of my favorites things at Miguel's is the cheese sauce that comes with the chips and salsa. It's DELICIOUS!!! You can get the recipe from them, but it's not the same. I tried it at home, close not the same. One of my favorites dishes is the Jumbo Shrimp Enchiladas, very tasty. Staff is friendly and service is good and the best thing NO LONG WAIT!!!! By **Buddy** at 11:49 a.m., Oct. 4

Dirty Birds, Pacific Beach

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The action sequences are never overblown, slowed-down, dragged-out.

Like any aficionado of the Western, or of any other genre for that matter, I'm picky. The non-aficionado, if he ventured to attend at all, might have been quicker to accept last year's remake of *3:10 to Yuma* or last year's revision of the James Gang saga, *The Assassination of Jesse James* [pause for breath] by the Coward *Robert Ford*. Horses, six-shooters, cowboy hats, a Western. All the same, neither of those swollen ticks necessitated a change in the particulars of my hardened position that the last decent Western was *Open Range* in 2003 and the last top-notch ones were *Unforgiven* and *Tombstone* in '92 and '93. The "decent" half of that pronouncement must now be updated to make way for *Appaloosa*.

Adapted from a novel by the hard-boiled mystery writer Robert B. Parker (and no relation to the '66 Marlon Brando Western, *The Appaloosa*, whose title alludes to a horse and not to a town in New Mexico), it bears more than a passing resemblance to a pseudonymous variation on the Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday legend, the 1959 *Warlock*, without itself qualifying as a variation on that legend. I happened

to write about *Warlock* this past spring in conjunction with *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* (Earp and Holliday by name), two recent acquisitions to my DVD collection, so it remains fairly fresh in my mind. We have again in *Appaloosa* the two-man team in a peripatetic "peacekeeping business" (Have Gun — Will Travel), the living

legend and the overshadowed sidekick. We have also the outsized outlaw gang who hold the titular town in their grip. We have, in conciser form, an identical opening, the elimination of the incumbent peace officer and the appearance of his replacements on a hilltop overlook. We have forthwith the Earpian edict of no guns within city limits. We have the woman who comes between the two peacekeepers. And we even have a recognizable replay, on a reduced scale, and nowhere near movie's end, of the showdown at the O.K. Corral.

But there's a lot that we don't have. We don't, for starters, have any clear distinction, and thus any palpable tension, between the peacekeeping partners. (There's nothing inherently wrong with that, but their complete compatibility disqualifies the movie



Appaloosa

as a variation on Earp-Holliday.) Both are cookie-cutter Strong Silent Types, and well played in that mode by the leathery Ed Harris, who also directed, and a Buffalo Bill-whiskered Viggo Mortensen, weighed down with a bazooka-sized eight-gauge shotgun. The two communicate laconically and often drolly — "They good?" inquires

Mortensen about a couple of newly arrived gunhands; "They're excellent," comes the reply — and Harris sometimes requests vocabulary help with big words like "sequestered." It's true, too, that Harris proves to be more giddily susceptible to the wiles of a piano-playing widow (Renée Zellweger), taking her flirtatious teasing

too much to heart ("I was just funnin' you," she explains; "I didn't enjoy it," he sulks, then vents his frustrations by beating up a harmless bystander), soon contemplating settling down, deciding between curtain patterns, and learning hard lessons firsthand about feminine fickleness and two-facedness. Yet when it comes down to a

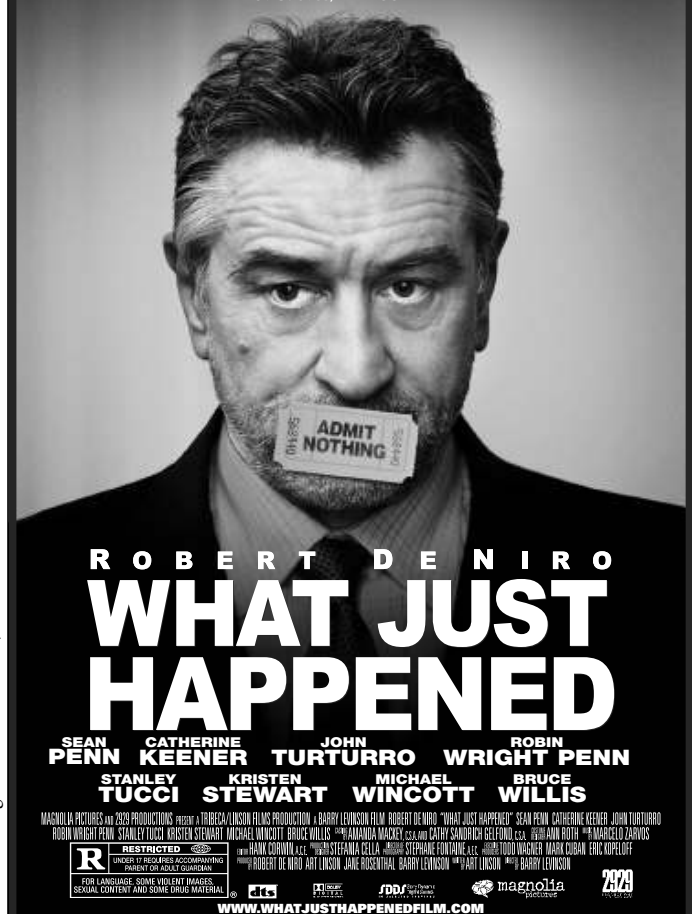
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point of contention between his new female partner and his old male partner, his feet are still planted solidly on the ground. “You believe him over me,” his fiancée huffs. “That’s correct,” he affirms.

The relationship between the two men in *Warlock* is far more complicated and shaded, and the woman who comes between them is actually two women, and all around there are more characters, along with more development of them, and more texture and nuance and psychology and sociology. (Nice detail, for instance, that the mercenary lawmen must moonlight as casino operators inasmuch as their salaries will barely cover their practice ammo.) But then, *Warlock* is a top-notch Western. *Appaloosa* is only a very decent one. I often marvel at how much more an old Hollywood movie can accomplish in the same duration as a new Hollywood movie. Where does the time go?

Certainly, *Appaloosa* doesn’t dawdle. It sets up the situation in a twinkling; it gets right into the action; it never waits long in between action sequences; and yet these are never overblown, slowed-down, dragged-out. Moreover, the alacrity with which the wily woman ensnares the susceptible lawman, to say nothing of the alacrity with which she betrays him, is quite dizzying, even quite bewildering. (Did we miss something?) Even so, the movie doesn’t seem to get much done, doesn’t seem to cover much ground. Smaller quibbles could be raised in addition: the now standard dusty, dull, brownish image that *Tombstone*, almost alone among latter-day Westerns, had the good sense to brighten up; the modern cliché, perhaps rooted in the War of Independence, of the British bad guy (*Open Range* had one too, Michael Gambon, but this one is Jeremy Irons, who had performed the service in *Die Hard with a Vengeance* as well); and the spelling of the sign over the office of the “City Marshall,” although I suppose that word was as tricky in olden days as it is today. For all that, the movie can rest comfortably on the tight-jawed interplay of its male leads, and on its abundant action sequences, most especially the O.K. Corral parallel (much like those newly arrived gunhands who take part in it, this one’s not just good, but excellent: “Everybody could shoot”), and finally, lingeringly, the movie can rest on the climactic act of friendship of the sidekick for his smitten partner. That can’t be divulged here, beyond saying it has some real nobility to it, and some subtlety, some irony.

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My dutiful and pleasurable return visit to *Burn after Reading* produced no major new insights but maybe one oversight. I wish I had made more of the performance of David Rasche as the CIA middle manager whose job it is, besides dropping the axe on John Malkovich, to report to the big boss, J.K. Simmons. Their two scenes together are for me the highlights of the film, Simmons getting the laughs with his can’t-be-bothered brusqueness, and Rasche, an exemplary second banana, setting him up with a cringing, mincing timorousness of approach, as if braced for a blowup, but swiftly shifting gears, when no blowup is forthcoming, into casual tones of we’re-on-the-same-page, I’m-on-top-it, I’m-way-ahead-of-you. (Sure, sure, burn the body, of course, of course.) He gets everything out of his lines that the Coen brothers put into them. And then some. ■

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Appaloosa — Reviewed this 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 MARKETPLACE 13; 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; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Beverly Hills Chihuahua — Canine comedy, directed by Raja Gosnell, with the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia, George Lopez, Cheech Marin, Paul Rodriguez.
(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)

Blindness — Serious-minded science fiction, allegorical as you like, about an epidemic of “the white sickness,” a new form of sightlessness that plunges the sufferer into blinding light instead of traditional darkness. We experience this from the point of view, so to speak, of several dozen people left to their own devices in pipen quarantine, so that we have little idea how widespread the problem is — the population in quarantine hardly seems unmanageable — and no idea of developments and discussions in the outside world. Within this hermitage, factions form, oppressors emerge, war erupts. (Lapse in serious-mindedness: the chief oppressor, the pos-



Body of Lies

session of the lone gun, breaks out in a Stevie Wonder song. It could as well have been a Ray Charles or a Jose Feliciano.) The arty photography indulges in a lot of white-out effects to convey subjectively the sensation of “swimming in milk.” But even in its straightforward narrative duties, even before the first onset of the disease, it has a quality of overexposure that erases color and detail. We might have been disposed to interpret this as a critique of trendy cinematography — a cinematic epidemic of partial blindness — if director Fernando Meirelles hadn’t favored it in other contexts: *City of God* and *The Constant Gardener*. And the storytelling has a slow-going, groping, bumbling manner that suggests, if not quite blindness, at least a lack of focus and precision, an inability to hit a nail on the head. The seriousness of the situation, particularly the squalor of the living conditions, is clear enough. The drama of it is blurred. Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo, Gael García Bernal, Alice Braga, Danny Glover. 2008.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA

BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Body of Lies — The war on terrorism, or anyway a single battle against terrorism, conducted with slickness and razzmatazz,

and time for romance too. Leonardo DiCaprio continues to breathe hard in his efforts to be an action hero; the steel-haired Russell Crowe, in a desk job, plays peeka-boo around his glasses frames; both are upstaged by Mark Strong as the suave, ambiguous Jordanian chief of security. With Golshifteh Farahani, Oscar Isaac, and Simon McBurney; directed by Ridley Scott. 2008.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/10)

El Brindis — Comedy-drama of father-daughter reconciliation, with Ana Serradilla and José Soriano, directed by Shai Agosin. (MISSION VALLEY 7, 10/10 THROUGH 16)

Burn after Reading — The Coen brothers revisit their favored stupidity theme: *Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski* (that one above all), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the secondhand *Ladykillers*, at least the Llewellyn Moss protagonist in *No Country for Old Men*. Back to the well once more. The placement of this timeless theme within the Washington,

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The Express — Grind-it-out sports bio on Ernie Davis, the running back who took over Jim Brown’s position and jersey number at Syracuse University and went on to become the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy. Good efforts from Rob Brown in the lead role and Dennis Quaid as his old-school coach, Ben Schwartzwalder, but the writing (Charles Leavitt) and directing (Gary Fleder) are heavy-footed. With Darrin Dewitt Henson, Omar Benson Miller, Charles S. Dutton, Nicole Behaire. 2008.

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Flash of Genius — Uningenious, straight-ahead, pedestrian account of a true story of David and Goliath, the man who patented the intermittent windshield wiper (or as he called it, the Blinking-Eye Wiper) versus the Ford Motor Company, who took his invention without compensation. Also a story of obsession: he neglects his teaching job; his wife and family desert him; his lawyers give up; the case and the film drag on and on — to an authentic Capra-esque climax in court. With Greg Kinnear, Lauren Graham, Dermot Mulroney, Alan Alda; directed by Marc Abraham. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Ghost Town — Director David Koepf once made a pretty good straight ghost story, *Stir of Echoes*, and with this he has made a pretty good comic ghost story. A misanthropic dentist (bringing to mind the always-looking-down-in-the-mouth punch line) has a near-death experience under general anesthetic for a colonoscopy, which for some reason leaves him with the ability to See Dead People, as well as Hear Dead People, beseeching him *en masse* to act as a John Edward-esque medium to finish off their unfinished business. Much, indeed too much, of the comedy consists of the worn-out routine of the hero talking out loud to people only he can see. (Not in that category of material is the perfect comic timing of Kristen Wiig as a spray-tanned surgeon, and perfect comic inflection of Aasif Mandvi as the 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



Eagle Eye

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 MARKETPLACE 13)

How to Lose Friends and Alienate People — A names-changed adaptation of the memoir by Toby Young (now Sidney Young) on his disastrous stint at *Vanity Fair* (now *Sharps*), an impudent Brit-wit, played impudently but not wittily by Britisher Simon Pegg, who aims to breathe a breath of foul air into the Manhattan *beau monde*. On screen it becomes a conventional romantic comedy about a flopping fish-out-of-water netted eventually by a beautiful co-worker (Kirsten Dunst) whose

favorite movie, significantly, happens to be *La Dolce Vita*, the one to do with the journalist who sells his soul to mingle with the rich and famous. The whole thing plays to the groundlings: 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. With Jeff Bridges, Megan Fox, Gillian Anderson, and Danny Huston; directed by Robert Weide. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; 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)

Igor — Camped-up computer cartoon about a humpbacked lackey who bucks the class system in the land of Malaria and aspires to be an evil genius instead of just the lispng, switch-pulling assistant. The backdrops are sufficiently Gothic, but the figures are ghastly, and not in a good way. With the voices of John Cusack, Steve Buscemi, Sean Hayes, Molly Shannon, Ed-

die Izzard, Jennifer Coolidge, and Jay Leno; directed by Tony Leondis. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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)

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. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18, THROUGH 10/9)

Man on Wire — Filmmaker James Marsh takes a novel approach to the topic of the World Trade Center, a caper documentary (to coin a genre) on the forty-five-minute funambulist stunt undertaken in 1974 by the Frenchman Philippe Petit, walking a tightwire between the Twin Towers. The events of 9/11 are never mentioned, but they’re an irrepressible subtext in the found footage of the site before and during construction, and in the cloak-and-dagger planning and execution of the covert assault on the Towers. One still photo of the wirewalker poised in midair even captures an overhead jet — at a safe clearance — in the same frame. Because so much of the film consists of present-day talking heads (interwoven with black-and-white reenactments and authentic archive footage), there’s something a bit coy about the omission. Certainly the enormity of the later crime needn’t be introduced in mitigation of Petit’s mischief. But the disappearance of the Towers from the face of the earth would serve to underscore the singularity, the unrepeatability, of the stunt. Perhaps that goes literally without saying. And yet, if the Towers meant so much to Petit from the first moment he learned of the project (surprisingly ripping a page out of a magazine at the dentist’s office), then it would be only natural to solicit from him something in the way of an elegy. The documentary’s function as a caper thriller, meanwhile, is on balance a success. The narrative information doesn’t always come in the best order or fullest form, and it comes with a good many interruptions and side trips, but the details of the operation will often, for one reason or another, boggle the mind. And although the undimmed history, along with the manifest survival of the talking



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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Trouble the Water (Not Rated)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Choke (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; The Duchess (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Rachel Getting Married (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Religulous (R) Fri. 2:00, 3:00, 4:40, 5:40, 7:20, 8:20, 10:00

Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 12:20, 2:00, 3:00, 4:40, 5:40, 7:20, 8:20, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Planet Earth: Fresh Water (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)
Appaloosa (R); Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG); Body of Lies (R); City of Ember (PG); The Duchess (PG-13); Eagle Eye (PG-13); The Express (PG); Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13); Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13); Quarantine (R)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri.-Sun.; Body of Lies (R) Fri.-Sun.; Eagle Eye (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; WALL-E (G) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Tulad Ng Dati (PG-13) (12:45 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; *No 8 pm on Wed. 10/15; Quarantine (R) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; The Express (PG) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:30; Body of Lies (R) (11:00 2:00) 5:00 7:45 10:45; Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) (11:00 12:15 1:15 2:30 3:30) 4:45 5:45 7:00 8:00 9:15 10:30; Blindness (R) 4:15 9:45; An American Carol (PG-13) (12:00 2:15) 7:15; Eagle Eye (PG-13) (11:15 12:30 2:00 3:15) 4:45 6:30 7:45 9:30 10:30; Lakeview Terrace (PG-13) 8:00 10:30; Spookley the Square Pumpkin (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.
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Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
Appaloosa; Beverly Hills Chihuahua; Blindness; Body of Lies; City of Ember; The Duchess; Eagle Eye; The Express; Flash of Genius; How to Lose Friends and Alienate People; Lakeview Terrace; Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist; Nights in Rodanthe; Quarantine

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)
An American Carol (PG-13); Appaloosa (R); Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG); Blindness (R); Body of Lies (R); Burn after Reading (R); City of Ember (PG); Eagle Eye (PG-13); The Express (PG); Fireproof (PG); Flash of Genius (PG-13); How to Lose Friends and Alienate People (R); Lakeview Terrace (PG-13); Miracle at St. Anna (R); Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13); Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13); Quarantine (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)
Appaloosa (R); Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG); Blindness (R); Body of Lies (R); City of Ember (PG); The Duchess (PG-13); Eagle Eye (PG-13); The Express (PG); The Family That Preys (PG-13); Flash of Genius (PG-13); How to Lose Friends and Alienate People (R); Igor (PG-13); Lakeview Terrace (PG-13); Miracle at St. Anna (R); Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13); Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13); Quarantine (R)

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Appaloosa (R); Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG); Body of Lies (R); Burn after Reading (R); City of Ember (PG); The Duchess (PG-13); Eagle Eye (PG-13); The Express (PG); Flash of Genius (PG-13); Ghost Town (PG-13); Igor (PG-13); Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13); Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13); Quarantine (R)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
An American Carol (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 6:30, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 6:30, 9:30; Appaloosa (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:55) 6:55, 9:55; Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; Blindness (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 10:00; Body of Lies (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 7:10, 10:10; Burn after Reading (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:50) 7:15; City of Ember (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; The Duchess (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:20) 7:25, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:25, 10:30; Eagle Eye (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:45, 3:25, 4:40) 6:50, 7:30,

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FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



The Express (PG) (12:45 4:00) 7:15 10:15; **Body of Lies** (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:45; **Appaloosa** (R) (11:15 2:00) 5:00 7:30 10:15; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) (12:15 3:00) 5:30 8:15 10:30; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (11:30 2:15) 4:30 7:00 9:30; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 8:00 10:45; *No 2:30 & 5:15 on Sun. 10/12; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu. No 11 am 3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Quarantine (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **The Express** (PG) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Body of Lies** (R) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:15; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Blindness** (R) (1:45) 7:30 10:00; **Flash of Genius** (PG-13) (11:30) 5:15; **An American Carol** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** (R) (10:45) 4:30; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) (11:00 2:00) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; **Burn after Reading** (R) (2:45) 8:00 10:15; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old

California Walk (760-471-3711)

An American Carol (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:10) 7:20, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35; **Appaloosa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:35, 9:20; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **Blindness** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55p.m.; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:35, 4:05) 6:40, 7:10, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 3:35) 4:05, 6:40, 7:10, 9:45, 10:15; **Burn after Reading** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; **City of Ember** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **The Duchess** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 6:30, 9:25; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 1:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:45, 7:25, 10:20 Sat. (12:40, 1:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:40, 1:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:45, 7:25, 10:20; **The Express** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 10:05; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 6:55, 9:50; **Flash of Genius** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:25) 6:50; **How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:30p.m.; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:30) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:30, 7:40, 10:25; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:55, 10:40; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:55, 5:20) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:55) 5:20, 8:00, 10:45; **Quarantine** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Religulous** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:35

VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

(760-945-7469)

Appaloosa (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:35, 4:20) 7:15, 10:00; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:15, 2:05, 2:45, 4:30, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 9:25; **Blindness** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:10p.m.; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:05, 1:55, 4:05, 4:50) 7:05, 7:45, 10:05; **City of Ember** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **The Duchess** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:35, 10:10; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 3:00, 4:35) 7:20, 8:00, 10:05; **The Express** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:40, 4:30) 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (10:50, 1:40, 4:30) 7:40, 10:20; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Flash of Genius** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15; **How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:20p.m.; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:45, 2:25, 4:50, 5:45) 7:10, 9:35, 10:40 Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 2:25, 4:50, 5:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30 Sat. (11:35, 2:10, 4:35) 9:30 Sun. (11:35, 2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; **Quarantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:05, 5:30) 7:50, 10:15

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420)



The Express (PG) (10:15 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Body of Lies** (R) (10:45 1:45 4:30) 7:30 10:30; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Blindness** (R) (2:15) 10:30; **Appaloosa** (R) (10:30 1:15) 4:15 7:15

10:15; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) (11:00 2:00) 5:00 7:45 10:45; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) (11:30) 5:15 7:45; *No 7:45 on Sat. 10/11; *No 5:15 Tues. 10/14; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Duchess (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Flash of Genius** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 9:45; **Religulous** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Burn after Reading** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 10:00 No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101

(760-436-SHOW)

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LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)

(760-599-8221)



Body of Lies (R) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:15; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:45; *No 11:30 on Mon. 10/13; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) (10:30 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) (12:30) 5:30; *No 5:30 on Thurs. 10/16; **Burn after Reading** (R) (10:15 3:00) 8:00 10:15; *No 8:00 on Thurs. 10/16; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue

(760-806-1790)



Quarantine (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **The Express** (PG) (11:45 2:30) 5:15 8:00 10:45; **Body of Lies** (R) (11:15 1:00 2:00 4:00) 4:45 7:00 7:45 10:00 10:45; **Appaloosa** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 8:00 10:30; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) (12:45 3:00) 5:15 7:30 10:15; *Starts @ 10 am on Wed. 10/15; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (11:00 12:15 1:15 2:30 3:30) 4:45 5:45 7:00 9:30; **Blindness** (R) (11:00 1:45) 7:15; **Flash of Genius** (PG-13) (11:30) 5:00 10:30; **An American Carol** (PG-13) (11:45 2:00) 4:15 6:30 8:30 10:30; **How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** (R) 4:30 10:15; **Ghost Town** (PG-13) (2:15) 7:45; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) (11:00 12:00 1:45 2:45) 4:30 5:30 7:15 8:15 10:00 10:4510:45; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) 8:15 10:30; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)

An American Carol (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:25, 5:30) 8:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 8:00, 10:00; **Appaloosa** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:25) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **Blindness** (R) Fri. (4:05) 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 4:05, 9:35; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:40) 6:50, 9:45; **City of Ember** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:25, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:25, 10:10; **The Express** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 4:00) 7:00, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:45) 7:15, 9:55; **How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 7:05; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 6:55, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 6:55, 9:25; **Miracle at St. Anna** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:50) 8:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:50, 8:30; **My Best Friend's Girl** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:15) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:50, 10:20; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; **Quarantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; **Righteous Kill** (R) Fri. (12:40, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10

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★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/9)

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*. Derek Luke, Michael Ealy, Laz Alonso, Omar Benson Miller, Valentina Cervi, Joseph Gordon-Levitt. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist —

Tolerably sweet teen romance, uniting two strangers from the same Jersey high school in a night-long search of Manhattan for a rumored concert by their mutual favorite band, Where's Fluffy? Gross-out gags are limited to a single, if ongoing, grossery: a drunken girl fishing her cellphone and a wad of chewing gum out of the public toilet



Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

into which she has just upchucked. A gag that truly gags. The leads, however, are charming: Michael Cera, of *Juno* and *Superbad*, as the heartbroken heterosexual in a gay garage band called the Jerk-Offs, tooling around town in a balky yellow Yugo ("I

think it might be the only Yugo in the country"); and Kat Dennings, of *Charlie Bartlett* and *The House Bunny*, as the pouty pout little rich girl with abundant brains and no boyfriends. Both of them, especially the latter, show a nice feel for the low-key humor of inarticulateness. In name only do they evoke the badinage of Dashiell Hammett's Nick and Nora Charles. With Alexis Dziena and Ari Graynor; directed by Peter Sollett. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VILLAGE 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VILLAGE 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 16)

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 unfulfilled, despite the presence of Richard Gere.

Directed by first-timer George C. Wolfe, the film contains nothing but sap, yet not a surplus of sap, not an overflow of sap. It can only be classed a disappointment. The eventual arrival of the storm is admittedly well done, and Diane Lane evokes a real feeling or two. With Viola Davis, Scott Glenn, James Franco. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Quarantine — Fright film with Jennifer Carpenter, Steve Harris, and Jay Hernandez, directed by John Erick Dowdle. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/10)

Rachel Getting Married — A sort of Rainbow Coalition wedding weekend: the father of the Jewish bride had remarried a black, the bride too is marrying a black (it might be noted that Sidney Lumet, the father of first-time scriptwriter Jenny Lumet, had remarried a black himself), and the theme of the wedding is inexplicably Indian. Director Jonathan Demme, striving for an improvisational feel, stages the goings-on with an almost Danish dishevelment: a hand-held camera in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. Anne Hathaway, as the bride's just-out-of-rehab sister, a constant and tiresome threat of disruption ("She needs a lot of acknowledgment"), proves to be too actressy for the style; but Rosemarie DeWitt makes a fine impression as her well-behaved sister, and the conviviality of the gathering, with heavy representation from the cool cats of the music industry, is by and large believable and admirable. With Mather Zickel, Bill Irwin, Anna Deavere Smith, Tunde Ade-bimpe, and Debra Winger. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 10/10)

Religulous — Comedian Bill Maher, the smirking skeptic, travels the globe to goad and taunt, and talk behind the backs of, believers of many stripes (not Far Eastern), all in an effort to galvanize the silent minority of Americans — 16% by latest count — who profess to be atheists and agnostics. He is content to keep it light and superficial and once in a while funny, though at the end he climbs into his own figurative pulpit, in a moralizing manner not dissimilar

to the wrap-ups of Jerry Springer. Directed by Larry Charles. 2008.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS;
LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; SAN
MARCOS 18)

Righteous Kill — Robert De Niro and Al Pacino share a lot more screen time than in *Heat*, though they're both thirteen years droopier as past-retirement-age homicide detectives on the case of a cop serial killer (not a serial cop killer), a plot of transparent trickiness. Jon Avnet's main directorial idea is, one at a time, to spread the faces across the screen like pizza dough: big stars equal big heads. With Carla Gugino, John Leguizamo, Donnie Wahlberg, Brian Dennehy, and 50 Cent. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4;
GASLAMP 15)

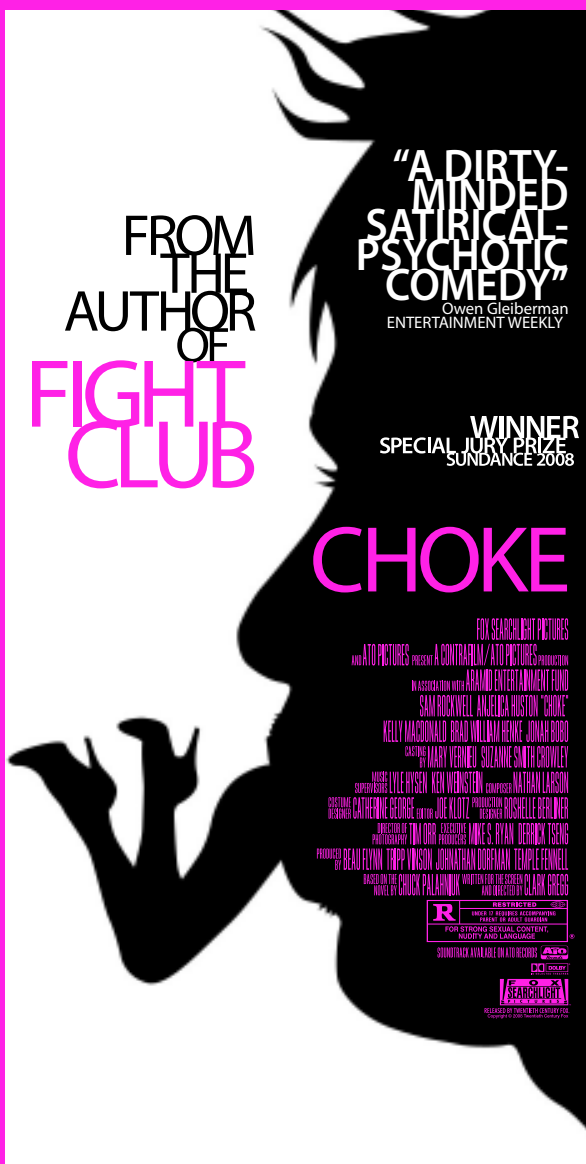
Tell No One — If this doesn't give us what we expect and want from a French thriller, part of the reason must lie in its source, an American mystery novel by Harlan Coben. Convoluted and contorted beyond resemblance to organic life on Earth, concocted and cockamamie beyond the realm of all probability, it boasts the sort of plotting where an unassuming Parisian pediatrician, hounded by a remorseless hit squad, can call in a favor (i.e., troop support) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophilic infant. Or where a handy heroin addict will turn up dead at just the moment when you need a body in order to stage a *faux* murder, and you can count on no one noticing the discrepancies between the autopsy cadaver and the supposed victim. All along the way the storytelling employs withholding and delaying tactics whose effect is more annoyance than suspense; and at the finish it features a long-winded verbal summation that, besides its bookishness, compresses the absurdities into an intolerably small space. All that aside, the film is perforce populated with Frenchmen (and bilingual Canadian and British women), who, true to form, work hard and selflessly to engage our interest: François Cluzet, the Gallic Dustin Hoffman, in looks at least, if not also in rodent intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as the absent wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) as an uptown lesbian; the formidable Nathalie Baye as a high-priced and all-business attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessive-compulsive cop on the case (exasperated, for example, at his underling's carelessness in differentiating between the trash bin and the recycling bin); and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, with supreme poise and not a hint of a knee-buckle, shoulders the brunt of the absurdity. 2007.

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

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Trouble the Water — Tia Lessin’s and Carl Deal’s documentary on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. (KEN, 10/10 THROUGH 16)

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.



Rachel Getting Married

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 omni-

scient 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 PALOMA)

WALL-E — Relentlessly sentimental science fiction about a cute anthropomorphized “male” robot — a rattletrap contraption of binoculars atop tank treads — programmed to pick up garbage on an evacuated Earth in the 28th Century (his name is an acronym of Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth-Class), all alone on the planet but for the company of an indestructible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped “fembot,” whom he follows up to a mother ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like humans. Rather remarkable for any movie are the long stretches of nonverbal narrative, reminiscent of the opening and closing stretches of *2001*. (Other allusions to the Kubrick classic — the musical snippet from *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, the unblinking red eye of HAL-9000 — suggest the emulation is entirely conscious.) No less remarkable, in the context of a Disney computer cartoon, are the distinctive whiffs of post-apocalyptic and dystopian melancholy. The happy ending pretty much ruins it. If the film wanted full credit for evoking those feelings, the best ending it could have held out would be hopeful, not happy. With the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008. ★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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Burn after Reading 2008

I'm not as interested in feeling sympathy for the character or having an emotional stake in their success as I am in whether the film makers keep me interested in how the activities and motivations converge to a satisfying end. Or at least one that makes sense in unexpected ways; to varying degrees both Nabokov and Updike accomplish this in their stronger novels — *Pale Fire* the *Rabbit* quartet, respectively — and the inspection of how witless self-regarding imbeciles custom design their machinery of their own destruction is a difficult and rare hallmark for the truly subversive comedy. Coen brothers Joel and Ethan understand the need for the distance from the goings on of the chronic stupidity in *Burn After Reading* so that that their only agenda is to imagine what echos in the deepest recess of any of these people's minds while they compound their ignoble fates with layers of strip-mall hubris. What the Coens do with unlikeable characters seeking their own glory isn't an easy thing to accomplish — Brian DePalma managed to turn Tom Wolf's crotchety (albeit readable) novel *The Bonfire of the Vanities* into a loose, baggy monster of a film (to paraphrase Henry James) that demonstrated no flair for comic rhythm. Had the Coens been in charge of that novel, we'd most likely be praising them as we had for their work in *No Country for Old Men*, making note of their sharp eye for damning detail and skewed dialogue, and their effective use of an attentive if disengaged tone.

By **TedBurke** 11:46 a.m., Oct. 1, 2008

Eagle Eye 2008

Excellent action movie. I was very impressed. The story was good, the pace was non-stop, and the acting well exceeded what I expected. Shia LaBeouf is turning himself into a big name star quickly. This movie reminded me of a combination of *2001: Space Odyssey* mixed with *1985* and *I, Robot* and the *Terminator* movies. We've seen it before and it never stops being scary. A machine decides to start making it's own decisions and the consequences are disastrous. In this movie, the central intelligence computer, “Eagle Eye,” decides to take command of the U.S. government via various strategic strangers. It is very sophisticated and has the ability to plan ahead for every possible scenario. The result is that LaBeouf's character and Monaghan got forced into working together for the computer so that it can achieve it's directives. The scariest thing about this movie is that a lot of what we see happening actually seems plausible and may in fact become a reality in the near future (if it hasn't happened already). Billy Bob Thornton and Rosario Dawson play great supporting roles and are key aspects of the storyline. Probably the best action movie since the *Dark Knight* a few months ago.

By **spook69** 8:09 p.m., Oct. 4, 2008

Orlando 1993

Talk about poetry in motion. This movie is a shining example of why film is considered an art form. Sally Potter does an amazing job with Woolf's biography — one of those rare occasions where I actually prefer the film to the book. I'm surprised Duncan only gave it one star...seems right up his alley.

By **Reader_reader** 9:34 a.m., Oct. 6, 2008

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Italian Finery

“Now is I am happiness,” says Fabrizio in the best English he can muster.

At a time when the light at the end of the tunnel must be an oncoming train, Lamb’s Players Theatre is staging Adam Guettel and Craig Lucas’s harbinger of hope. Based on Elizabeth Spencer’s 1960 novella, *The Light in the Piazza* tells a gentle story of star-crossed lovers, beneath which lurks a fierce, combative spirit waging war on negativity.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

Piazza reads its audience like an opinion poll. It anticipates objections and counters them on the spot. Your trouble, you can hear the musical say, is you’re too rational. You don’t believe the impossible can happen. And — the musical pushes hardest here — that the impossible can continue to happen.

According to *Piazza*, being rational’s the gravest sin of all. Outside the musical, it’s one few commit these days, since the “real” world has lost its mind.

But we’re in 1953. Margaret Johnson and her daughter Clara vacation in Italy. As they crane their necks to admire the great sculptures, a gust of wind whisks Clara’s straw hat into the blue Florentine sky. It floats down into the hands of young Fabrizio Naccarelli, a 20-year-old apprentice in his father’s shop. Fabrizio returns the hat to Clara and *bada-BING*: they fall in love as fast as Dante did for Beatrice. Did the hat find the boy by mere chance — a one-in-a-trillion shot — or by some gossamer design etched in the Book of Love?

“Now is I am happiness,” says Fabrizio in the best English he can muster. And Clara reciprocates. Neither knows it, but they are as cursed as Romeo and Juliet. When she was 10, Clara fell from a Shetland pony. She’s now 26, but her mental and emotional development were arrested around age 12. But Margaret becomes convinced that love has made Clara blossom. She will grow to adulthood after all! And Margaret, whose marriage flowered in Florence but soured in Winston-Salem, doesn’t want her daughter to face a limited life. “Why can’t we hope for once?”

But that means not telling Fabrizio’s family about Clara’s “special” condition (the entire musical turns on the word — which didn’t have this

sense in 1953 — from which all complications ensue). But if the boy and his family reject Clara, she will shut down once and for all.

The Lamb’s Players production boasts a golden-brown, piazza-like set with a seven-piece orchestra tucked inside; Italian silk finery; and some quality voices (but some not). Deborah Gilmour Smyth’s performance as Margaret, however, makes the

show definitely worth seeing. Her South Carolinian twang’s just right. And her emotional range runs, you could say, from bass to soprano. She’s convinced, she’s torn, she’s controlling as all get-out, she’s setting free.

Gilmour Smyth sings three songs remarkably: “Dividing Day” asks when Margaret’s husband distanced himself from her (“we are here together but I have had dividing day”); “The Beauty Is,” an awakening song about when you realize that “someone could be looking for someone like you”; and “Fable,” which asks, then denies, that love is merely “just a painting on a ceiling” or a “children’s fairy tale.”

Gilmour Smyth communicates these songs so effectively that, sure, you say: errant straw hats will always find the proper hands, and maybe someone out there seeks your heart. And maybe there is hope after all, some, a soupçon — at least while the music lasts.

The Light in the Piazza’s a “wait a sec” show. It casts a persuasive spell. Once outside it (and Craig Lucas is such a smart playwright you know this is part of the plan), questions arise, and second thoughts, and the musical actually grows and shifts.

Neil LaBute’s *In a Dark, Dark House* creates similar postshow entanglements. You leave with a reasonably secure explanation for a case of horrific child abuse. By the time you reach your car, the “house” in the title has grown even darker — and not the tree house Terry and Drew played in as boys.

Drew always looked up to his older brother. Terry, he says, is “the real man, well-adjusted, normal.” Drew’s in rehab, unearthing repressed memories. But he has the trappings of success



Chanlon Jay Kaufman, Season Duffy in *The Light in the Piazza*

The Light in the Piazza, music and lyrics by Adam Guettel, book by Craig Lucas

Lamb’s Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Directed by Robert Smyth; cast: Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Season Duffy, Chanlon Jay Kaufman, Stephen Godwin, Spencer Rowe, Teresa Byrne, Sandy Campbell, David Cochran Heath, Lance Arthur Smith, Erin Byron-Brunton, Jon Lorenz, Beth Obregon, Tom Zohar; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Nathan Peirson; sound, Patrick Duffy. Musical direction, G. Scott Lacy, Charlie Reuter; choreography, Colleen Kollar Smith

Playing through November 2; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-437-0600.

In a Dark Dark House, Ion Theatre, 4580-B Alvarado Canyon Road, Mission Valley

Directed by Glenn Paris; cast: Jeffrey Jones, Claudio Raygoza, Rachael VanWormer; scenic and costume design, Paris; lighting and sound, Raygoza.

Playing through November 2; Thursday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. 619-374-6894.

(including a \$1.8-million house), and Terry’s an ex-con who moves from job to job. As the brothers probe deeper into the past, the play opens like a geological dig. Every time one gets ready to exit a scene (and they do often), the other says, in effect, “No, no, there’s more.” A *lot* more. And the light dims further in LaBute’s decaying piazza.

Dark Dark is one of LaBute’s most carefully crafted, internal, and realistic works. Ion Theatre and director Glenn Paris have honored it with a precise, scrape-to-the-heart staging. Claudio Raygoza’s put-upon Terry, Rachael VanWormer’s subtle, 16-year-old Jennifer, and es-

pecially Jeffrey Jones’s volatile Terry perform as if probing a field for mines — and exploding some by accident.

LaBute’s become one of America’s grimmest, least-flinching playwrights. An interviewer asked him if ours is a “Hobbesian” world (in *Leviathan*, Thomas Hobbes said that life is just “nasty, brutish, and short”). We’re stuck in one if we let ourselves be, LaBute replied. “Humans find it so easy to just slide by, to take the road that’s slightly easier, to make the choice that’s just a bit more selfish or self-serving, that we end up creating our own Hobbesian universe.” ■

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Back Back Back

Itamar Moses' world-premiere drama traces a mini-history of baseball's steroid scandal without ever using the word. We follow the fortunes of the Oakland A's back-to-back-to-back rookies of the year (1986-1988): Jose Canseco (called Raul), Mark McGwire (Kent), and Walt Weiss (Adam). Raul and Kent inject themselves with anabolic steroids and become the "Bash Brothers," leading the A's to the 1989 World Series title — and abetting McGwire to belt 70 home runs in 1998. The three players chat, discuss, and harangue during the 100-minute, intermissionless play's nine scenes (innings), and do little else. In the process, they often shrink, becoming 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. The story's got the potential for a Greek tragedy about fallen heroes in a hubris-breeding culture. And people unfamiliar with 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 which his moral voice's the scabbiest one of all. The Old Globe actors sport the most pristine, crease-free uniforms in baseball history. They can't soil the uni's on stage, since Moses offers few chances for physicality. 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. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

Bash

Amid the familiar, the unspeakable. In three Neil LaBute one-acts, a Mormon father talks to a stranger in a Vegas hotel room, a young woman confesses to a police tape recorder, and a college-age couple retells two versions of a trip from Boston to a (gay)bash(ing) in New York. Each story begins so innocently you wonder where it's headed. The titles, however — "Iphigenia in Orem," "Medea Redux," and "A Gaggles of Saints" — imply cruel and even tragic outcomes. In each, LaBute bashes Mormonism (from which he was excommunicated). As in his *In a Dark Dark House*, which runs in repertory with *Bash* at Ion Theatre, the playwright peels away at surfaces and reveals years of repressed

rage suddenly unleashed. Under Glenn Paris's detailed direction, Brian Mackey and Rachael Van-Wormer shift from comfy chit-chat to monstrous vengeance with almost invisible segues. The explanations for the deeds are so rational they're *eerie*. Mackey's strong efforts should earn him more roles soon. And as the Medea-like mother in "Redux," Rachael Van-Wormer gives one of 2008's best performances. It's as if she's not acting at all. She turns the Ion stage into a police station. And we're cops, hearing an ice-cold confession of an unthinkable crime.

Critic's pick

ION THEATRE COMPANY, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. 619-374-6894. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

Boomers

Lamb's Players Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows. In this salute to the Baby Boom generation, when a guy sings a snippet from "Big Girls Don't Cry" a woman counters with "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To," as if Lesley Gore wrote the song in response to the Four Seasons. Now in its fourth — fifth? — version, *Boomers* has grown a great deal since it premiered in 1993. It's added social dimensions (the original was mostly about middle-class whites), more period details, and a much better understanding of one's later years (gained from experience: authors Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington are now 15 years older). Ostensibly the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to 1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage



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to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of “name that tune” in fast-forward. Boomers in the audience gulp “oh’s” of recognition when a musical fragment triggers memories. One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie’s Aretha-strong voice do all of “Respect” or Keith Jefferson all of “I Heard It Through the Grapevine”). One could also wish that the characters weren’t so one-note (Bill Doyle’s hippie must express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads’s direction and the four-piece backup band. You won’t learn why the pump don’t work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you’re of a certain era, *Boomers* will time-machine you back in a lively manner. 619-437-0600.

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 30.

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Dead Man’s Cell Phone

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Sarah Ruhl’s “fantastical” comedy about a woman who answers a dead man’s cell phone and finds her life turned upside down. (Ruhl wrote *A Clean House*, performed last year at the SD Rep.) Bart DeLorenzo directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWNE CENTER DRIVE, SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO. 714-708-5555. THURSDAYS, 7:45 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:45 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7:45 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 12.

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 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 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.

Eenie Meanie

For two evenings only, the California Center for the Arts, Escondido hosts Teresa Willis’s solo play about “a Caucasian woman’s life



The Women

experience with conditioned racism.” CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 NORTH ESCONDIDO BOULEVARD, ESCONDIDO. 800-988-4253. FRIDAY, 8 P.M. SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

An Evening at the Grand Guignol

Chronos Theatre Group, as part of the Neurosciences Institute Performing Arts Program, presents four short plays of comedy and horror from the Theatre of Paris’s “grand guignol” repertory. 619-615-8928. NEUROSCIENCES INSTITUTE, 10640 JOHN JAY HOPKINS DRIVE, LA JOLLA. THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Fashion

Chronos Theatre Group presents a staged reading of Anna Cora Mowatt’s 1845 comedy about the American upper class. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. MONDAY, 7:30 P.M.

will grow), though the minor roles could use rethinking (Greg Wittman’s Martin is just bland; Jack Missett’s Old Man, too glib and superficial). As the lovers, Joshua Everett Johnson and Kristianne Kurner deliver quality efforts, as expected, but there are deeper, more primal levels they could shoot for.

Worth a try.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 3 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

Hello, Dolly!

Christian Community Theatre performs the popular musical about Dolly Gallagher Levi, matchmaker extraordinaire. Songs include “Before the Parade Passes By” and “It Only Takes a Moment.” EAST COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 210 EAST MAIN STREET, EL CAJON. 619-440-2277. FRIDAYS, 7 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 12.

The House of Bernard Alba

Mesa College Theatre Company presents Federico García Lorca’s drama about sudden joy amid enforced mourning — an allegory, many believe, mirroring Spain’s descent into fascism. MESA COLLEGE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DRIVE, KEARNY MESA. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 19.

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. THURSDAYS, 4 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 12.

In a Dark Dark House

Ion Theatre stages Neil LaBute’s drama about estranged brothers who face off over dark secrets that threaten to unravel them both. Glenn Paris directed. *In a Dark House* runs in repertory with LaBute’s *Bash*. ION THEATRE COMPANY, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. 619-374-6894. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 2.

Irving Berlin’s I Love a Piano

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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.

Little Murders

The Sullivan Players present a reading from Jules Feiffer’s absurdist comedy about urban life in the Upper West Side of NYC overwhelmed by pointless crime. D.J. Sullivan directed. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. MONDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 27.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play “Emotional Sympathy,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit re-

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MIRACOSTA COLLEGE, ONE BARNARD DRIVE, OCEANSIDE. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS,

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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.

Tartuffe

Grossmont College presents Moliere's comedy of hypocritical manners. Henry J. Jordan directed.

GROSSMONT COLLEGE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DRIVE, EL CAJON. 619-644-7000. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 18.

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 — *infinitum*; and a Mrs. Frankenstein cloning doubles, including one for Queenie Bartlett, mob boss. Busch sprinkles funny, literate 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.

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Tobacco Road

The La Jolla Playhouse stages Jack Kirkland's dramatization of the Erskine Caldwell novel. During the Depression, the impoverished Lester family's headed for oblivion. David Schweizer directed.

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Waiting to Be Invited

Common Ground Theatre presents M. Shepard Massatt's drama about four women, "tired of being afraid, but afraid of being ignored, beaten, or worse," who decide to eat lunch at a segregated department store in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1960. Antonio T. J. Johnson directed.

EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL COMPLEX, 4343 OCEAN VIEW BOULEVARD, SOUTH-EAST SAN DIEGO. 619-527-5256. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 3 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 2.

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 "Renovated." 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 ultra-conservative, 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 en-

couraged 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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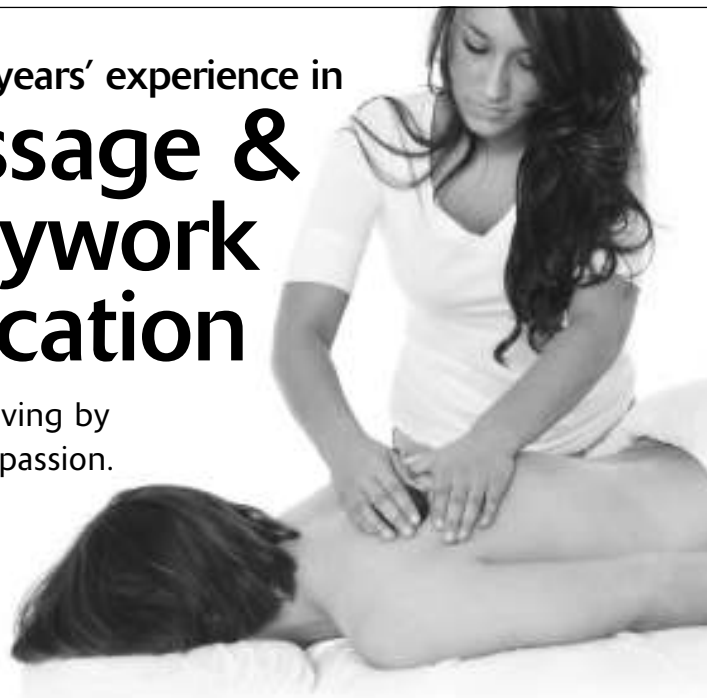
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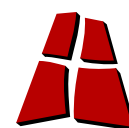
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It was in fourth grade, playing “spin the bottle.” I was hanging out with an older girl and her friends. We were playing in these apartments, so we went into the alley to kiss. I didn’t want to. He didn’t either. So we started to walk back inside without kissing and he said, “Maybe we should.” So we did. It was really gross.



Adam Rosen
Event Coordinator
North Park

I can’t remember who it was. It was one of two people. I think the one it was happened in ninth grade. We carpooled. She called me at midnight or 1:00 a.m. I snuck over and she came outside and we made out. She was wearing a silver nightgown. And I think I got to second base, too.



Laura Oliver
Waitress
Ocean Beach

My first kiss was phenomenal. I was six years old. Oh, I don’t know. Maybe I was ten. And it was the Fourth of July. It was so cute. He was getting into the van with his family and just ran over and kissed me. It was under the fireworks.



James Hickson
Model
Valley Center

I was 3 and she was 3. My family thought it was cute and would have us make out in front of everyone. I used to tell my friends that I had a girlfriend and all. Then, as I got older, I realized she was my cousin. I thought it was gross. But they told me that she wasn’t my real cousin. My first real kiss was when I was around 11. I kind of freaked out when I felt her tongue touch mine. She was experienced and was moaning while she kissed me. I didn’t realize how hot it was until it was over. She stole my gum.



James Murphy
Tour Guide
Downtown

It was in eighth grade, behind the bungalows at school. She was my girlfriend for a few weeks. At eighth grade, who knows what that even means. We’d just tell all our friends we were a couple, I guess. We decided we had to kiss, since all our friends did. And we went behind the building. I was so nervous, I don’t remember much. But a few days later, she said we didn’t kiss properly. We did it again, and she jammed her tongue down my throat. It freaked me out. Her tongue kept moving in circles, and mine was just like a dead fish. At the time, I thought she must’ve been so experienced. But she probably just talked to some friends or an older sister.



Leonard Bradley
Truck Driver
Escondido

It was on my wedding night. I’ve got to say that, in case my wife or parents read this. Well, I guess my wife would know that’s not true, since we kissed many times before that. It was actually in tenth grade at the homecoming dance. Our parents were picking us up in the parking lot of the school, and as we stood there waiting, I suggested we kiss then, not when our parents were around. We did it quick. Then she said that it should be longer. So we stood there necking for about five minutes.

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3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.
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2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. 1975 #1 Barry Manilow hit
- 6. One who never gets out?
- 11. Pep squad shout
- 14. "____ begins in delight and ends in wisdom": Frost
- 15. Harden
- 16. Gardner of Hollywood
- 17. What an expert at memorization possesses?
- 19. Cheadle of "Hotel Rwanda"
- 20. Highs
- 21. Cyberchatting
- 23. "____ the Walrus"
- 24. Isr. neighbor

- 25. What a two-year-old exotic dancer might use during a performance?
- 27. You are: Sp.
- 29. Not close gently
- 31. Stuff
- 32. CBS forensic drama
- 35. Unwritten
- 37. Map lines: Abbr.
- 38. What a meteorologist might predict?
- 42. John
- 43. Priest of the East
- 44. Send packing
- 45. "Currently serving" military status
- 47. A big fan of
- 49. Lenient
- 53. What paparazzi assigned to British royalty might have once yelled in Latin?
- 55. Waiting room read
- 58. Actress Carrere
- 59. Diana of jazz
- 60. Some deodorants
- 62. Droop
- 63. Classic anti-war song by Pete Seeger (and a hint to 17-, 25-, 38- and 53-Across)
- 66. What makes a drink clink
- 67. "I'm ____ here!"
- 68. Swiss mathematician Leonhard
- 69. Flanders on "The Simpsons"
- 70. Houdini's birth name
- 71. Clarinetist's supply

Down

- 1. Peppermint Patty's friend
- 2. Having no radiating processes

- 3. "Sorry, I'm busy"
- 4. Judge
- 5. Workout spots, for some
- 6. Cruise ships
- 7. QB boo-boos: Abbr.
- 8. Pelt
- 9. Suffix with ranch
- 10. Sparked anew
- 11. It spanned the '30s and '40s
- 12. Frequent caller?
- 13. They often stay in the closet
- 18. ____ 10 (acne medication)
- 22. Detroit datum: Abbr.
- 25. Like rhubarb
- 26. Mutual of ____
- 28. Biol. or chem.
- 30. Lite
- 33. Weekly 90-min. show
- 34. "If you'd just listen to me ..."
- 36. "Superman" villain Luthor
- 38. Did a 6K, say
- 39. Found the means?
- 40. Prefix with potent
- 41. ____ Plaines, Ill.
- 42. Commits unalterably
- 46. Lance ____ (USMC rank)
- 48. Greek vowels
- 50. Peter of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips"
- 51. Shot
- 52. Stun guns
- 54. Nudge
- 56. "What ____ my chances?"
- 57. TV marine
- 60. Picnic pests
- 61. "Cocktail" actress Elisabeth
- 64. Want to undo
- 65. "Is ____, Lord?"

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Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 17. "T-shirt is big enough for two! Thanks."
Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 16. "No way to delay that trouble coming every day."
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 16. "Wanna be wheely cool? Ride a bike!"
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 16.
Julie Osburn, North Park, 16. "Hurry home Megan and Logan. We miss you."
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 16. "Crime wouldn't pay if the govern-ment ran it."
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 16. "Don't let Obama try to be yo' mama."
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 15. "Happy birthday to me!"
George Jackson, Oceanside, 15. "Meet John, Diane, and two Kellys at Vista's Curbside Cafe."
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 15.
Pamela Swain, College Area, 15. "Stuff happens."
Joseph Ciprian , Little Italy, 14. "Say it isn't so OJ."

Janet Goff, Cardiff, 14. "Let's go woth Joe."
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 14. "Honk if you are horny."
Anna McCutcheon, Down-town, 14. "www.paintwithdan.com"
Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 14. "Janis - I will always make you laugh until...you know!"
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 14. "Warm thanks to the Foote and Leeds families. L'shanah tovah!"
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 14. "www.oktober-festelcajon.com. October 10, 11, and 12."
Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 13. "I'm pretty sure I like vanilla."
Rich, Ocean Beach, 12. "Bailout? How about a \$700 billion health care plan?"
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 12. "Go green! Join a vanpool. Many thanks to my vanpool!"
☛ **Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 12.** "Does PETA endorse lipstick for pigs?"
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 12. "Beat the Cheatriots! OJ...haha."

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 12. "Cogito ergo sum."
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 12.
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 12.
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 12. "Talent, genius, education are nice. Persistence is omnipotent."
Laurence Altobelli III, Carmel Valley, 11.
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 11. "Thank you J and V."
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 11. "See 'In Bruges' and hear 'Der Leiermann.'"
Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 11. "The Italian bottle maker told his workers, 'Cap a cola.'"
☛ **Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 11.**
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 11. "Love at first sight - Halloween party - she was bobbing for apples."
☛ **Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 11.** "I'm back, still want the shirt!"
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 11. "Janice's delivery was a day late!"
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 11. "Palomar College Women's Water Polo! Go Kiera! Go Bodo!"
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 11. "Yes on 8 and 11. No on every-thing else!"
Gayle Studer , Mission Valley, 11.

Marie Turock, North Park, 11.
Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 11. "Tim and Olga - R U 2 married?"
Martha Awdziejewicz, Claire-mont, 10.
Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 10. "My Delovely: So in love with you am I."
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 10. "I need a new T-shirt!"
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 10. ☛ **Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 10.** "Thank you Mr. Evans."
Barry Newman, Escondido, 10.
Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 10.
Woody Anderson, Carmel Val-ley, 9. "Werner Erhard ignored the rd and thrived on the est?"
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 9. "Go Cubs!"
Jim Koziol, UTC, 9. "Hola, Lukie, Jiminy, Timothy!"
☛ **Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 9.** "Neil Diamond, nice Jewish boy, in such a non-kosher puzzle?"
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 9. "October is the best month ever!"
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 9. "The future ain't what it used to be."
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 8. "Gee golly, I did it again. Yeah me. Go Chargers."

A. T. Certik, Bonita, 8.
Anne Hinton, , 8. "Hard one. What's a RGM? Or RGS?"
Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 8. "Wanna see me feed a rat to my snake?"
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 8. "Kate - You glow in the infrared."
Diane Sengir, Downtown, 8. "Thanks for the T-shirt! Thanks for acupuncture (Minchen Wang Pacific Beach)."
Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 8. "Where's Michael Hunt?"
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 8. ☛ **Brian W. Beadle, Claire-mont, 7.** "Dissolve the Federal Reserve and take back our country."
Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 7. "CC's done, let's go to DC."
Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 7.
Rand Feura, Santee, 7. "Big Tuna approves of Chargers' dolphin-safe defense!"
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 7. "I'm back...103 days and counting."
Naomi Kashiwabara, Claire-mont, 7. "(619) 484-4440 x 7. Librarian."
☛ **James La France, Escon-dido, 7.** "About time I get to pick a size!"
Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 7. "Grr."

Marisa Torres, San Marcos, 7. "Noni rocks."
Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 6. "My O makes the world go around (and brownies, too!)"
☛ **Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 6.** "Are you tired? You've been running through my mind a lot!"
☛ **Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 6.** "Hiromi rocks Billy."
Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 6.
David Kuntze, El Cajon, 6. "It'd be so cool of we all just got along."
Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 6.
Claudia Nordquest, Carmel Mtn., 6. "If you love animals it's yes on 2."
David A. Weim, Chula Vista, 6. "They get harder!"
Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 6.
Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 5. "Brain, A poo poo platter? What were they thinking?"
Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 5.
Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 5. "Pinky, are you thinking what I'm thinking? Brain."
Kathy Law, La Mesa, 5. "Love ya Bill."
Phil Nichols, Escondido, 5. "Help, Patsy."

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☛ **Becky Reeb, San Diego, 5.**
Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 5. "Ladies - I want to be your lover, not your meal ticket."
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 4.
☛ **Elizabeth Rainbalt, Mission Valley, 4.**
Dot Waterman, Santee, 4.

Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 3.
"Yipee."
Daniel Day, Pacific Beach, 3.
"Dear Aubrey, closets are for clothes!"
Ed Heffernan, La Mesa, 3. "B, A, E, CL xxoo - G'dad."
Rob Welder, El Cajon, 3. "Hog, pig, sow, swine."

Hilda Apodara, Chula Vista, 2.
"Happy birthday Adrian!"
Kerry Cook, Bay Park, 2. "Love these puzzles!"
☛ **Loraine Costa, San Diego, 2.** "Porcineriffic!"
Alfredo Garcia, San Diego, 2.
"The Reader omitted my puzzle last week!"
Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 2. "I lost my phone number. Can I have yours?"

Diane Hutchings, Santee, 2.
"What's all this negative stuff about Santee?"
☛ **Randolph N. Richard, El Cajon, 2.** "Thanks Sheila!"
Ken Smith, San Carlos, 2. "I'm back."
D. Tarantino, Hillcrest, 2. "I'd be terrified if Obama was a real candidate."
Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 2.
"Hey Zack and Danielle."

Michael Williams, Downtown, 2. "Hey Scott. Tony Madrid strikes again."
Mark Ciesielski, Orange, 1.
"Oct. 18th - National Mensa Testing Day! www.mensa.org"
Kristen Clark, North Park, 1.
"We did it! I love you Dumb-Dumb."
Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 1.
"Welcome to San Diego, Ms. Green!"

Robert Edwin, San Diego, 1.
"Hello Austin, Justin, and Sierra."
Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 1. "Life in balance."
☛ **Steve Murawka, San Diego, 1.** "I'm not too worried about it."
☛ **David Stadler, San Diego, 1.** "Congratulations on your wedding Johnny and Bryan."

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2. About 83 cents per "gallon" is roughly what it costs to power what, as Barbarella learns from one Paul Thomas?
3. Naomi Wise educates Ed "Garbage Gut" Bedford by exposing him to a cheese that's been made in the French Pyrenees for 4000 years. What's it called?
4. What three-word mantra does John Brizzolara borrow from Aleister Crowley to torment his traveling companion?
5. Barbarella's sister Jane masters the Italian idiom for "Don't break my balls." How is it said in Italian?
6. Ed Bedford wanders into a pizza joint located in the remains of what venerable Hillcrest landmark?
7. Claudia Pedley of Hair Unlimited in Mission Valley advises Eve Kelly, when wearing a wig, to avoid standing too close to what restaurant fixtures?
8. "Maybe \$60,000" each is about what human traffickers can expect to make from smuggling what kind of national into USA?
9. What five words of broken English does Fabrizio use to express his feelings to Clara in the Lamb's Players Theatre's *Light in the Piazza*?
10. At a school music department fund-raiser that Josh Board crashes, a teenager mistakes the name of what dance craze for the name of a cell phone?

Last week's answers

1. Stomach flu. (p. 14)
2. "No, I always trust the deejay." (p. 86)
3. Mick Jagger. (p. 109)
4. Richard Salwitz. (p. 94)
5. The use of steroids in baseball. (p. 129)
6. Saliva. (p. 28 & 31)
7. LL Cool J. Also, Coolio. (p. 106 & 108)
8. Stevie Wonder. (p. 82)
9. The California Raisins. (p. 20)
10. Brian Eno. (p. 84)

Last week's winners: Phil Ken Sebben, Clyde Christie, and Karelyn Kimokeo

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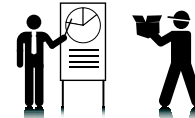
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All right then.

Ugh.

In order to stop your pet's bad habit, firm and effective discipline must be administered immediately.

Prrrrrrr

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LEAD STORY

— Angela Pusateri, 79, may be unconventional, but, according to Jenna, 13, “She really is a cool grandmother.” The Hallandale Beach, Fla., woman is a rap artist with a new CD (*Who’s Your Granny?*) and occasional performances, where she shows up in hockey jersey, jewels, sunglasses, and base-ball cap. Sample rap: “I can bring the noise bet-ter than P-Diddy/ I am older and wiser, I ain’t a dis-guiser/ I am condo commando in a high-riser/ who’s your granny?” Also, “Move over, Trick-Daddy, ’cause this is my town/ I gotta shuffle-board posse and we’re known to get down.” Actually, conceded Jenna to the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* in September, “Sometimes it’s embarrassing.”

Cultural Diversity

— “In many ways,” reported the *Los Angeles Times* in August, the Torajans of Indonesia’s Sulawesi Island “spend a lifetime preparing for their demise,” in that the most glorious high-light of their existence appears to be planning the elaborate celebration of the end of it. In fact,

taking one’s last breath is only the beginning of a lengthy tribute, such as the one for Toraja’s last king, who died in 2003 but has not been put away yet, pending completion of the necessary ritual animal sacrifices. (In the interim, the deceased is considered more “sick” than “dead.”) Said one local (“cheerfully,” according to the *Times*), “Torajans! [We] live to die!” — Castrillo de Murcia, Spain, lacks a “running of the bulls” tradition, but since 1620 it has included in its annual El Colacho festival a “leap-ing over the babies.” In late May, the town’s infants are laid on mattresses in the village square, and people in red-and-yellow devil costumes jump over them and keep running to symbolize the vanquishing of demons from their lives.

Latest Religious Messages

— Toward a More Accessible Anglican Church: (1) In August, Birmingham Cathedral announced plans to open a series of wine bars in London, as (according to an official) one of the “alterna-tive ways” of engaging non-churchgoers. (2) The new church curate in Dursley, Gloucestershire, is

Rev. Skye Denno, 29, a married mother of two with six piercings whose downtime is spent in biker boots, hot pants, and a dog collar...and she lis-tens to the Sex Pistols. Said she, “I don’t do it to be difficult. [I] think it makes me more approach-able.”

The Continuing Crisis

— In August, the U.S. Department of Trans- portation unveiled new rules for train and bus drivers returning to work from drug-use sus- pensions. They must now be tested first by a strip search to detect devices for cheating (such as artificial penises), and if none is found, they may re-dress themselves, but a monitor must still “directly watch the urine as it goes from the employee’s body into the collection container.” Several unions have challenged the rule in court. — In July, Abbie Hawkins, 19, a hotel recep- tionist in Norwich, England, said she found a baby bat nestled inside the padded bra she had been wearing for several hours. “When I was driving to work, I felt a slight vibration but I thought it was just my mobile phone in my jacket

pocket,” she told the *Daily Telegraph*. Hawkins had fetched the bra off of a clothesline that morn- ing, where it had been hanging overnight. First reaction: “I thought how mean I was for dis- turbing it.”

Fine Points of the Law

— Joey Bergamine, 19, who is preparing for a retrial in Fayetteville, N.C., on a DUI charge stemming from a July 2007 incident, will argue that he should have been advised of his right to have a lawyer present when his father kicked open his bedroom door hours after the incident to help police officers who had come to question him. Joey’s father is the police chief of Fayetteville, and Joey’s lawyer said entering a locked room, as well as the subsequent interrogation, con- stituted “police” action and not “parental” action, and since his dad failed to “Mirandize” him, the charge should be dismissed.

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CAPTIVE, let's meet at the large water fountain, Balboa Park, October 21, at 2 p.m. I've dark, curly hair and am carrying Reader. EXCITABLE GIRL: Meet me at Sambo's on Friars Road, 10 a.m., Sunday. Dress for sailing. Siegfried.

—CLASSIFIEDS, *October 12, 1978*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"I think that if you're going to have an intellectual education, you've got to read a lot of books," observes Barry Hyman, a 28-year-old student in visual arts at UCSD. And if the school's Central Library authorities had not caught up with him, Hyman would be pursuing said education with 973 volumes at his side.

On Thursday, September 15, after receiv-

ing a tip-off from the visual arts department that Hyman had an large number of library books in his second-level Mandeville Center studio, library employees set about confiscating and organizing the collection.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"HIS SHELVES NO LONGER GROAN,"**
Abe Opincar, October 13, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

There are two kinds of people in San Diego: the ones who think San Diego is becoming another Los Angeles and the ones who have been to Los Angeles recently.

I escaped from L.A. It took me two years to dig the tunnel, but I did it, and I'm glad. As an ex-Angeleno, a recovering rat racer, a former cellmate to the stars — well, let me tell you, freedom never drove, smelled, or looked so good. Stop griping, San Diego. You will never be like L.A.

I hope.

—**"I'LL TAKE SAN DIEGO,"** *Steven Saint,*
October 13, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

You won't find Dahmer's Diner on the bill at the Cannibal Bar in Mission Beach. In fact, DD has been banned from all but two venues in town, SOMA and Cafe Chabalaba, though they are embraced at certain clubs in Austin,

Dallas, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, among other places. While they have been interviewed by the punk-rock press 'zines from places as far away as Holland, they have real trouble in San Diego. These Santee boys, graduates of Santana High School, have even been banned from the Spirit Club.

—**"EATING PEOPLE IS THE ULTIMATE CONTROL,"**
John Brizzolara, October 14, 1993

Ten Years Ago

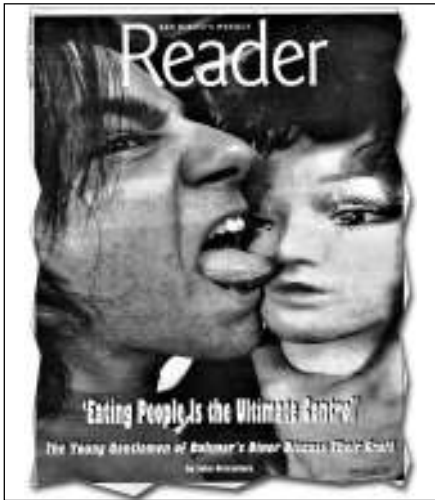
I tighten my right arm around the cheetah's neck. He has a deep purr, like a Harley-Davidson heard cruising along two blocks away. I try not to think of his teeth and claws, but his teeth and claws become the only important subject. This is a 120-pound adult male that can hit 45 miles per hour in two seconds. I can't even hiccup that fast.

—**"ARE YOU HAPPY, BROTHER BEAST?"**
Stephen Dobyns, October 15, 1998

Five Years Ago

When he's home, Dominick Moscatello washes out his spiked "liberty mohawk" before bed. But the Mower lead singer says his single row of five spikes stays up when he's on the road.

Mohawk grooming involves shaving the nonspiked part of his scalp twice a week.



San Diego Reader, October 14, 1993

Some rockers use Aqua Net hairspray for their action-figure hairdo. Moscatello prefers gelatin.

"You get four packs of Knox gelatin and a quarter cup of water. You heat it in the microwave for 30 seconds and mix it up. If it gets too chunky, you add a little bit more water to it. You put it in your hair immediately."

—BLURT: **"I'VE GONE TWO WEEKS WITHOUT WASHING MY HAIR,"** *Ken Leighton, October 9, 2003*

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Here is a list of things that disqualifies her from being vice president:

- 1. She's dumb as a bag of lawn clippings.

That's it. And isn't that enough? I mean, really.

Before I go any further, I have to explain to you what a merkin is. A merkin is a wig for the pubic region. A British newspaper called *The Guardian* described the usefulness of a merkin as this: "Pubic lice were common, so some women, fed up with the constant itching, just shaved the lot off and then covered their modesty with a merkin.

"Prostitutes, too, were frequent wearers. In the days before penicillin, it didn't take long to become infected with sexually transmitted diseases. They knew it was 'no work, no pay' and didn't want to scare the customers off with their syphilitic pustules and gonorrheal warts. So the merkin was used as a prosthesis to cover up a litany of horrors."

That's what Sarah Palin is: pretty, oddly out of place, and a distraction from what's going on behind her — let's call it the meat and potatoes of the situation.

About five minutes before you have to barf, you know it's comin'. It's not the violent welling of broth and crumbs, but there's an uneasiness in your body and you know it's there. Even if it's completely unexpected: you're not drunk, you haven't eaten any sun-ripened chicken salad, and you don't seem to have any other ailments. But there's the uncomfortable feeling that something terrible is going to happen, something involving your knees on linoleum and frightened tears on your cheeks.

That is also what Sarah Palin is.

So I was sitting there, waiting for the debates and worried that I was going to throw up predator eggs and a merkin.

Then the lady introduced Senator Biden and Governor Hot Lips, and all I could think was *This episode of Cheers sucks. Sam and the brunette ought to just go for the big kiss and get it over with.*

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

THE VIEW

ABC 10:00 A.M.

When I was young, I had a dog with either one too many or one too few chromosomes, and his tongue hung out of his head at an odd angle. He also bit his own ass, so we had to put him in one of those cones. And he chased the lawnmower, so we had to chain him up in the yard. Kind of like *The View*.

KATH AND KIM

NBC 8:30 P.M.

The previews of *Kath and Kim* make me wish some critical Hollywood union would go on strike. But Selma Blair's hot and she made out with Buffy the Vampire Slayer in that one movie, so I'm willing to overlook the terrible jokes. Oh, look, the mute button!

BRING IT ON: IN IT TO WIN IT FAMILY 8:00 P.M.

What little of my hair that's left is thin, oily, and stands on my head like alert meerkats. I'm shedding it in a pattern that up until now had only been seen in run-over opossums. My sink needs a barber more than I do. In every possible aspect, my hair is under-performing. And it could write, direct, and star in a better movie than this.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

AMERICA'S TOUGHEST JOBS

NBC 8:00 P.M.

In Australia, does this show swirl in the opposite direction?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

PARIS HILTON'S MY NEW BFF

MTV 8:00 P.M.

Imagine the amount of penicillin, Handi Wipes, and inside-out grocery bags required to fulfill this position. I'm sure at first it'd be fun to be the friend of a mega-rich, glam-

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

VALENTINE

CW 8:00 P.M.

I'm waiting for CW to come up with something good. I'm starting to think this is like waiting for a pack of zebras to charge into my house and file my taxes.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

HEROES

NBC 9:00 P.M.

An open letter to the producers and director of *Heroes*: Less of that dude with the huge eyebrow. More of the cheerleader, sweaty and out of breath. Get it together over there. Seriously, what are you thinking? Chop-chop! Thank you. Sincerely, Everyone

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

HOUSE

FOX 8:00 P.M.

Watching a couple hours of *House* is like eating a bowl of chips and seven-layer dip. It feels good at the time, but all that salt and refried beans are going to leave you bloated

and gassy. The smart thing to do is limit your exposure to so much guacamole and medical melodrama. (Psst...you've put on a little bit of weight.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

KNIGHT RIDER

NBC 8:00 P.M.

When the hell did everything roll back to my high school days? I'd rather not relive the braces, acne, ill-fitting lederhosen, and that awful wig. I've worked hard, with several "analysts" to put all that behind me. (Oh, metal shop! Oh, the feel of Mr. Lindgren's brushy mustache!) Now,



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CW 9:00 P.M.

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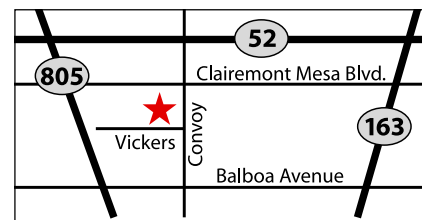
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And October also is blessed, for lo and verily it too promises The End.

By John Brizzolara

As always, it is a little odd writing this column at something of a remove, a matter of a week or two, sometimes as much as a month, though I try not to do that lest the world end and I've typed happily away about, say, an untranspired Halloween. But here I am, still in the doldrums of late September reaching longingly for that crisp taste of sour apple at the corner of one's jaw, which I associate with autumn. I know what Eliot meant well enough about April being the cruelest month. Still, I would argue these days in September take the cake precisely because they promise The End. Of what? An unnaturally cheery, even hyper-maniac (if that's the term) season in hell. That is to say, a relentless ordeal thoroughly skated by the talking, coiffed heads of local TV weather personalities, those who insist on a truly deranged "breeeeeze!" instead of "a break in the life-sucking vacuum of Horse Latitude heat, stagnation, and the oppressive carbon-monoxide death gases forced into our lungs on day 53 of record-breaking and superheated asphyxiation here in this torturous irony we call the sun belt and San Diego." Let's call it what it is.

October is no guarantee either, is it? But the promise of it! Ah, the sheer blessed promise of pumpkin and sweater, ruddy-cheeked children, and cider steaming in cool starlight; it's enough to keep one's head out of the oven, not outside, but in our kitchens. And October also

is blessed, for lo and verily it too promises The End. Mortality itself makes its appearance in the ether of fall.

"My, we're in a maudlin mood," my friend Bill commented to me recently on a Friday afternoon after a memorial service for a mutual friend. I had been contemplating the nature of grief demonstrated in all its variations by attendees and speakers at the service. What I had been contemplating were the words written by Samuel R. Delaney in his novel *Dhalgren*. He wrote, "The greatest part of grief is fear." I said it aloud as Bill was trying to maintain some semblance of humor in the day. But it was too late.

I had just the night before been reading one of the most frighteningly diabolical short stories I have ever read, by, of all people, Aleister Crowley, the self-styled great beast, "The Most Wicked Man in the World," so termed by a British newspaper, *John Bull*, at the early part of the last century. (This may have had something to do with the fact that he was more than rumored to have left a man to die while climbing the Himalayas and reportedly made his six-year-old daughter walk across the Gobi Desert.) The story is called "The Testament of Magdalen Blair," about the telepathic wife of a mad academician who links her mind to her husband's as he dies and enters hell.

The scene in which the man's body enters the crematorium, he fully conscious and her mind joined with his, was running through my mind as we drove east on I-8.

"The first kiss of the furnace awoke an activity so violent and so vivid that all the past doubt that the cremation of my husband's body cut short a process which in the normally buried man continues until no trace paled in its lurid light.

"The quenchless agony of the pang is not to be described; if an alleviation there were, it was but the exaltation...I had little of feeling that this was final."

And a scene earlier, just before his death when he (and she) experience fevered dreams and premonitions:

"[T]he last of them occurred toward the end of the October term. He was lecturing as usual; I was at home, lethargic after too heavy a breakfast following a wakeful night. I saw suddenly a picture of the lecture-room, enormously greater than in reality, so that it filled all space; and in the rostrum, bulging over it in all directions, was a vast, deadly pale devil with a face which was a blasphemy on Arthur's. The evil joy of it was indescribable. So wan and bloated, its lips so loose and bloodless; fold after fold of its belly flopping over the rostrum and pushing the students out of the ball [sic], it leered unspeakably. Then dribbled from its mouth these words; 'Ladies and gentlemen, the course is finished. You may go home.' I



cannot hope even to suggest the wickedness and filth of these simple expressions. Then, raising its voice to a grating scream, it yelled:

"White of egg! White of egg! White of egg! Again and again for twenty minutes. "The effect on me was shocking. It was as if I had a vision of Hell."

The ride home continued in silence after my quoting of Delaney. Eventually Bill turned to me and said, "We didn't get any of that food the caterer laid out. Are you hungry?"

I turned to him and gave him a smile I was inexplicably certain was not my own.

"What?" he pressed, grinning, I would say, gaseously. "What?"

"White of egg!" I whispered, employing the full bilabial fricative in such a way that it seemed, impossibly, to actually hiss. My voice rose, "White of egg! White of egg! White of egg!"

"Oh, my God!" He stared at me with horror, traffic honking behind us. "My God! What's wrong with you? You're creeping me out!"

"White of egg! White of egg! White of egg!" I repeated exactly 13 more times.

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