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## Keep that sign moving

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## BREAKING NEWS

## Rich and famous play chicken



T. Boone Pickens

The battle over Prop 2, the Humane Society-sponsored measure to limit allegedly cruel confinement of chickens and other animals on California farms, is heating up, and a bevy of well-heeled San Diego-area denizens are choosing sides. Most of the local big money against the proposal comes from East County egg producers, who claim it could put them out of business. On July 8, Ramona's Eben-Haezer Egg Ranch gave \$4000 to Californians for SAFE Food, the campaign committee opposing the measure. Pine Hill Egg Ranch, also of Ramona, has given a total of \$100,000 through July 19. Harmony Egg Ranch of Escondido is also against the measure, contributing \$29,476 through June 13.

Supporters of Prop 2 include Del Mar's **Madeleine Pickens**, the fourth and current wife of **T. Boone Pickens**, the oil tycoon who is now waging a national advertising campaign for wind energy; she kicked in \$12,500 on September 5. In May of last year, Pickens smashed the record for the most expensive house ever sold in the county when she bought a Ken Ronchetti-designed Del Mar beach abode for \$35 million. An avid animal lover, in 2005 the statuesque blonde chartered a Continental Airlines 737 to evacuate 120 stray dogs and cats from Hurricane Katrina-battered New Orleans.

Prop 2 also is being backed by La Jolla's **Wendy M. Globe Tsien**, wife of **Roger Tsien**, the UCSD pharmacology professor who last week shared the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with a Columbia University professor and a Japanese-born scientist now based in Woods Hole, Massachusetts; on July 1, Wendy gave \$15,000 to Prop 2, having previously contributed \$500. The couple have long been financial stalwarts of liberal causes. He gave \$2000 to **Howard Dean** in 2004; she gave \$250 each to South Bay Democratic congressman **Bob Filner** and Wisconsin Democratic senator **Russell Feingold**'s Progressive Patriots Fund PAC earlier this year. Another \$10,000 in favor of Prop 2 came from Poway philanthropist **Lynn Wells**, whose family runs the Toby Wells Foundation, one cause of which is animal rights.



Roger Tsien

**Indian giving** On another ballot front, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, proprietors of a big East County casino, gave \$175,000 on September 16 to the campaign against Proposition 5, which would expand state drug-treatment programs and lighten sentences for some nonviolent drug offenders. The tribe, which also owns two downtown hotels, the U.S. Grant and the Hotel Solamar, frequently gives money to causes favored by Mayor **Jerry Sanders** and other

members of the GOP establishment. As it turns out, helping to lead the battle against Prop 5 is none other than San Diego district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis**, who is showcased in a video on the main page of No on 5's website; she is said to be counting on a resounding defeat of the measure to jump-start her drive for higher office, possibly state attorney general. That puts her on the opposite side of Qualcomm billionaire **Irwin Jacobs**, who earlier this year contributed \$150,000 to qualify the proposition for the ballot. ... Chargers special counsel **Mark Fabiani** and wife **June** gave a total of \$5000 to the presidential campaign of **Barack Obama** on August 27; termed-out councilman **Scott Peters** gave \$2000 the same day. ... Ex-San Diego city manager



Mark Fabiani

**Jack McGrory**, whom many blame for the pension-fund crisis that emerged after he left city hall, has given \$500 to the campaign opposed to Prop 8, the anti-gay marriage initiative.

**That's showbiz** North County GOP congressman **Darrell Issa** became a hero to those opposed to the \$700 billion bad-mortgage bailout that was muscled through Congress two weeks ago by the Bush administration and establishment politicians from both parties. Fluent in the ways of cable television, Issa has been turning up as a semiregular guest on HBO's liberal-leaning *Real Time with Bill Maher*. One appearance was documented by a disclosure statement the congressman filed last February: "A chauffeured sedan will drive him from his home in Vista, CA to our studio in L.A.," notes a declaration from the show's "talent supervisor." Total expenses of that appearance, picked up by HBO, were reported to be \$852. ... The Center on Policy Initiatives, a labor-backed think tank that has lobbied for a so-called living wage, among other causes, is throwing a gala for itself tonight at the San Diego Convention Center. Honorees include termed-out San Diego city councilwoman **Toni Atkins**. Tickets cost \$125, and sponsors include the San Diego Police Officers Association and the San Diego Community College District, the chairman of which is South Bay Democratic assembly candidate **Marty Block**. ... Last week **Scott Peters** gave \$6000 to the gubernatorial campaign of Democratic state attorney general **Jerry Brown**. Attorney **Patrick Coughlin** of Coughlin, Stoia, Geller, Rudman & Robbins, successor to the firm of now-imprisoned super-lawyer **Bill Lerach**, gave the same.



Darrell Issa

— Matt Potter

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## Bailsmen

By Don Bauder

"I don't think the American taxpayer needs to be stepping in," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson assured the citizenry on February 27 of this year. Half a month later, the Federal Reserve bailed out Wall Street by financing a shotgun

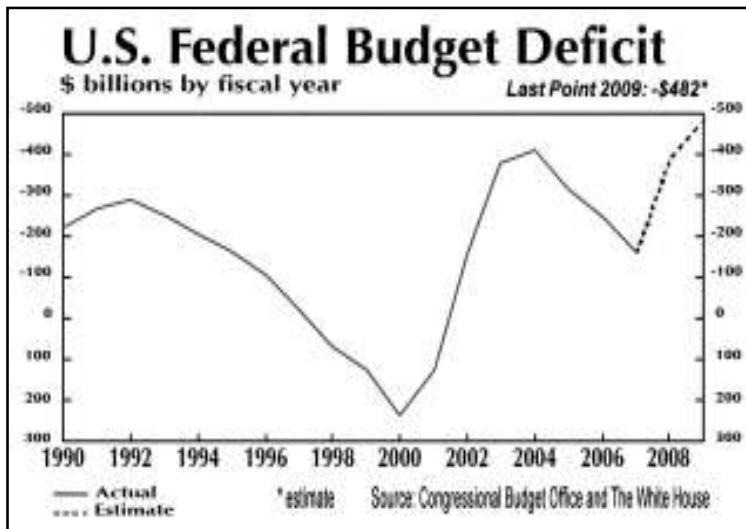
likely to be behind us." Then on July 20, he exuded confidence: "It's a safe banking system, a sound banking sys-

tem," quoth he. "Our regulators are on top of it." Then on September 18 — after the Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and American International Group rescues — Paulson begged for a \$700 billion taxpayer bailout of Wall Street, warning that if the banking-welfare package didn't pass, "Heaven help us all."

Paulson wasn't alone in his dead-wrong pronouncements. On March 11, Christo-

pher Cox, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, declared, "We have a good deal of comfort about the capital cushions at these [Wall Street] firms at the moment." His agency was making "constant," sometimes daily reviews of financial institutions, declared Cox. Three days later, Bear Stearns was saved via the shotgun.

Then there is Ben Bernanke, chairman of the



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marriage of Bear Stearns to a larger firm, JPMorgan Chase. Nonetheless, on May 6, Paulson declared, "The worst is

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By Alastair Bland

**A**t Bernardo Winery, one of the oldest olive oil producers in California, oil flow has come to a standstill. While the Rancho

Bernardo company has historically produced 300 to 400 gallons of olive oil per year from its 1200 trees, the olive fruit fly, an invasive pest that's native to Mediterranean Europe and north Africa, has already destroyed this fall's crop, says company director Rossi Rizzo. The female insect does not kill the tree but bores a hole in the developing olive, where she lays a handful of eggs. She may then go on to lay several hundred more in successive olives. Throughout Southern California the insect's maggots have wrought havoc on the olive oil industry.

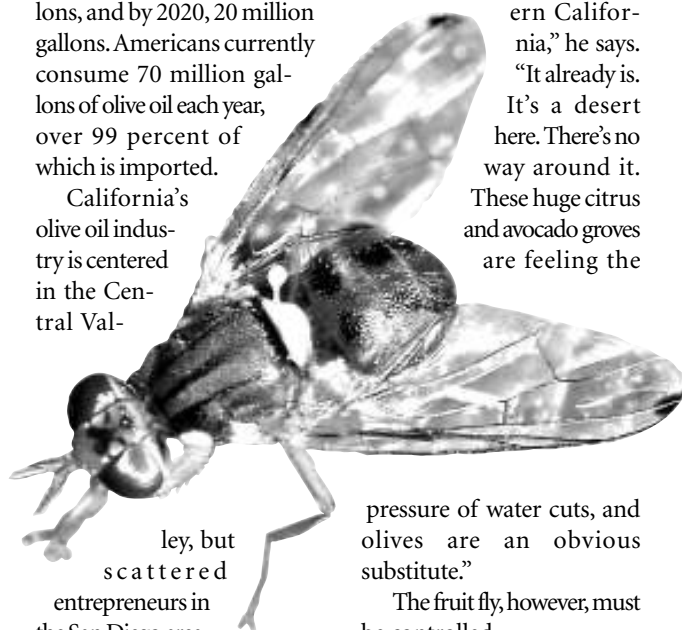
Gary Bender, farm adviser with the University of California, Davis extension office in San Marcos, worked with Bernardo Winery near the turn of the millennium, just a year after the fruit fly's New World arrival, in an attempt to control the insect.

"We did a trial run with some pesticide applicants. We treated every tree every other week, and we achieved some control, but not enough for commercial use. We reduced the maggots from three or four per olive to about one. In the end, they just threw out the entire crop."

While still a baby in the global olive oil market, California has surged as an oil producer in the past ten years.

The state's growers churned out half a million gallons in the fall and winter of 2007. This season, 750,000 gallons will go to bottle. Five years from now, the experts say production will hit 5 million gallons, and by 2020, 20 million gallons. Americans currently consume 70 million gallons of olive oil each year, over 99 percent of which is imported.

California's olive oil industry is centered in the Central Valley, but



scattered entrepreneurs in the San Diego area are entering the market.

Chef Eric Edney, owner of a Taste of Florence in Escondido, purchased a five-acre grove of Frantoio and Leccino olives in Valley Center two years ago. Most olive trees begin producing fruit at three to five years of age, and Edney's six-year-old trees produced their first harvest in the fall of 2007. The entire crop, however, was wormy. This year, Edney has set insect sticky

traps and regularly applies an organic poison derived from sugarcane, which the flies readily devour. Thus far, the measures have kept the fly at bay, and Edney expects to mash out 300 gallons of oil in late October, with which he will supplement his restaurant's annual consumption of 600 gallons.

Edney believes the olive, which requires a relatively small amount of water to thrive, could be the fruit of the future in San Diego's arid environment.

"Water's going to be an issue in Southern California," he says. "It already is. It's a desert here. There's no way around it. These huge citrus and avocado groves are feeling the

pressure of water cuts, and olives are an obvious substitute."

The fruit fly, however, must be controlled.

The pest is believed to have first appeared in North America in Los Angeles in 1998. How it arrived is not known. It has since impacted the Baja olive industry east of Ensenada and spread into Northern California as well, though its impact has been minimal in the Central Valley, where high summer temperatures can deter the insects. Vincent Lazaneo, urban horticulture advisor with the UC Davis extension's San Diego office, says that nonharvested trees on private property are perpetuating and maintaining the olive fly's presence. Each autumn, such trees bear fruit that falls to the ground unpicked. Left to rot, the olives provide prime overwintering habitat for the insects, which essentially hibernate through the colder months.

"Residential landscape trees are the problem," Lazaneo says. "It's feasible to control the insect, but you need to be isolated from those unpicked trees."

In commercial situations,



Olive with maggots

the complete harvest of a region's olives each year can effectively curb the fruit fly population, believes Thom Curry, owner and oil maker at Temecula Olive Oil Company, in Riverside County.

"If more people around here just picked their olives, it would be less of a problem," he says.

Curry has successfully protected his own 50 acres of olives using traps and sprays — the same used on Edney's orchard — and he additionally manages 100 acres of private groves in San Diego, Orange, and Riverside counties, producing all told 4000 gallons of extra-virgin olive oil each year from more than 30 olive varieties.

"Extra virgin" is the highest grade of olive oil and is defined as such by industry standards. The California Olive Oil Council oversees about 80 percent of in-state production by a voluntary certification system. Its members, about 250 oil producers throughout California, submit samples of each year's harvest for analysis. Laboratory testing measures free fatty acid levels, which must stand at no more than 0.5 percent if the oil is to qualify as extra virgin. Acidity results from oxidation of either the olives or the oil. Bruising and fruit fly damage can produce high acid levels too. Oxidation is further checked with an ultraviolet light test and by measuring peroxide levels.

Oils that pass the acid test must then pass the inspection of a tasting panel, which looks for the desired qualities of fruitiness, pungency,

and bitterness. Earthiness is considered a defect, and occasionally the panel, which meets monthly in Napa, comes across an oil that has been pressed unknowingly from fly-infested olives.

"Those oils taste like maggots," says Curry, a tasting panel member.

Oils that qualify are labeled

oil, and beta-carotene for flavoring — are shipped to the United States each year, much of it from Italy. Labeled "extra-virgin olive oil," this product may sell for \$6 to \$10 per liter. Bernardo Winery's extra-virgin olive oil, by contrast, has sold for \$28 per 375-milliliter bottle. Assenti's Pasta on India Street in Little Italy carries a



Organic fruit fly trap

with a stamp reading "California Olive Oil Council Certified Extra Virgin." Growers who are not members of the council may label their oils as extra virgin without any panel analysis, though a brand-new law, signed into effect by the governor at the end of September, requires that all olive oils sold in California be labeled in accordance with the standards of the International Olive Council in Madrid. Thus, marketing low-quality olive oil as "extra virgin" is now illegal in California, regardless of the oil's place of origin. Many millions of gallons of fraudulent oil — often blends of soybean oil, low-grade olive

dozen Italian extra-virgin olive oils that range up to \$28 for a liter. Coowner Luigi Assenti warns consumers that price can be suggestive of quality.

"If you're looking at a liter for \$7, I'd think that's a suspect oil."

Large supermarkets are widely purported to carry falsified oils, but even small artisanal retailers can get swindled by overseas dealers. Assenti concedes that mislabeled oils

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Dominick Fiume

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## Bailsmen

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ple will be key among those spearheading the \$700 billion bailout package. Paulson and aides will have near-dictatorial powers. Cox and Bernanke will be on the Financial Stability Oversight Board.

As Paulson said, "Heaven help us all." Now, as governments essentially take over the world's banking system, guaranteeing deposits and lending among banks, Paulson's quote is more apt than ever, although he hardly meant it that way, having been a cheerleader for the nationalization of formerly private banks.

I asked some prominent San Diego financial experts about this state of affairs. "These guys [did not] understand the derivatives problem or, more important, its magnitude," says retired banker Peter Q. Davis. Derivatives

with no regulation or oversight "took on a life of their own. [They were] out-and-out gambles."

Says former Wall Street veteran Arthur Lipper III, "With someone as intelligent and experienced as Paulson is, I find it hard to believe he failed to understand" the explosive possibilities of a derivatives chain reaction.

Maybe, like some on Wall Street, Paulson knew that an explosion could take place, but he was making too much money to fret about it. Derivatives came to dominate the financial world because the commissions are so high for those peddling them. Wall Street is all about greed and mendacity—two reasons its practitioners are unfit for government positions.

In May of 2006, San Diego Gary Aguirre warned the Senate Banking Committee that Wall Street was re-creat-

ing 1929, piling up multiple layers of financial leverage that could crash. After the Bear Stearns collapse this year, he reminded the committee that the Securities and Exchange Commission had failed to foresee this calamity and would probably fail to foresee further disasters. Aguirre, brother of City Attorney Mike Aguirre, was right on target.

Springfield, New Jersey-based economist A. Gary Shilling says, "Perhaps the least credible of all the Washington players has been the SEC." In 2006, the agency's staff identified the risks of the subprime mortgage crisis but didn't exert influence over Bear Stearns to plan for a subprime meltdown. The agency permitted the firm to use its own auditors, instead of independent ones, in assessing Bear Stearns' risk-management policies. Then the SEC

botched its attempt to shore up financial shares. It banned new short selling on 1000 financial issues, but it put nonfinancial stocks, such as IBM, GM, and Ford, on the list, while ignoring authentic financial institutions.

"They [SEC staff] don't know what they are doing now," says Aguirre. "It is panic over there."

"The SEC could require regulated firms to disclose on an ongoing basis their current debt-to-capital ratio so those considering trading with the firms could make a decision as to risk," says Lipper. Such disclosure would have helped in the Bear Stearns disaster.

Playing politics trumps telling the truth these days. "Paulson allowed the wish to become the parent of the thought in his quest to serve the Bush administration," says Lipper. "It appears that he was part of the decision-making which resulted in there being few, if any, independent economists testifying before Congress in the bailout-plan

deliberations.

"Of course, Bernanke, as chairman of the [Federal Reserve], also sought and seeks to serve the Bush administration," says Lipper.

"Bernanke loves to tell folks he is an expert on the Depression—thus, I think he sees all roads leading to one," says Davis. "As the old saying goes, 'When the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a nail.'"

Paulson's "Trust me" three-page proposal and request that he not be liable to judicial review or punishment was simply offensive and probably a violation of federal law," says Davis.

What about the bailout plan? "What Paulson did was an ambush," says Aguirre. "In March, after Bear Stearns collapsed, everyone should have known that Bear was a sign of what was coming. Paulson should have convened the Senate Banking Committee, conducted highly public hearings, explained what was going on with Bear Stearns to gar-

ner public support." Instead, Paulson kept insisting that all was well. After it was clear the financial sector was on the brink, "The politicians were stampeded by Paulson's warnings and passed a bill that is a complete disaster for the public."

Among many things, the bill allows Paulson and his minions to purchase toxic assets at whatever price they deem consistent with the purposes of the act. They could pay above a reasonable price if they so desired—supposedly as a way to pump liquidity into a bank. Doesn't Wall Street proselytize "buy low and sell high"? Even Paulson, Cox, and Bernanke should have learned that maxim. The bill permits Paulson's dragons to purchase credit default swaps and other derivatives that are at the root of the problem. Such purchases would bail out Wall Street while screwing Main Street.

The villains are institutional gambling with excessive debt and the ideological insistence on nonregulation. And now officials who encouraged such irresponsibility, or looked the other way while it occurred, and never saw the possibility of a derivatives nuclear reaction are in charge of steering the nation out of the crisis.

"Were there not institutional and public demand for ever-increasing profits, the excesses would not have occurred," says Lipper. "As has always been the case, leverage is dangerous, and without

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significant minimum capital requirements it typically ends in disaster.”

We may be at the edge of that disaster right now. The nationalizing moves over the weekend will only lead to more inflation down the road, says Lipper. ■

### Maggoty oil

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have gained access to his store's shelves in prior years. In one instance, he whipped up a large batch of pesto that refused

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to solidify in the freezer.

“If you put olive oil in the fridge, it will congeal. Those that don't congeal aren't really olive oil, or maybe they're a blend with something else.”

Olive trees first arrived in San Diego with the Spanish missionaries. The Southern California oil industry grew lavishly in the late 1800s and into the 20th Century, as the tuna-canning business demanded great quantities of olive oil for use in its products. The oil industry dwindled following World War II, the groves replaced by residential sprawl. Lone relics and isolated orchards still exist, though,

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and local hobbyist-historian Dominick Fiume believes that 200-year-old olive trees dwell somewhere in the county, vestiges of the missionary days. The oldest tree he knows of is approximately 125 years old and dwells at the Arthur and Lillian Gaynes—Cliff May Hacienda, a home on Mount Helix built in 1936 that Fiume purchased last year, along with its grove of 60 olive trees planted about the same time the house was built. Fiume would like to acquire other groves or at least see them reintegrated into active production. Two 100-year-old groves in National City recently received protection via private purchase.

“There are abandoned groves around the county, and because of them the flies are just out of control,” Fiume says. “We'd like to get these trees back into production.”

Lazaneo sees little hope of eliminating the olive fruit fly. He believes the small local olive oil industry does not carry enough financial incentive for agribusiness developers to work toward a solution for the bug problem. In

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August, all of Fiume's olives were devastated by an outbreak of flies, while chef Edney, planning to harvest before November, has his fingers crossed. Edney is optimistic, confident that the local olive oil industry is poised to explode, and even Rizzo at the Bernardo Winery, whose last vintage of oil went to bottle in 2001, believes that in the fall of 2009 he will reenter the market.

“In the old country, where my grandfather was from, they never would have sprayed their olives,” says Rizzo. “They would just let nature take its course, and these things would pass. Especially with nonnative insects, they go away eventually.”

Biologists predict otherwise. Though some native parasitic insects attack the olive fruit fly and lay eggs in the invaders' larvae, says Bender, he believes the fly is here to stay.

“We have the perfect climate here. I think [the fly] will do very well. It certainly won't just vanish. These things never vanish. I've never seen an introduced insect go away.” ■

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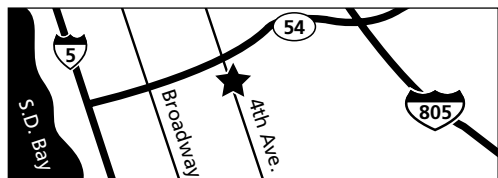
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### Video Flimflam

We are appalled to read that the San Diego airport authority put out a \$200,000 promotional video on NBC following John McCain's acceptance speech at the GOP convention ("Breaking News," October 9). Are there no improvements to be made at the airport itself without squandering public money on such flimflam?

But then again, we know that ex-school superintendent now-airport authority chairman Alan Bersin is a trained professional when it comes to spending tax dollars on self-promotion and empty gestures. Special

thanks for this mess go to ex-legislator Steve Peace and legislative compadres like Christine Kehoe in Sacramento for peeling off the airport authority from port district oversight.

Name Withheld  
via email

### Correction

A "Breaking News" story on October 9 misidentified the venue in which John McCain delivered his speech accepting the Republican Party's nomination for president. The speech was given at Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

### Un-American Checkpoints

Re "Illegal Ways to Avoid the Border Wait" (Cover Story, October 9). Perhaps if the Border Patrol stopped running internal U.S. checkpoints and roadblocks around our county and stopped sending mobile teams to prowl through inner-city neighborhoods and instead focused these officers at the actual border, like it says in their name, "BORDER Patrol," then the border would be more secure and cross-border traf-

fic would flow faster and more efficiently, with the added benefit of the U.S. not having to devolve into a third world type of police state.

My experience is that San Diego-assigned Border Patrol officers presume they have the same authority to stop and search vehicles on county roads that they have at the actual border. Accordingly, they are illegally searching and popping open people's car trunks by scaring and bullying people into giving "consent" to search the vehicles. They coyly call it engaging in "consensual conversation" and "consent," but it is actually a conversation and search that you refuse at your own peril. You either give consent for them to search your cars and trunks and tell them anything they want to know, or else you are pulled over to the side of the freeway, where you will have to sit on a bench and be stared at and humiliated in front of all of the other motorists passing by while agents verbally work you over.

In my case, as I approached the 94 freeway checkpoint one sunny Saturday afternoon, I innocently gave the first officer who was manning the ac-

tual booth both my wife's and my passports, but instead of then waving me on my way, as I had established citizenship with the best of all documentation, a passport, the agent then asked me to "give consent" to him to search my trunk! I went "huh!!" and then the full impact of the stop hit me fast!

I quickly shot back at him that I already went through immigration at Tecate and that I was not going to open anything for him. He repeated his question a few more times and then directed me to pull over to the side of the road, whereupon three other officers descended on my car, ordering us out of the car and to step away from the car and to sit on a bench. The other three officers each asked me to give consent to search my trunk, and I repeatedly told them no, that I am a paid-up member of the ACLU, and that I am refusing to give consent to search my trunk as a matter of principle, since the United States has a Bill of Rights with a Fourth Amendment that supposedly bars police state-type searches.

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Dear Matthew Alice:

What would happen if lightning hit railroad tracks? Would everybody on the train be electrocuted if lightning hit the cars?

— William, via email

Where do you people get these questions? We have hardly any lightning, hardly any railroad tracks. Where were you when this question filtered into your bean? Well, you ask 'em, I just answer 'em. But sometimes I just have to wonder... So, when was the last time you read screaming headlines about a trainload of passengers being fried by lightning? That should tell you something. Train people have pretty much taken care of their lightning problems. Tracks are grounded with lightning arrestors, but they're mostly to protect the railroad's signaling equipment that's attached to the rails. An unarrested strike, one scientist estimates, would travel a couple of uninterrupted miles along the metal tracks before it pooped out, charring any metal equipment in its path.

So, what about the paying passengers? Turns out they're protected from lightning strikes the same way cars and planes are. The skin effect. The charge zips along in the outside of the metal "cage" of the vehicle. If you want to know why, well, it's a little complicated. A lightning bolt is alternating current, and each surge of current generates its own magnetic field that itself affects the electrical flow. There's a slight delay in mag field production each time the current alternates, which causes the next surge to flow a little closer to the outside of the conductor until it is flowing along the "skin." Consider that all this happens in the second or two that the bolt is live.

Heymatt:

Every week I buy my kids enough fruit for the week for snacks. I always get apples and bananas. If they don't eat all the bananas right away, the fruit always spoils and I have to throw them away. I don't usually have that problem with apples or grapes or anything else. When you buy bananas green, how can they spoil so fast and what can I do about it?

— Fruit-Filled Mom, via email

Bananas, the ADD fruit. Under the correct circumstances, they metabolize like crazy and go from green to rotten in no time. This is because of their enzyme makeup, the fact that they emit ethylene (ripening) gas like crazy, and of course because their cell walls are particularly soft. Apples are pretty sturdy and, unlike bananas, contain enough vitamin C to stave off rotting for a while. In a rot race, Mom, your bananas will always win. Aside from stuffing your kids' faces with 'nanners in the first few days, you have a couple of ways of not letting them go to waste. First, in spite of what you hear, you can put bananas in the fridge. Just make sure they're fully ripe (yellow with dark speckles on the peel) because cold will stop the ripening process and the fruit won't be as sweet. One warning. Cold is likely to darken the banana peel, which of course will make your kids go "Eeeeeew," but the fruit inside's okay, so peel 'em before you hand them out. The second storage suggestion is freezing them. They won't be good for anything but baking or smoothies once they've thawed, but they're still healthy and have that yummy 'nanner taste.

Hey! Wake Up!

Our little dip into the pool of knowledge about prolonged sleeplessness leading to death prompted a couple of responses from Aliceland.

In... "Straight from the Hip," regarding sleep loss, you state, "For the record, the longest sleepless stretch was achieved by a high school student who managed to stay awake 11 days." I personally knew (years ago) several people who stayed awake several WEEKS using crystal meth.

— Craig, via email

Yeah, Craig. I knew when I wrote that I'd hear from the recreational drug crowd. I decided when I answered the question that I'd concentrate on the scientifically observed facts and bypass the meth runs and other oddities. Just to show you that I wasn't playing favorites, that I didn't have any particular druggie axe to grind, I also omitted a completely legitimate (though obscure) medical condition that involves insomnia and death. Fatal familial insomnia, a genetic brain disease characterized by uncontrollable insomnia, hallucinations, and eventual death. I assume your meth heads emerged relatively okay.

A person missing sleep "for a couple of days" could be experiencing the manic phase of bipolar illness. There is evidence that people with bipolar illness who are not treated have increased illness related to physical exertion, including increased cardiac problems. So, people who have untreated bipolar (also called "manic-depressive") illness could indeed have shortened lives. This could come from illnesses associated with manic exhaustion in the manic stage, or from illnesses associated with depression (even suicide) from the depressive stages... [S]omeone who just does not seem to need to sleep, nor to catch up with naps that day, should definitely be screened for bipolar disorder, which is very much treatable.

— Estelle Toby Goldstein, M.D., board-certified psychiatrist

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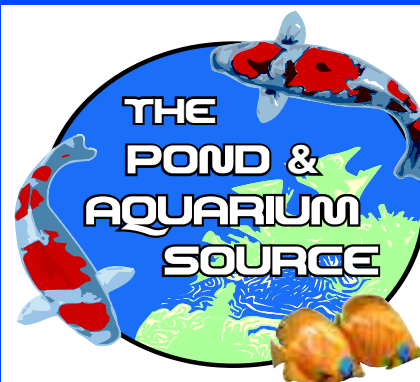
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Neighborhood: Guatay  
Age: Over 40  
Occupation: Administrative Coordinator



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Author: Adam Rusch  
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**Deadline for this month is midnight, October 31.**

## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

## Secrets

Strange, what you take away from a baseball game. I watched the Tampa Bay/Boston contest into Saturday night (Sunday morning on the East Coast). It was a five-hour, 27-minute, 11-inning heart-clutching duel. The Rays won 9-8 to tie the American League Championship Series. The lead changed six times. There were seven home runs and 433 pitches thrown by 14 pitchers. The end came at 1:35 a.m. local time, which is a true measure of the love Major League Baseball has for your kid.

My clearest memory was something one of the Chip, Ron, or Buck announcers said, to wit: there are usually 12 cases of baseballs on hand for every game. Umpires or club flunkies rub up seven dozen. Saturday’s game was running so long, a call went out to rub up more baseballs.

What is this *rub up a baseball*?

Rubbing up a baseball means removing the plastic wrapping and holding a pristine baseball next to your heart like a Christmas present. Well, perhaps not that part, but the next part — applying a secret potion to the surface of the ball — is true. New baseballs are slick, and that slickness interferes with a pitcher’s intention. What to do?

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Fact 2: Russell Aubrey “Lena” Blackburne began selling his mud in the mid 1930s.

Fact 3: Blackburne arrived on the planet in October of 1886. He played pro ball, mostly as an infielder, for 17 years (Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Boston Braves, and Philadelphia Phillies). Afterward, he worked as an interim manager, coach, and scout, wound up with the Phillies from 1933 to 1954. A baseball lifer.

Now we enter into the world of myth, unicorns, and fairy dust. Sometime and somewhere in the 1930s, the exact date is buried deep in the hive’s memory, Blackburne found his incomparable mud on a tributary of the Delaware River.

The manner and date of his find is unknown. He kept the location a secret for the rest of his life and a secret it remains today.

What we do know is that he took his mud back to the Philadelphia Athletics’ clubhouse and that this odorless rubbing mud was an instant sensation. By the close of the 1930s, every American League team was using his product. (Blackburne was a good American League man and refused to sell his product to the National League.)

Well, sir, things kept going along just fine. Every year, Blackburne would sneak out to his secret mudflats and load up on his secret elixir and soon minor leagues and colleges were clamoring for the stuff. He even started selling it to the National League in the 1950s.

Blackburne died in 1968 and bequeathed his business, secret place, and secret preparations to a friend, John Hass. Little is known about the whys and wherefores of that. It is known that Hass passed the secret spot and secret prep to his son-in-law, Burns Bintliff, who passed it on to his son, Jim Bintliff, who is reigning votary and sole proprietor of a new secret spot reported to be adjacent to Pennsauken Creek.

According to an interview Bintliff gave to the *Christian Science Monitor* in 2005, every July he makes his way to the “ole mud hole” to harvest 1000 pounds of magic potion. “I used to go only by boat for about 20 years, but I found a way to do it by going through the woods. I use my truck now; it’s a 100-yard walk to get to the spot.

“It’s good therapy out there. It’s a sanctuary. It’s just myself, the water, and the mud. I do a lot of soul-searching in that time. I think about how Mr. Blackburne and my grandfather used to do it. It brings back great memories.”

A *Field of Dreams*, people. Just Bintliff and the ghost of Russell Blackburne stealing mud and taking a moment together to watch the sun rise over the banks of Pennsauken Creek, which, according to Google Maps, runs for ten miles through the shopping centers, suburban neighborhoods, and light industrial facilities of Eastern New Jersey.

## The Vegas Line

NFL – Week 7 (Home Team in CAPS)

<u>Favorite</u>	<u>Spread</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Underdog</u>
<u>Sunday</u>			
Tennessee	7 ½	35	KANSAS CITY
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Pittsburgh	9 ½	37	CINCINNATI
MIAMI	3	36 ½	Baltimore
Dallas	6	44	ST. LOUIS
CHICAGO	3	38	Minnesota
CAROLINA	3	44 ½	New Orleans
N.Y. GIANTS	10 ½	45	San Francisco
HOUSTON	8 ½	47 ½	Detroit
N.Y. Jets	3	42 ½	OAKLAND
WASHINGTON	7	43	Cleveland
Indianapolis	1	47 ½	GREEN BAY
TAMPA BAY	10 ½	39	Seattle
<u>Monday</u>			
NEW ENGLAND	3	46 ½	Denver

Bye week: Arizona, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Philadelphia

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### Patrick Henry at Bonita Vista

Posted October 11, 2008, 3:14 a.m.

In a matchup of unbeaten, Bonita Vista threw down the hammer against Patrick Henry Friday at Southwestern College. The result was a 36-13 win that kept the Barons among the handful of unbeaten in San Diego.

"Patrick Henry said they were coming out for us. I guess they didn't get the job done, and we're still undefeated," said Bonita Vista running back Bryan Montreuil.

Montreuil rushed for a game-high 102 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries. Montreuil is part of Bonita Vista's fearsome backfield that includes senior Ibrahim Hassan and the new guy, sophomore Greg McGee. Each of the three backs got big gains against the Patriots defense.

The unselfish attitude of Bonita Vista's running backs is emblematic of the Barons team. Hassan said team play is the concept behind the golden hammer that players rallied around following the Barons' win — a hammer based on a speech Bonita Vista head coach Carl Parrick gave earlier in the season.

After the Barons jumped out to a 13-0 lead, the Patriots got on the board when Demajahli Murphy intercepted a pass and returned it 83 yards for a touchdown. Both teams traded touchdowns, and Bonita Vista junior kicker Ruben Vasquez nailed a 36-yard field goal as time expired to give the Barons a 23-13 lead at halftime.



The Barons defense during a second-quarter timeout

After recess, the Barons put the game out of reach. With just more than nine minutes to play in the third quarter, Patriots quarterback Kevin Farley was hit and fumbled the football, a fumble recovered by Bonita Vista linebacker Daniel Scanlon in the endzone. After that play, Patrick Henry was never the same for the rest of the night.

### Lincoln crushes Mission Bay

Posted October 11, 2008, 1:40 a.m.

Last season, Lincoln got off to a slow start in their first year back. What a difference a year makes, as Lincoln improved to 5-0 with a 42-10 win at Mission Bay on Friday afternoon.

"The first year we were back, we didn't really have an off-season weight program, and we've had a full year of weights and passing league and everything else," said Lincoln head coach Ron Hamamoto. "The kids have worked hard to get to this point."

Lincoln found themselves behind 7-0 early when Mission Bay struck with a 55-yard Dillon Baxter touchdown run. But the Hornets led 21-10 at the half and dominated the second half, shutting out the Buccaneers 21-0.

"We made some mistakes in the first half, but instead of worrying about the other team, we just decided we were going to concentrate on ourselves and cut out the mistakes. Once the kids did that, we had a great second half," Hamamoto said.



Mission Bay linebacker Nicholas Quinteros tackles Lincoln back Keith Patterson by the head

### North County pipelines to college football

By ryanmettee26 | Posted October 12, 2008, 11:01 p.m.

Post taken from: [www.RawHideNation.com](http://www.RawHideNation.com)

Its great to see former La Costa Canyon Maverick football players heading to play at the same colleges together.

The Mavericks that have made the jump to college ball at USD include: Jeff Robinson (LCC '02), Jeff Havikan (LCC '02), Daniel Cornsweet (LCC '04), Brett Marquis (LCC '07), and Kort Gibson (LCC '07).

When I played at Columbia, depending on the game situation, we had multiple Mavericks running around on the field at the same time. Columbia seems to be the most popular Ivy League choice among Maverick players. The players that have made the trip to Manhattan to play football include: Keenan Shaw (LCC '02), me (LCC '04), Tim Paulin (LCC '04), Kris Jensen (LCC '04), and Corey Cameron (LCC '05).

One of my favorite college football experiences was my freshman year, when we made the trip to Cambridge to play Harvard at Harvard Stadium. There was nothing like playing with and against former Mavs in such a historic college football environment. Ryan Tyler played slot receiver for Harvard at the time.



Lincoln's full-house backfield

### Monte Vista hosts another cross league foe

By highschoolmvp | Posted October 10, 2008, 9:35 a.m.

Not only does the Monte Vista-West Hills match-up potentially cause the Wolf Pack problems having to contain Jarrod Scott and Nick Williams, but it is also homecoming at Monte Vista tonight, so the crowd and atmosphere will heavily favor the Monarchs. Both of these student athletes are game changers for sure.

West Hills doesn't have the answer tonight against Monte Vista in a game that should revolve around the rushing attack.

Prediction (Monte Vista 24 — West Hills 10)

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**Annual budget:** n/a  
**Weekly giving:** n/a  
**Singles program:** n/a  
**Dress:** formal to semiformal  
**Diversity:** Jewish  
**Sunday worship:** Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service, 6:15 p.m.; Saturday Shabbat service, 9:15 a.m.  
**Length of reviewed service:** two hours  
**Website:** [tiferethisrael.com](http://tiferethisrael.com)

Two armed security guards stood at the ticket-check tent outside the synagogue before the Yom Kippur evening service. Inside, things were more jovial: a man assigned to keep things reverently hushed had fashioned a title for himself: “Shusher.” He warned me that “we’re all fasting,” so there would be no food for me to judge. He also told me that “Most Jews who belong to a synagogue are less observant than the synagogue itself,” having joined, more often than not, to please family. Or at least, that’s how it used to be: “The Baby Boomers are the last generation where we go from a more observant generation to a less observant one. The kids today being raised in a certain synagogue have, for the most part, determined that that’s the life that they’re going to lead — complete.” The deaths of parents allowed Boomers to ease up on observance: “They were saying, ‘Oh, thank God, we don’t have to do this anymore.’ But the younger kids are saying, ‘If we’re not doing that, what *are* we doing? We’re not running away from it anymore.” By 6:10, the square sanctuary at this conservative synagogue was packed — not just the principal space but also a sizable alcove behind it.

Much of the evening Kol Nidre service was to be given over to self-accusation and repentance, but before twilight darkened the stained glass menorah along one wall, a woman read “We stand before our God,” a proclamation first made in the synagogues of Germany on Kol Nidre in 1935. It expressed “contempt for the lies concerning us and the defamation of our religion and its testimonies.... Who made known to the world the mystery of the Eternal, the One God? Who taught the world respect for the human being, created in the image of God? In all this we see manifest the spirit of the prophets, the divine revelation to the Jewish people.” (The defamation, presumably, concerned the Kol Nidre prayer itself, sung again and again in Hebrew by the acrobatically voiced cantor: “All vows, oaths, and promises which we made to God from last Yom Kippur to this Yom Kippur and were not able to fulfill, may all such vows between ourselves

and God be annulled.”) A pale gray box on the right housed a Torah rescued from a city in Poland; gold letters declared the shrine, “In loving memory of the six million martyrs.”

Men and women processed forward with other copies of the Torah, and the congregation massed toward the aisles so they could touch their shawls and books to the scrolls. After the Kol Nidre, the scrolls took their place behind the doors of the ark at the front of the sanctuary, its tall doors surrounded by stained glass depicting the burning bush.

During prayers of special significance, the people stood and the doors of the ark were opened. One such was the Avinu Malkenu: “Our Father, our King, we have sinned before You.... Our Father, our King, hear us, pity us, and spare us.... Our Father, our king, act for Your sake if not for ours.” This imploring came after repeated and exhaustive confessions of sin: confessions of hardened hearts, hatred, perversity, dishonesty, evil talk, inordinate pleasures of the flesh,

and on and on, in lists of great precision and rigor. “For all these sins,” sang the congregation (again in Hebrew), “O God of forgiveness, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement.” Later, they prayed numerous variations on the triplet, “May our penitence rise to You at nightfall, our pardon come before You in the morning, and our cry be heard by You at dusk.” Prayer — repetitive and particular, praising and imploring, private and communal — was, in fact, the service’s dominant feature. Even the singing (and there was plenty) came across more as sung prayer than songs.

Rabbi Rosenthal’s address to the congregation tweaked the campaign season’s message of change, turning it from a “transitive” to a “reflexive” notion. Outside of a totalitarian regime, he said, “It is simply impossible to make other human beings conform to your

will.... The only person that any of us is ever able to change is ourselves.” On Yom Kippur, “we don’t focus on others; we focus on our own failures, and apologize.” But change, while personal, was not to be regarded as private. “As Rabbi Hillel asked, ‘If I am only for myself, what am I?’ We do have a Jewish obligation to change the world. But what does our tradition say to effect this change? We don’t do it with power or force. ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts. Jews change and heal the world not by forcing someone to do what we want, but through our own gifts of sacrifice...as God clothes the naked, we should clothe the naked...visit the sick...comfort those who mourn...bury the dead...be faithful and loving.”

— Matthew Lickona

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*“This is bringing me right back to my pregnancy. These puffs got me through the nine months.”*

“Sometimes a man gets a hankering,” my husband Patrick said last week, “a hankering for food of a color rarely found in nature, a hunger for crunchy snacks that leave greasy, gritty residue along your fingertips. In short, I want some damn cheese puffs!”

I countered with health reasons for avoiding junk food. “And doesn’t that orange color set off some alarm bells in your head?”

“None whatsoever,” Patrick replied. If I was to waste money on crap food, it damn well was going to be tasty crap food.

The following day, we gathered around the kitchen table with friends. “What makes a cheese puff a cheese puff?” queried Patrick. “Glad you asked,” I replied, whipping open the laptop and clicking onto Wikipedia. “Cheese puffs, cheese curls, or corn curls are a puffed corn snack, coated with a mixture of cheese or cheese-flavored powders.”

We divided the collection into puffs and crunches and started with the puffs. Barbara’s Bakery Cheese Puff Bakes original (\$2.39 at Whole Foods) “taste like bad cheese popcorn,” complained Frank. “Super-sour finish, almost like vinegar,” added Bernice, “maybe it is the blue cheese in it,” she said, reading the package.

Barbara’s Bakery Cheese Puff Bakes white cheddar (\$2.39 at Whole Foods) fared much better around the table. “A sharper cheese flavor and a denser texture,” noticed Bernice. We set that aside as a keeper.

Robert’s American Gourmet Pirate’s Booty with aged white cheddar (\$2.69 at Whole Foods) scored major points for the packaging but low points for taste.

“Eww, just take a whiff, smells so chemically. The texture is really lacking; it tastes like a semi-soggy rice cake,” added Erica.

Little Bear Original Baked Cheddar Puffs (\$2.69 at Henry’s) suffered in the sniff test also. “It smells like paint,” groaned Frank. “Not enough cheese in these. You can even see it in the color; it is flat,” continued Bernice.

No one liked the Little Bear Lite Cheddar Puffs either (\$2.69 at Henry’s). “If you’re going to eat cheese puffs, why go light?” questioned Bernice. “The flavor is off,” said Erica, reaching for a different brand.

The table found a second winner with the Trader Joe’s Reduced Fat Cheese Puffs (\$1.59). “This is bringing me right back to my pregnancy,” reminisced Erica. “These puffs got me through the nine months.”

“These are a grown-up cheese puff,” announced Bernice. “I like the ironic sound of that — ‘grown-up’ paired with ‘cheese puff,’” heckled Patrick.

“Sweet, firm, less cheesy than some, but sometimes the less cheesy, the more you can eat,” smiled Bernice.

We added it to our “yes” pile and also added the next package, Trader Joe’s Cheese Puffs. “These things must glow under a black light,”

remarked Patrick, holding up a puff from the next bag: Cheetos Puffs (\$2.69 at Vons). “Too salty, awful appearance, terrible taste,” stated Erica. “These will give you the cheese dust around the collar, mouth, and on the fingertips,” added Bernice.

Robert’s American Gourmet Smart Puffs (\$2.79 at Henry’s) had promise with its packaging. “How can you go wrong with Einstein on the bag doing math problems?” asked Patrick. “Too bad it tastes like Styrofoam peanuts and forms a glop of corn mush in your molars.”

Garden of Eatin’ Baked Cheddar Puffs (\$3.59 at Henry’s) was another loser. “So dry, reminds me of a tortilla chip,” grimaced Matthew. “This hurts me.”

“Do you want to call your snack food ‘bursts?’” asked Patrick, perusing the next package of Eagle White Cheddar Bursts (\$2.99 at Vons). “These dissolve like cotton candy,”

he continued. “I like a little crunch in my puffs — I mean, ‘bursts,’” said Bernice. We left the package in the “forgettable” pile and forged ahead to the crunchy variety.

Garden of Eatin’ Baked Crunchitos (\$3.59 at Henry’s) grossed out the company. “Nasty, actively crap,” complained Frank. “These are so unbelievably salty, they are making my sinuses open up,” continued Patrick.

Trader Joe’s Baked Cheese Crunchies (\$1.59) were a crowd favorite. “I worship these,” pronounced Frank. “I shall have no false corn puffs,” jested Patrick. “I eat these for the texture, which dare I say is *al dente*,” remarked Bernice.

Wild Oats Baked Cheese Curls (\$1.99 at Henry’s) passed the table test. “A lighter version of the Trader Joe’s Crunchies,” noticed Bernice. “I would go with the T.J. ones first, but these are not offensive.”

Cheetos Baked Crunchy (\$3.79 at Vons) brought to mind rancid corn chowder for Frank. “The thing about the Cheetos brand is that they make you feel weird after a while,” said Bernice. “And they always give off a dusting of bright-orange cheese goo.”

“Isn’t that what we are after here?” heckled Patrick.

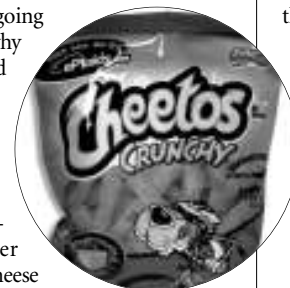
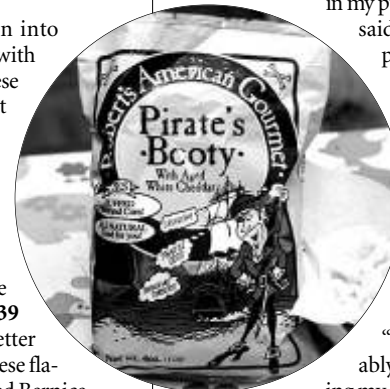
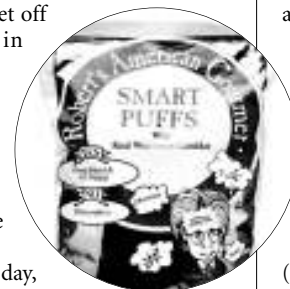
“I find myself still eating these,” surmised Frank, chowing down on the Cheetos Crunchy bag (\$2.69 at Vons). “A good corn flavor, though not unlike Fritos,” he added.

Erica popped open the Little Bear Crunchitos (\$2.69 at Henry’s). “Almost taste stale, yet mushy, huh?”

“These look awful. Why do all the crunchy varieties look like cat turds?” said Patrick, grossing out the table.

“You’re not supposed to look at them,” chided Frank. “You just strap on the feed bag, insert into mouth, and watch TV.”

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## Democratic Process

*The reason there are so few female politicians is that it is too much trouble to put makeup on two faces.*

— Maureen Murphy

**O**kay, here's the deal," I said, as Amy set her purse on the counter. "You pick a trigger word for Palin and one for Biden. When each says his or her word, you drink. My words are 'maverick' and the term

'doesn't get it.' Think fast, you only have ten minutes." Four minutes later, while Amy was still ruminating on words, Kim arrived with a large paper bag full of bottles. Once apprised of the rules, Kim wasted no time. "'Reform' for Palin, and for Biden, uh, oh yeah, I got it — 'look.'" Kim repeated this last word several times to demonstrate what she believes is Biden's favorite way to begin a sentence. When she was finished with her impersonation, which included several pointed fingers and patronizing

"looks," Kim said, "Man, I'm gonna get hammered." With only two minutes to go, Amy made her decision — "change" for Palin and "economy" for Biden. Respectively, David chose "Russia" and "Main Street." Jen, who arrived after the big show began, chose "commitment" for Biden and echoed Kim's choice of the word "reform" for Palin.

I've never been one for drinking games, having always preferred to get blitzed to the beat of my own bartender. Anyway, the only such games I'd seen others play were either unexciting (bouncing quarters off the table and into a glass) or stupid-looking (last month, at my friend Jessica's birthday party on the rooftop of Sasha's in

Mission Beach, I witnessed a bizarre take on quarters that included wedging the quarter into one's butt crack and "dropping" it into a glass that had been placed on the floor).

My body doesn't respond well to inordinate amounts of liquor and bravado, and I'd always thought of drinking games as nothing but. David proved me wrong when he told me that one year, he developed an *Iron Chef* drinking game as a Christmas gift to be given out to friends. The present included six episodes of the show on a VHS tape; a bottle of 160-proof Stroh rum from Austria, festooned with a cheerful pink label that read, "Caution, Flammable"; and two pages of detailed instructions (e.g., if your chosen chef is introduced as the master of some inane ingredient, such as bread crumbs, take a drink; if your chef makes dessert from a nontraditional dessert food, such as eel, drink; if an instant replay of your chef is run, take one drink, but if that replay includes fire, take two; etc.).

I enjoy games in general — the fun, sociable, not-going-to-regret-it-in-the-morning kind. And though the classic drinking games had previously held no appeal, I could think of no better way to enjoy a historic yet potentially boring debate between the old Democratic runner-up and the MILF-y intellectual juggernaut from Alaska. My sister Heather pointed out how far behind the curve I was when she told me that, after the first presidential debate weeks

ago, her friend and coworker Scott had said, "Is it wrong that I grabbed a six-pack of beer and watched the debate the way other guys watch the football game?" Tina Fey confirmed my unoriginality a few days later, when she appeared as Palin in a sketch on *Saturday Night Live* and gave a shout-out to drinking gamers using the very word I'd picked.

As drinking games go, ours was fairly sophisticated. No funnels, ice-block luges, or shot glasses, just nice stemware filled and refilled (especially for Kim and Jen for the word "reform") with some fine reds. Soon after the debate began, Kim suggested we include "bomb drinks" (when either of the candidates drops his or her trump card — an emotionally evocative reference every politician stores up a sleeve for the recurring moment when one ends up on the losing side of logic). We were all to drink when Biden made any reference to domestic violence or to the tragic loss of his first wife and child; and if Palin used the catchphrase "good-old-boy network" or her new everyman reference, "Joe Six-Pack." When a bomb was dropped, all glasses converged in the center of the room with resounding clinks, followed by the sounds of laughter and sipping.

Despite our supposed daintiness, the more our trigger words were spoken, the louder and bawdier we became. David, behind on mandatory sips, regretted his

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choice of "Russia," an issue that was not raised. "I should have chosen 'Ahmadinejad,'" he muttered. "She sure does like to say that one, now that she's learned how to pronounce it."

"Speaking of pronunciation, we should have made 'nu-cu-lar' a freakin' bomb word," I said. "Why does she keep pronouncing it incorrectly after all that drama with the phonetic spelling on the teleprompter for that speech Bush's guys wrote for her?"

"I think she's doing it intentionally," said David. "You know, she thinks it's folksy and more like the 'average' American talks."

"Wow. I guess I have more faith in the average American's ability to read," I said. Palin busted a "maverick," and Kim rushed to refill my glass. We all winced when we heard the words "betcha" and "heck-

uva." "So," I said, "she's trying to sound like an average Jane and dumb it down for those unfortunate ladies who went straight from middle school to hockey mom. She sounds like a G-rated version of Anna Nicole Smith." There were nods all around. "Man, whoever's drinking shots to each wink and mispronounced 'nuclear' is going to be hurting tomorrow."

"Those lines go down every time she gets folksy," said Jen, referring to the fluctuating graph at the bottom of the screen that tracked in real time the positive or negative reactions of undecided voters of each gender in Ohio.

"Guess the men and women in Ohio aren't digging the Foxworthy routine," I said.

The topic of gay marriage came up, and both Biden's and Palin's unapologetic opposition

disrupted the easygoing vibe in the room. "Why are those lines going up?" Amy shrieked. "What is wrong with the people in Ohio?" A few minutes later, when the lines again rose in opposition to Amy's emotional response regarding another topic, she said, "I don't like the lines, they're giving me anxiety." Kim and Jen became so mesmerized by the lines, they needed to be reminded to drink after missing two "reforms."

During lulls, we marveled at Kim's dedication to the Democratic Party after she explained that, when she'd heard on *Meet the Press* that the margin of success was uncomfortably narrow for Democratic Missouri senator hopeful Claire McCaskill, Kim sent the woman's campaign the maximum allowed, \$2000. "Wow, we didn't even send that much to Obama," said David.

"Y'all, I will eat noodies and ice cream for months to rock the Senate," declared Kim. "We just sent \$250 to Al Franken in Minnesota. I'll eat Top Ramen for a month; I don't flippin' care." Amy, an activist in her own right, was starry-eyed.

Finally, the debate wound down to the closing statements. Palin pretended it was the media, and not her handlers, who were responsible for limiting her interviews; she invoked Reagan and then talked a bunch about fighting for Mom and apple pie in the Middle East. Biden (triggering Amy to drink one

last time with his mention of the economy) touched on his "eight years of the worst regime ever" spiel, made a dig at corporate fat cats and oil companies, and remembered to appeal to the Christian majority by asking their God to bless our country and troops.

With a great sigh of relief, David set out champagne glasses and poured the chilled bottle of Moët & Chandon White Star that Kim had so generously brought to mark the historic occasion. Once everyone had a glass in hand, Kim, who had become our leader due to her superior commitment to the cause,

led us in a toast. "To democracy!" ■

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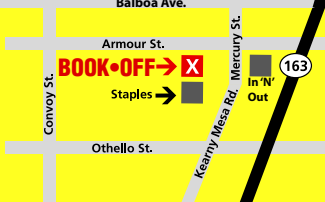
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Two bottles of the mockingly labeled Arrowhead was steamed off through your scalp an hour ago. Then the street supervisor came by and reprimanded you that the text on the sign was unreadable while it was in the air and that the sign is now covered in *schmutz* from the curb where it kept landing. At least you don't have to wear a stupid costume while you're doing this. The Statue of Liberty guy must be baking in that thing. Probably on meth, you thought, before you ever took the job — they're probably all on meth; everybody else is. But you found no evidence of this with the other sign-spinners you've met so far. There is only one saving grace out here: The Walkman.

Well, it's not really a Walkman, it's a cheap Walkman clone, but it's a lifeline to sanity. The only trouble with it is that sweat from your hair keeps sliding the cheap lit-

tle earpieces off your ears, and you've only got two hands and they're occupied. You only brought three CDs. The smart thing would be to get an iPod or something, but if you could afford one you wouldn't be standing like an idiot on a street corner in the first place. Local radio blows, at least during the daytime, and while Jazz 88 is okay, your saturation point for jazz is about 40 minutes. So what have you got?

Your ex-girlfriend's compilation CD of Bob Dylan is great, but you've been through that twice. The '60s oldies CD was fun. Once. You still have the Leonard Cohen stuff, but that is definitely the wrong thing to be listening to out here. You only pretended to like Cohen for your ex-girlfriend's sake — though he's good and everything — but it's more the kind of thing you want to listen to during a deep and clinical depression, locked in your

closet, drinking flat beer, listening to "Suzanne" and "The Chelsea Hotel" and old Joni Mitchell stuff. Cohen is of no help whatsoever when it comes to moving your ass. Except maybe for that one, "I'm Your Man." Your mind is wandering all over North Park.

You may tell yourself you are a pioneer of sorts.

still around in some form) were emblematic during the reign of Queen Victoria. Yes, yes. Not a bad thought. You may be getting a second wind, and some of those Leonard Cohen whispery rap things *do* kind of move and they *are* cool: an old-guy beatnik kind of street-cred cool, a mellowed-out hip-hop hipster. Yeah, that

from? My preconceived ideas were more melodramatic, even sinister than reality presented. I had imagined much work for the homeless, and while this is indeed the case at times, it is hardly a universal truism. I imagined drug addicts but hardly thought it through: most drug addicts would not have the tenacity or attention span for a job that usually pays under ten dollars an hour. Surprisingly, many of these entry-level marketing execs found these gigs online: craigslist, for one, will deliver pages of contacts for work along these lines. Just enter "signspinners" into the search window. Alvin Bautista at the Healthy Back in Hillcrest advertises with craigslist occasionally, but the woman he has out in front on weekends was someone he already knew.

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and rocks it in time to his foot movements) since February of this year. Today is a cool and overcast Saturday in May. He started this line of work for H&R Block, which, unlike Liberty Taxes, requires no unusual getup. After tax season he went to work for Viva Pasta and its manager Florian Ritt on University Avenue near Sixth. Ikonik is wearing headphones and listening to something boss, either Couvine Bailey or Reeves Gabriels.

Ikonik has been in the United States since October of 2007. "I won a green-card lottery," he says in his Eastern European Slavic accent that is not unpleasant. "Every year the United States government offers this all around the world. I was lucky enough last year. No money is involved. It cost me \$700 to \$800 dollars in taxes for receiving one. Then there were traveling expenses and airfare. Again about the same. But the green card enables you to work while you are here."

Ikonik was educated in Belgrade, primarily in music and specifically jazz, but also has studied psychology. "I have also worked all kinds of job for a living. The economic situation in Yugoslavia is not that great. I have worked as an electrician for a while — the whole voltage thing is different here." His musical instrument is guitar. He owns two electric guitars, a Fender Stratocaster Squire and a Carvin. "I also play a little piano." Ikonik has taught music on occasion as well.

When asked who he likes as far as jazz musicians go, his smile widens and he says quickly, "Coltrane!" and laughs. "'My Favorite Things!'" he adds and laughs again; it is a song from *The Sound of Music*, and Coltrane's version is at least as famous as Julie Andrews's.

As for the United States, "I love it. I was really surprised when I

came here. The people are really nice. People are more polite here than in Yugoslavia." I tell him that surprises me. The conversation reverts to music, and he tells me that much of what he listens to while spinning the sign for Viva

Pasta is techno music. I tell him I am not a fan of the stuff, but I can see the utility of it for his kind of work.

"When I first started looking for a job over here," he continues, "I would see sign-spinners

all over the place, but it seemed to me most of them just stood there. I thought to myself, if I had to do this job, what if I did some [dance] moves? I remember thinking I would probably dance. Definitely. And then when

I had my chance, working for H&R Block, I got my MP3 player and put in my Duran Duran and stuff and started dancing. I think I attracted more people than I would have otherwise."

Did he ever study

dancing? "No. I never studied, but I do actual dance moves, yes. I think of it as a musical thing. A musical job. Not marketing or advertising, although it is."

Ikonik left Yugoslavia amidst much upheaval

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there. "Kosovo had separated from the rest of the country, claimed independence, and there were major demonstrations, major upheavals. Most people in my country felt that the right side of that issue was not our country's but Kosovo's. Even the American Embassy near me in Belgrade was stoned. They threw rocks because the Americans made this statement that Kosovo should be separate, and it really was a minority who disagreed. It is definitely a religious problem too. There are Muslims and Orthodox Christians involved. I am Orthodox Christian. It was violent. There was a lot of damage and many people were hurt, but mostly damage. It is not a very good situation over there right now."

Does Ikonic get bored standing out on the sidewalk in front of this mini-mall all day?

"Not at all. I think it's the best thing I can be doing right now. I am outside, and it is a chance to remain active. I remain moving, and it is a kind of self-expression."

"Performance art?" I suggest, and he laughs.

"Yes. Performance art. I like that."

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Margaret Alvarez is 25 years old. She stands on the corner of University and Richmond in front of the Healthy Back. She

holds a sign made of Styrofoam with the name of the store lettered in blue on white; it is lightweight but bulky and catches the stiff breezes angling off the intersection from all points of the compass. No elaborate dance moves or sign manipulation for the young Mexican-American, though wrestling the placard against the wind creates the impression she is brandishing the sign both deliberately and at random, but toward particular drivers. In fact, she may well be focusing in on one passerby or another at any given time, as she

be working the phones at CVS Travel Agency. She lives in the South Bay with her mother and sister. Her headphones, this Sunday afternoon, are delivering the music of Irish folk musician Damien Rice.

While there is the occasional request for directions, or someone striking up a conversation (possibly about their aching back but equally likely it will be the weather) at random to "pass the time of day," as one might have said in a less frenetic time, Alvarez contents herself for the most part with her life-

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admits, "I like to watch people and their body language as they're driving or riding by. I'm a people watcher, a people person in general."

She may not be blatantly studying anyone from behind her horn-rimmed sunglasses, but the odds are, to one degree or another, she is. A college graduate from Seattle University, Alvarez studied both psychology and criminology. Undecided on a career, she is currently considering law school or work as a probation or parole officer. She works for the Healthy Back on weekends only. During the week, she will

long fascination and "the proper study of mankind" as a famous anthropologist once said, and that is "man." "It has happened more than once," Alvarez concedes, "that some guy will shout out from his car, you know, like, 'Move that thing!' or 'Shake it!'" One of her favorites is, "You do any tricks with that thing?"

Music, for her, is indispensable, but she leaves any fancy footwork to those in the profession stationed at less windy corners. "With my luck," she says, "the sign would end up flying across the street and into someone's driver's-side window." She

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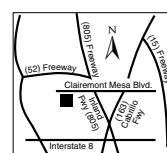
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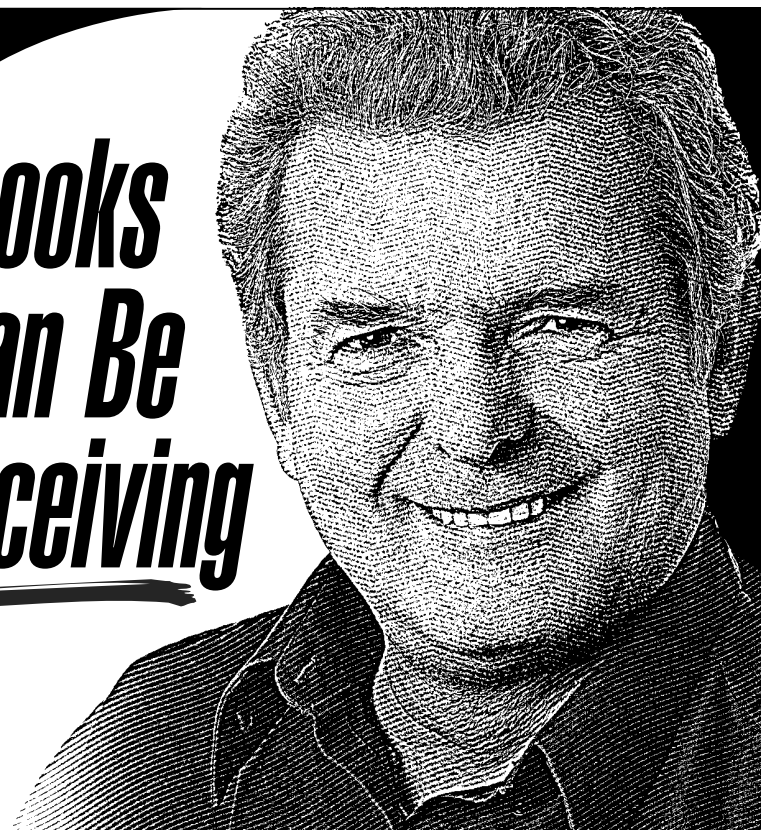
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does, during her four- or five-hour weekend shifts, find herself listening to much “acoustic/indie-type folk music.” Damien Rice being one example. The answers to questions: “Do you get bored out there?” or “What do you think about out there?” are answered with a gesture to her portable CD player and headphones.

“Extra money” is her prime motivation, and

saving, possibly for an education in law. She is not married and enjoys clubbing with her friends. “I like bars.” Reading is another interest: currently the novels of Janet Evanovitch and her stories about Stephanie Plum, the bounty hunter. “I don’t really have a set genre that I read,” she explains. “But I’m one of those people that will go into the library and come out with

an armload, maybe 14 books.”

She has no burning compulsion to write herself, she says. “I wouldn’t know how to get into it.

“I think this job is actually more for people who like people,” she says. Where does she see herself in five years? “I don’t really know, but it will be doing something with people.”

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Mission Valley to spin an open-house sign for the Essex apartments/condominiums building on Park Boulevard near University Avenue. The Essex is behind the local landmark building the Egyptian. Previously, Acuna had been working for Why Not Productions out of Chicago as part of a crew on a mobile flight-simulation truck (one of the flights simulated was to the moon); an interesting enough sort of job, one would think, but one Acuna felt he could improve upon, while also exercising his artistic nature more fully, by spinning signs in San Diego.

"When they [MJAD] started the sign-spinning, that was when I started working for them," Acuna tells me. He is a tall man and handsome, with short-cropped hair. We are sitting outdoors at the Urban Grind, a popular coffeehouse on Park

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Boulevard across from the Egyptian. "I was an instructor for all the guys. Some guys from Arrow saw me working, and they gave me their card — they're from out of La Jolla — to come work for them. They are very professional. I had already gone to their office and gave them my CD." Acuna is referring to his DVD, in fact, a demo video with four scenes of him executing impressive juggling techniques with a MOVE IN TODAY sign. Considering Arrow Advertising the more professional of the advertising agencies he has worked for, he tells me that Arrow has used the music of 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg in their ads that include signs. "The Essex," he adds, "does not use sign-spinners anymore. They are sold out now."

I ask him if this is because of the effectiveness of sign-spinning advertising, and he allows, "I think so."

"Two years ago, there were a lot more spinners on the street than you see now." I ask him why and he tells me, "The real estate market. Properties are not selling as they were two years ago." Acuna taught himself to manipulate signs in an eye-catching manner and has a repertoire of original, now much-imitated tricks such as "the Spiderman" and "the helicopter." These are demonstrated on the impressive video. Some of his tricks (though not on the video) consist of smoking a cigarette as he spins and sending the sign through patterns of smoke. "Sometimes I will eat a snack while I am spinning and use the snack like a prop. In this, of course, I am spinning with only one hand."

Acuna's childhood ambition was to perform in the circus as an acrobat (or juggler, though he does not juggle in the conventional sense). He absolutely considers the job a kind of performance art, even more so than

Payle Ikonic. "The idea of 'circus' was the reason I got into sign-spinning," he says. While studying art and English at City College, an art teacher encouraged Acuna to create a performance-art

installation consisting of a visual art piece painted or drawn by Acuna, one meant to be spun, displayed in motion in a manner consistent with the style and content of the rendered work. His

instructor suggested he teach these tandem disciplines as well. To date, he has done several copies of works by Picasso, as well as his own conceptions, usually, he tells me, in black and white, pen and

ink. I ask him if he is any good as a visual artist in the traditional sense, and he answers, "Yes," in a way that is immediately convincing. He makes few distinctions as to the validity of sign-spinning

and art in terms of satisfying a need to express himself. Most often, he tells me, "I think about the circus while I am spinning a sign."

Acuna also listens to music through head-

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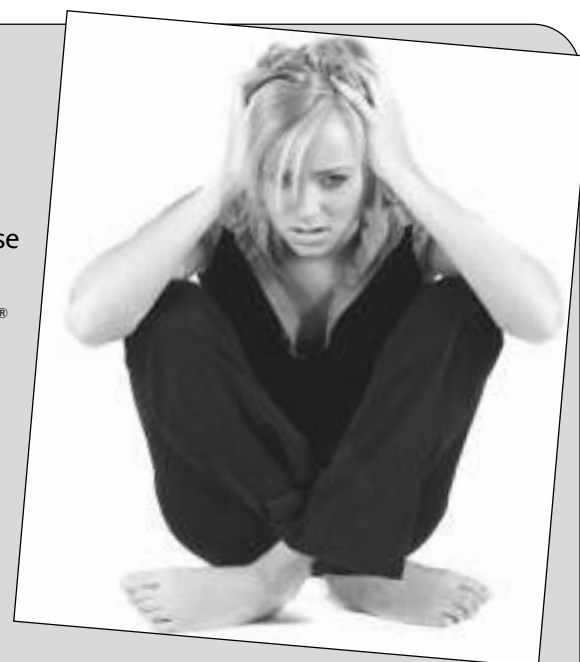
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phones while he spins: everything from rock to "Spanish music." He further explains, "When I listen to slow music I perform smaller moves."

With an onset of appendicitis, Acuna, after three years, was forced to abandon his line of work temporarily and is again applying with Arrow for a job.

His concern, he says, with teaching the art, is "safety." The edges of many a sign, he tells me, have cut spinners' palms. In one case that he knows of, a 14-year-old boy was severely cut. "I show them my tricks when I teach and how to do them safely. There is plastic on the edges of most of those signs, and they can be a little dangerous. There must be protection all the way around, as Arrow Advertising does. They make sure the right signs/arrows are provided."

Unexpected perks sometime arrive at the job site. Acuna has been handed \$20 bills and even cocktails as tips from appreciative audiences passing by. "One this size," he says, and lifts his plain cranberry juice. "I couldn't drink it. It was too strong." He smiles, exposing remarkably good teeth. "Oh, I love your tricks, they will say."

He has, he says, "Maybe ten tricks altogether. When I combine them all, the day goes very quickly out there." Acuna will typically work for five to seven — or even ten — hours at a stretch, with 30-minute breaks. "If you like it..." He shrugs. "We have supervisors who travel around and bring us water."

One problem with teaching, he points out, is that he often teaches himself out of a job. His students will get work

that he might otherwise be hired for.

Acuna loves superheroes and has "a collection of action figures."

When he was 17 years old, he was on the cover of the *Gay and Lesbian Times* for an article about teenage suicides, though he acted only as a model. It is, however, an indication of Acuna's showman-like and photogenic good looks.

"Whoever is working hard," he says, referring to Arrow once again, "will get bonuses. Twenty-five-dollar credit certificates," for example. "Every week, they're like VISA cards. You can use them for music or at restaurants, you know. Arrow also offers you a two-year contract, [during which time] you cannot spin for anyone else. Just for them. And a lot of people will move from MJAD to Arrow. That happens a lot."

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As a participant, you will receive study-related:

- Care and study medication
  - Lab tests
  - Diet and lifestyle counseling
- ...all at no charge



Call the Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute  
at 858-626-5639 for more information and  
reference clinical study #NCT00535405

## Alzheimer's Disease

**FEELING HOPELESS? A new investigational medication is available as part of a research study.**

**Are you or someone you love:**

- Suffering from mild to moderate Alzheimer's Disease?
- Taking Aricept®, Exelon®, Razadyne®, or Reminyl® for the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease?
- Between 55 and 90 years of age? • In overall good health?
- Not living in a nursing home?

**Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study on Alzheimer's Disease.**

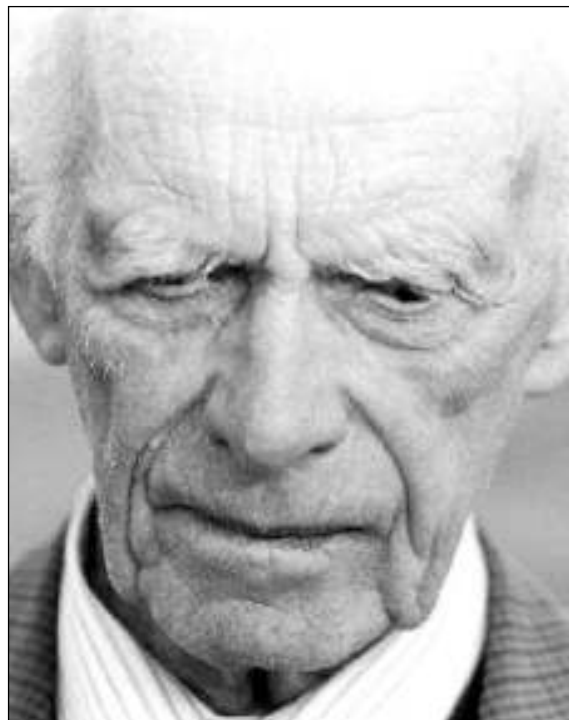
**Qualified participants will receive at no cost:**

- Study medication
- Medical evaluation by a board-certified medical doctor
- Laboratory tests
- Supervised care by medical professionals as it relates to the study
- Compensation for time and travel • Health insurance is not required

If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact:

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## Is waking up tonight affecting your tomorrow?

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).

**To qualify for participation in this research study, you must:**

- Be at least 18 years old • Have trouble staying asleep through the night
- Be impacted in your daily life by your sleep problems

If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you will receive an initial consultation, study-related examinations and laboratory evaluations, all follow-up visits, and you may receive study medication at no charge to you. Compensation for time and travel provided.

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## "I feel controlled by my anxiety."

**If you feel this way, you are not alone.**

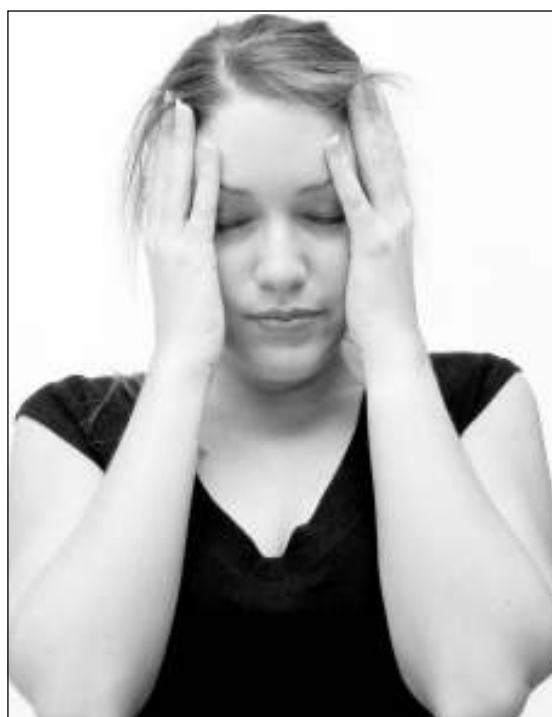
Millions of people across the world live their lives with a constant burden of anxiety, where their excessive worrying occurs for no apparent reason or is triggered by the smallest or most insignificant of incidents.

We are currently looking for people to participate in a research study for an investigational medicine for Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD). You may qualify if you are between 18 and 65 years of age and have been diagnosed with GAD or regularly experience the symptoms associated with the condition, including chronic anxiety, muscle tightness, restlessness, prolonged sleep disturbance, and even pain.

If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact:

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# Are YOU Postmenopausal?

*If so you may qualify for a medical research study at Covance.*

*Covance San Diego is looking for women who are:*

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- Age 40 - 65
- Non-smoking for at least 3 months
- Able to complete a 6-day/5-night stay, plus 11 outpatient visits



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— Robert Silverberg,  
*Lord Valentine's Castle*

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Joseph Ambert is a vice president of business operations at Arrow Advertising in San Diego. "There may be less sign-holders," he tells me over the telephone, "and, that's right, it has to do with real estate. The main industry

that directionals [sign-spinners] work for is real estate. Things are going a little downhill there because of the recession we're in right now. Luckily, we work with many other businesses: restaurants, car dealerships. We work with pretty much everyone.

"Human directionals, we call them, rather than sign-spinners. We mean the guys who will just stand there holding a sign. When you refer to Arrow, we go out there and actually spin the signs, not just hold them. We do tricks, capture people's attention. The directionals don't really qualify as sign-spinners.

"Across the country, we have about 700 sign-spinners, and we are in ten different cities around the country right now."

Is this a passing phase, something that will disappear in a few years, like chimney sweeps?

"I would definitely say that a company like ours will be around for a long, long time. We're here to stay. Now a unidirectional company will base their business more on real estate, and that's tanking — so they're tanking. But with us, we're entertainment rather than just advertising. We're combining extreme sports with advertising, and it's really taking off, really catching on. People are so tired of standard forms of advertising, like billboards or pop-up ads, commercials. Now we have TIVO, things to try to get rid of TV commercials, or pop-up blockers on the Internet. With us, it is an entertainment: people want to sit at the stoplight for an extra minute or so and be entertained by the sign-spinner, one that is actually doing tricks. If you just have a human directional on the corner out there, it looks bad, for the

## RESEARCH STUDIES

# Healthy?

Generations of women have helped test investigational medications by participating in clinical research studies. You could help too.

**To qualify for research study 6108-602 involving 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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## GOT MIGRAINES? ...how about an inhaled study drug?

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Possible participants must be:

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

Participants will receive at no cost:

- Examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
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## *Volunteers with Type 1 Diabetes Needed*

*Profil is looking for volunteers with  
Type 1 Diabetes to take part  
in a clinical research  
study evaluating  
an investigational  
insulin.*

**To qualify,  
volunteers must:**

- Have Type 1 Diabetes.
- Be an adult 18-45 yrs.  
old ( women must be  
using birth control).
- Be otherwise healthy.
- Be a non-smoker for at  
least one year.

If you qualify and  
choose to participate,  
you may be compen-  
sated up to \$1,580  
and receive study-  
related medical care.  
Two overnight stays  
will be required, as well  
as two outpatient visits.

For more information, call  
**619-409-1244**

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# Do You Have Type 2 Diabetes?

*If so, the Profil Institute for Clinical Research invites you to participate in a research study of an investigational medication.*

## **To qualify, you must be:**

- 18-75 years of age.
- Managing your Type 2 Diabetes with oral medications. Not insulin.

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For more information, call  
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**619-409-1273**  
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community and for the business itself.

"I would say we have fun when we go out there. That is our main focus, to have fun. If we're not having fun, it reflects badly on the advertising field and the company. A lot of companies will throw just anyone out there with a sign and their brand name, their company logo on it, and they don't realize the implications, how it reflects on them. Whereas with us, we're so image conscious that we realize that wearing a polo shirt adds a lot; a smile on

your face adds a lot. It makes people really want to look at that advertising. We're kind of a cut above the rest. We're the premium service when it comes to advertising. We started this service back in 2002, and there are always knockoff companies like MJAD, companies who developed after watching us.

"It's a guerilla form of advertising. We do some other things too, like promotional models and flyer services and things like that, general campaign events, but sign-spinning is something at

which we're going to continue to excel."

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And possibly Joe Ambert is right; sign-spinning may be here to stay, not a skill destined to become an anachronism, like the chimney sweep — although, as I am reminded by the Yellow Pages, chimney sweeps are, in fact, still among us. Yet not everyone who considers the sight of a man at a street corner waving a sign, no matter with what degree of skill, will sigh, "That's entertainment." A friend and neighbor of

## RESEARCH STUDIES

### Do You Suffer from Excessive Shyness?

Have you experienced intense fear of being embarrassed or evaluated negatively by others in a variety of social and performance situations such as:



Meeting new people?  
Talking in front of a group?  
Going to parties?  
Interacting with those you are attracted to?  
Dealing with authority figures?  
Eating or writing in front of others?



You may be eligible for a research study at UCSD Department of Psychiatry.

If you are 18 years of age or older, and are interested in this research program, please call:

**1-877-UCSD-SHY (1-877-827-3749)**  
or e-mail: [veryshy@ucsd.edu](mailto:veryshy@ucsd.edu)

## Attn: Heavy Drinkers

Researchers at The Scripps Research Institute are working to develop new treatments for people with alcohol problems.

Is your current alcohol use causing problems with your family, your work, your life? If you want to stop drinking, The Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research is conducting a clinical trial to help you reach that goal.

Qualified participants receive lab tests, medication or placebo, individual counseling and compensation for travel. All information is confidential.

Call: 858-784-7867 (STOP)  
Or visit: [www.pearsoncenter.org](http://www.pearsoncenter.org)





ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW  
**BETWEEN THE  
AGES OF 60-79**

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**HEALTHY AND A NON-SMOKER**

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2. Investigational drug
3. Compensation for time and travel

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**Prostate Problems  
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A research study is underway for men with **significant difficulty urinating** or who **have a weak stream** caused by benign prostatic hypertrophy, or BPH. Qualified participants will receive investigational intramuscular injection medication.

Qualified participants must be:

- 1) Males over the age of 50 years
- 2) Have significant difficulty initiating urine stream
- 3) No history of heart disease or stroke
- 4) No history of prostate surgery or prostate cancer

Participants may receive all study-related:

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- 2) Medication, laboratory studies, and EKG
- 3) Compensation for your time and travel

Interested, please call:  
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**Medical Center for Clinical Research**

# ARE YOU A HEALTHY INDIVIDUAL?

If so, Profil Institute for Clinical Research invites you to participate in a clinical research study evaluating an investigational insulin.

**You may qualify if you are:**

- 18-45 years of age
- A non-smoker for at least 1 year
- Not currently taking prescription medications
- In good health with no major medical problems



**You may be compensated up to \$1,720.**  
(2 overnight stays required.)



**For more information, call:  
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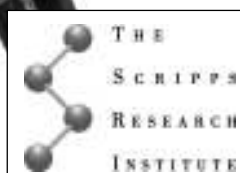
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6386 Alvarado Court, Suite 301, San Diego

# Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment

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.

This study does involve  
taking a medication or  
placebo for one week.



To find out if you qualify for  
study participation, please  
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or visit our website at:  
[www.pearsoncenter.org](http://www.pearsoncenter.org)  
for more information.

mine, when told of the  
subject matter of my  
investigation, said of the  
phenomenon, "I'd go  
back to prison before  
you'd catch me out there  
doing something like  
that. Of course, maybe if I  
was 25...."

Then there's a woman  
friend who, as we drove  
past a sign-spinner in  
Mission Valley a few years  
ago, exclaimed, "Oh God!  
I can't look. That's horri-  
ble! Don't make me look  
at that!"

"Look at what?" I  
scanned the surrounding  
cars and street, registered  
the fellow at the corner  
holding an arrow-shaped  
sign advertising a jewelry  
store, I believe.

"That, that...twirly  
guy!" she said.

"Why? What's

wrong?"

"It's so depressing."

"You think?"

Some weeks later, I  
saw the same man with  
his sign again, this time in  
an elevator in a somewhat  
seedy downtown hotel  
where I was, being tem-  
porarily devoid of certain  
means, residing. Later,  
possibly in a sadistic  
mood, I asked my woman  
friend, "Guess who I saw  
the other day?"

"Who? Neil Young?  
The mayor?"

"The Twirly Guy!"

She clutched the side  
of her head wincing. "No-  
o-o, don't tell me that!"

After placing an ad in  
the paper reading "Sign-  
spinners! Any good sto-  
ries?" I was put in touch  
with Efen Acuna, and  
also a man named Lee,

who told me he did not  
professionally spin signs  
but had once wielded a  
cardboard placard at a  
freeway ramp that read  
"Will Work for Viagra."  
He was pelted with food  
and various objects, and  
an elderly woman admon-  
ished him from her car,  
"You ought to be ashamed  
of yourself, young man!"

Lee added, "I never  
got paid for it, though.  
Never did that, what some  
of us [homeless] call 'kite  
flying.' "

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"This hardly seemed jug-  
gling...but it was the  
event of the moment and  
he gave himself up to it  
entirely."

— Robert Silverberg,  
*Lord Valentine's Castle* ■

— John Brizzolara

## RESEARCH STUDIES

### Can't Tolerate Iron Pills? - Anemia Research Study

eStudySite is conducting a research study of an investigational  
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#### DO YOU QUALIFY?

To qualify, you must:

- ☐ Have iron deficiency anemia
- ☐ Be 18 or older
- ☐ Not be dialysis dependent



Qualified participants will receive study related medical care  
and study medication at no cost  
as well as compensation for time and travel.



Please call: (619) 955-5246  
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-Compensation for time  
and travel

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**To learn more, visit [www.DoYouFeelDepressed.com](http://www.DoYouFeelDepressed.com)  
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## Healthy?



Generations of men and women have helped test investigational medications by participating in clinical research studies. You could help too.

To qualify for research study 6825-277 involving an investigational medication you must be:

- A man or woman age 18 to 45
- Healthy
- A non-smoker
- Able to make overnight stays

Qualified participants will receive all study-related exams at no cost and compensation up to \$1530 (for 6-night stay) or up to \$3030 (for 12-night stay).

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# Are You at Risk For Diabetes?

**You might be insulin resistant or  
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*The Profil Institute for Clinical  
Research needs overweight  
volunteers for a clinical  
research study of an  
investigational medication  
and its effects on insulin  
resistance.*

**To qualify,  
you must be:**

- 18-65 years of age.
- Overweight, but  
otherwise Healthy.

You may be eligible even if  
you're taking medication  
for high blood pressure  
or high cholesterol.  
Participants will  
receive study-related  
medical care at no  
cost, and may be  
compensated  
up to \$4,250.  
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stays will be  
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**Find out if you qualify now!  
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# In Defense of the Suburbs



Carmel Mountain

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS MORROW



Author: **Hailey Moore**  
Neighborhood: **Carmel Valley**  
Age: **24**  
Occupation: **Freelance writer**

*Editor's note: This is the second-place winner (\$250) of September's neighborhood-essay contest.*

*Deadline for the next essay contest is October 31, 12 midnight.*

*Post your entry by going to [SDReader.com/neighborhoods](http://SDReader.com/neighborhoods), find your neighborhood or campus, and follow the instructions to create a blog.*

When asked where I'm from, I often hesitate to respond. I pause and vacillate between versions of the truth before finally settling upon "San Diego." But often this answer is too vague and requires further specification. A more precise, slightly more glamorous response would be "Del Mar"; however, this is borderline dishonest — as in across the borderline of Interstate 5. The un-vague, less-glamorous, honest truth is this: I'm from Carmel Valley.

I was in third grade when we moved here. To my unseasoned eye, Carmel Valley wasn't like other places. Life here was still developing, and we were on the forefront of it — pioneers ushering in the progress. The settlement was characterized by newness. New housing developments, new schools, new

strip malls. My family moved into a model two-home in Cantamar, custom tailored to my mother's tastes, right down to the periwinkle tile in the kitchen. I chose the room with the window seat, and my brother settled for the walk-in closet. Heaven was having your own room.

The sparse geography was a blank canvas for our minds. My brother and I needed only hop over our back wall to explore the infinite possibilities of a dirt lot or walk our dusty street to scour the skeletons of houses undergoing construction. We rode our bikes to investigate this new territory. Spurred by the limitless landscape, our imaginations took shape.

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schools and safe cul-de-sacs. The community grew exponentially, dividing and multiplying like out-of-control cells. Housing developments, roads, grocery stores, gas stations, schools: it was the stuff of the Sim City computer games we played in school, and it was happening all around us.

In time, my inner snob would emerge. I started to notice the stuff other families were made of: the interior decor of their homes, the cars in their driveways, their yards landscaped with fresh sod, their sparkling, azure swimming pools. The subtle differences between us and them set my family apart in an otherwise homogeneous neighborhood. Ours was the only house on the block still without landscaping, and unlike anyone else, my mother drove a 1984 Honda Accord with screeching brakes and a ceiling that billowed like a Bedouin tent.

After assessing our net worth, it was clear that my family didn't measure up. I managed this indignity by learning to tactfully evade embarrassing situations. Concealing the humiliating truth about my ill-equipped family became an art. I discouraged my friends from coming over: "Let's hang out at your house instead. My parents are vegans," I'd say, as though it were some disease. Driving past highly visible areas where I might be recognized by someone I knew was always a convenient time to tie my shoe.

High school only inflated my insecurities. There I was surrounded by kids from some of the wealthiest communities in the nation. I was a measly goldfish in a very expensive fish tank. The parking lot told the story: teachers drove the Hondas and rusted-out Oldsmobiles while students flaunted BMWs and Mercedes the second they turned 16. Preoccupied with pretense and perfection, I did everything I could to keep up appearances.

In the years to come, I would move to Seattle to attend college. I would mature and grow a social conscience and come to see the great blunders of our culture — the wasteful, consumerist, narciss-

istic, money-driven culture — all of which I associated with suburbia. Upon each return home, I was stabbed by a pang of disgust for this vast urban sprawl. The completion of Highway 56

only affirmed my distaste — Carmel Valley now joined together a slew of neighboring suburbs, making it one colossal indefinite conglomeration.

The suburban para-

dise lacked the flavor of some of its more noble counterparts. It lacked the history of a Del Mar, the iconic stage for the glory days of surfing and horseracing. It didn't have the eccentricity of a

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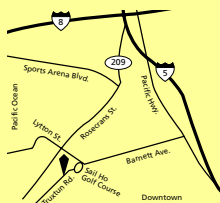
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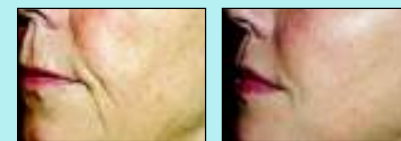
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# Time to Walk

Both Scott Carhart and Helen Flaster are undoubtedly animal people.

Their family pets number 26: seven dogs, seven cats, three horses, two goats, two tortoises, two turtles, two birds, a miniature horse, and a few tankfuls of fish.

Many of these animals are rescues, as Carhart works as a veterinarian and Flaster as a veterinary technician.

“Occupational hazard,” says Carhart, with a smile.

Their enclosed patio, adjacent to a spacious, brightly painted kitchen, is the center of the animal action. This is where the dogs and goats spend most of their time, playing in the grass strips that border the concrete floor. The dogs jump and whine



Scott Carhart with Buckaroo, Helen Flaster with Gomez

for attention, which Carhart and Flaster administer lovingly.

Beyond the dogs are the goats, Gomez and Lurch, who have taken up residence under a round outdoor table. Gomez has managed to stuff himself under an overturned chair. His white nose sticks out, while Lurch stretches out by the table legs.

“Gomez is a Nigerian dwarf [goat], and he’s the one that I walk,” Flaster explains. “I also give him a bottle two times a day, just with water in it, but it’s something he really likes,

like a child likes a blankie and pacifier. It’s calming for him. It’s very cute.”

Two kids on horseback pass by their backyard, most of which is dominated by a horse corral, and wave. In Poway, where Flaster and Carhart live, trails cut between ranch-style homes and wind behind backyards. It’s not uncommon to see people riding or walking horses past houses and down the sidewalk.

On the patio, Gomez emerges from under his chair. He’s an all-

# the Goat

white goat, his flanks protruding like two pannier bags. His ears twitch and his tail bobs, but he’s quiet, watching as the dogs carry on around him.

Gomez and Lurch, like the dogs, spend their nights indoors. “They’ll lie right here,” says Flaster, pointing to a carpeted spot in front of the living room coffee table. “We’ll put a towel down and get diapers on them—thank goodness for Depends—and they’ll come in and they’ll lay very quietly while we watch TV.” Before going to bed themselves, Carhart and Flaster tuck the goats into oversized dog crates in the garage to sleep, for fear of coyote attacks.

In addition to walking Gomez, Carhart and Flaster also walk Buckaroo, their white-and-tan miniature horse. Considerably smaller than a

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Buckaroo walks with a harness, Gomez with a collar and leash.

“When I walk Gomez, more than when I walk the horse, people just kind of think he’s a dog,” says Flaster. “If they’re driving by, they just see an animal, and for all intents and purposes, he could be a dog. When he walks he just...toddles along.”



*Melanie Ariessohn and Kiki*

And he does, stepping carefully on the asphalt with his small hooves, slipping only once. In the distance,

mountains rise, miles of scrub brush and ruddy dirt. The heat, which is considerable, beats down on the roofs of the two-story houses and pristine lawns on either side of the street.

Buckaroo walks along, all knees, just like a horse of a larger size. Carhart and Flaster walk side by side, Buckaroo to Carhart’s right and Gomez to Flaster’s left. Occasionally, the two animals will cross paths, Gomez skittering lopsidedly out of Buckaroo’s way.

“Oh, Buckaroo, leave Gomie alone,” admonishes Flaster.

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Buckaroo's harness, and Buckaroo shakes his head slightly in defiance.

All in all, both animals walk well, minding their respective handlers.

Few neighbors are out and about, but when they are, says Flaster, they are largely nonplussed by Gomez and Buckaroo.

"Some of them do [say hi]," says Flaster. "And if there are kids out, of course the kids like to come over. For the most part, because this area is an area where people do see other people riding horses and walking horses and what have you, it's not...I mean, if it was in my father's neighborhood, it would be different. He lives over by the university, and there are no animals like this."

On the street, Gomez and Buckaroo shuffle positions, keeping an almost steady pace with one another, Gomez a few inches behind.

"They seem to walk really well," says Flaster. "I mean, Buckaroo always wants to pull us over to eat everybody's grass."

"He's a character," adds Carhart.

Back at the house, Gomez returns to the patio and Buckaroo to his personal pen, adjacent to the corral.

Indoors, it's spotlessly clean, the living room floors sparkling and the furniture immaculate.

"We work hard to keep it clean," Flaster says. "I can't stand smells. It's just the way I was raised. My parents would just die if they saw all this. They'd love it, but it would be too much, for my mom especially."

She laughs.

"She'd say, 'Oh, my God! Goats in the house?' She would think I'm crazy."

#### Kiki and Melanie, Shannon and Spanky

In the beginning, Melanie Ariessohn could only admire Kiki the macaw from a safe distance.

"[At first] I could just pick her up with a stick," says Ariessohn. "I tried to get my hand near her and she'd just lunge at me like she was going to bite me and she has a pretty big beak so...I got a few bites. Then one day she lifted her foot up, and Kiki's owner Bonnie said, 'That means she wants to step up on you.'"

And I put my hand out, and she stepped up onto it."

Kiki is an inquisitive bird, cocking her head as though in question. Almost entirely blue and green, she's a magnificent 12-year-old macaw with brilliant blue

and emerald-green feathers, her belly as yellow as a sunflower. She warbles off a string of nonsensical sounds with the distinct cadence of language.

Beside her sits Ariessohn, who speaks back conversationally. Kiki, in her nearly human voice, mumbles a few garbled syllables.

"She talks a lot of macaw," Ariessohn explains.


Kiki, half great green and half blue and gold macaw, is a parrot-in-resi-

dence at the Parrot Education and Adoption Network, a nonprofit organization designed to rehome birds and educate the public about their care. Bonnie Kenk, at whose house Kiki resides, is the president of the organ-

ization, which has chapters in Alaska, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, and her home serves as its headquarters.

Ariessohn has been taking Kiki for walks for the past two of the three years she's been coming to see her.


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Shannon Ariessohn and Spanky



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For a few weeks after she was able to pick Kiki up, Ariessohn, who works as a medical-text editor, carried her around Ken's backyard until, quite suddenly, Kiki herself requested they venture farther out of doors.

"One day she said, 'Go outside and take a little walk,'" Ariessohn says. "It's

something her previous owners taught her. And so we went."

Two years later, they still walk together, traveling up the hill from Ken's house to a wooded park.

Bird-walking, according to both Ariessohn and Ken, is not and should not be done for the "cool" factor;

birds, like humans, need sunlight and a change of scenery.

"We give them tons of toys to play with and different places for them to be outside and inside, but, you know, if you sat in the same room all day, no matter how many toys you had, you'd get bored," Ariessohn says,

with a laugh.

"Walking them isn't, as some people feel, for the humans' benefit," Ken adds. "Walking them is for their benefit, to get them out, to get them stimulated with something besides the four walls they live in, to allow them to feel the sun on their heads and the wind in their

feathers."

The park Kiki and Ariessohn walk to is not far from Ken's, its entrance at the bottom of a small but steep hill. Ariessohn, with Kiki perched on her hand, ventures only a little ways in, to a large rock shaded by a low-lying pine.

Kiki scuttles along the

rock's surface.

Typically, they stay until Kiki gets restless, which, on this outing, doesn't take long. She picks up her foot and extends and retracts her talons, a signal that she's ready to go. Kiki in hand, Ariessohn gets off the rock, and the pair head back to Ken's house.

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Hugh Choy with one of his macaws



Nicky Elliston and Sam

Aside from a quick “hello” from a neighbor, Ariessohn and Kiki walk without interruption. When Ariessohn used to walk her own bird, China, in her old neighborhood downtown, reactions were more frequent.

“Whenever I’d see a neighbor, I’d cringe because

they’d come over and say, ‘Oh, you’re the one with the birds.’ And I’d say, ‘Oh, my God, I’m so sorry about the noise they’re making.’ And they’d say, ‘No, it’s great.’ I lived right in the airport’s flight path, it’s such an urban environment, and it is great to hear wild birds — it sounds like wild birds —

it’s really refreshing.”

Her daughter Shannon, a senior in high school, also walks her own bird, a brightly colored white-bellied caique named Spanky, in her neighborhood in La Mesa. She, too, describes the attention she and Ariessohn would receive walking their birds downtown.

“We’d get stopped every ten feet, sometimes a little less,” Shannon says. “It’s not bad because you get to answer questions, and people are really interested in finding out what’s going on. They’re interested in learning about birds.”

Their La Mesa walks have been fairly quiet, but

Spanky, a small and spirited parrot who imitates the beep of the microwave as well as various car noises, had fun at the Embarcadero when they lived downtown.

“He loved looking at the water,” Shannon says. “He liked [the Embarcadero] because there were so many new noises. He’d get all

excited, and he’d always look up and look at the water, and he was so excited by everything going on there.”

She pauses, kissing Spanky’s beak.

“He loved it,” she says.

#### Raz and Carly

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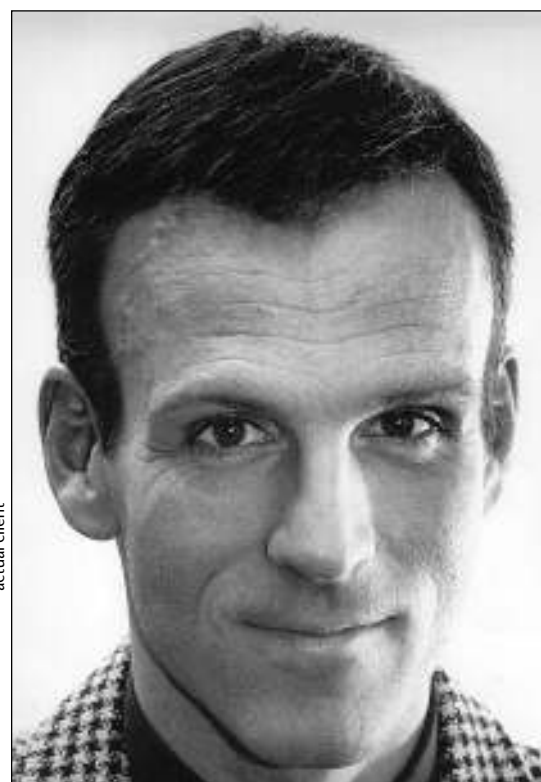
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"She was very outgoing from the very start," Rasmussen says of Carly, as

Carly chirps happily into her ear. "What?" she'll ask, imitating Rasmussen on the phone. "What?"

She takes off again, fluttering from Rasmussen's shoulder. Following close behind is a trio of green, blue, and red macaws who light up the quasi-gray day with their rainbow of colors. They glide on their brilliant wings, circling and calling each other.

Along for the "fly" with Rasmussen are Hugh Choy,

owner of the red-fronted macaws, and Hillary Hankey, who is flying her two cockatoos, a bare-eyed and a slender-billed. Choy has brought along a long-lensed camera to capture the birds, and clicks pictures while they soar over his head. The cockatoos perch on Hankey's shoulders, one on either side; her T-shirt, which bears the words "Surf Wyoming," is streaked with bird refuse. She doesn't seem to mind.

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Rasmussen purchased Carly almost three years ago from a local bird shop, Bird Crazy, and began teaching her to fly after her wing feathers, clipped when she was a baby, began to grow back in.

"I'd been taking her on walks on the beach all the time, and her wings started to grow out," Rasmussen says. "I thought, 'What am I going to do?' Because I didn't really want her to be clipped, but I wasn't sure how it would work to have her flighted."

After reading up on the Internet — where she also met Choy and Hankey — Rasmussen began to train Carly not only to fly but to come when called, wondering just how good at it she'd become.

"We worked on the training, which is come and call, come and call, come and call," Rasmussen says. "We'd do that every day [for] ten minutes, something like that. That's what we usually did. And it just drills it into their head. I call, you come, you get a treat. And that's how everyone's done it. You just have to be very consistent and diligent about it."

Carly excelled at the training, and soon Rasmussen was able to take her outside for flying sessions. Starting very small, she taught Carly to navigate new terrain and conditions, like wind, and to overcome obstacles, like coming down from trees; newly flighted birds often have trouble with this.

"You can't just take them out and say 'Go,'" Rasmussen stresses. "You take them outside, and you start them with two feet. That's one of the main risks, just making sure the training is really good."

The macaws and cockatoos take off again, Carly playing catch-up. They soar together then break off into their own groups, sometimes stopping to land on

their owners or, on occasion, passersby. A few tourists stop to snap pictures, enthralled by the sight of Choy covered in the three giant macaws. The macaws are more than obliging; "High five!" says one in a

cartoonish voice. Another meows. Enchanted, a little girl steps forward to touch the third macaw, which has landed on her mother's head, before it hops back onto Choy's arm.

Getting a running start,

Choy calls, "One, two, three!" and the birds take off. Hankey launches her cockatoos at the same time. They meet midair and chase each other playfully.

"I never wanted to keep a bird in a cage," says Ras-

mussen, who only puts Carly behind bars when she leaves the house without her. "Most people in the U.S. clip their birds, and to me it just felt wrong. I had two cats and a dog at that point, and the pigeon before her — and

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Scuttling along the top of the seawall located just past Tamarack Avenue, she waddles at a good clip as Nelson follows a few feet behind. The waves crash just beyond the wall, a few yards of sand in between. Shermie ignores the water, keeps her gaze straight ahead as she moves.

“It’s the pigeon-toed 500!” exclaims Nelson, who keeps pace with her as Shermie rapidly changes

direction.

“Shermie, Shermie, ko-ko-bop outside!” says Shermie in a strange, cartoonish monotone, beginning her funny running step. Blindly white against the blue-green of the sea, she flicks her yellow crest, feathers ruffling in the oceanside wind.

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and watched her walk confidently atop it.

"I used to go down to the beach all the time and walk her, and one day I put her on [the seawall] and she just took off," he says. "From that time on, we've walked as long as four hours. And she always has the opportunity to get up. I'll always put my hand down, but when she gets going, rarely does she want to stop."

"Hi, baby," says Shermie, making a kissing sound.

"Hi, baby," Nelson says back.

Shermie mumbles something nearly incomprehensible; Nelson, accustomed to her voice, translates.

"Shermie's a good girl?" he says to her, smiling. "I don't think so."

"I used to live in San Diego, and she used to walk all the way from south Mission Bay to Crystal Pier on the seawall," Nelson continues. "Now that I'm up here, this is kind of the best. It's really neat to have her up [on the seawall] when she's walking, so we avoid pedestrians, bicycles, pets, and things like that."

In addition to walking with Nelson, Shermie also joins him at the table for dinner, eating "people" food instead of seed, which she has in the morning and afternoon. She eats a variety of things, Nelson explains, including chicken, steak, spaghetti, ice cream — one of her favorites — and coffee.

"I've had the people at the pet store say feed her just what they sell, [but] the vets say just don't kill her with the stuff," Nelson says. He moves Shermie from the wall to his shoulder. "Obviously, everything's in moderation."

Shermie, back on the wall, takes off again; she continues to talk to herself as she walks, warbling and whistling.

"You know what's really strange about her?" Nelson picks her up for a moment. "If I start to say something and she's starting too, she'll stop. She will not finish a sentence, whatever she's going to say. I swear that she listens just like a person."

There is certainly something personlike about Shermie. Perhaps it's her independence, the way in which she conducts herself. Nelson says he has received

many positive comments on her behavior.

"People have commented, [people] that train birds, on how well she keeps herself and the way she carries herself," Nelson says. "[She's] really not afraid to

minge with people, and she looks like a happy bird most of the time."

Shermie whistles, lifting a foot. Nelson smiles at her.

"But you want to be walking," he says. "Don't you?"

#### Sam and Nicky

Sam is over 20 pounds of cat. A white-and-gray tabby with a handsome, round face, he wears a black-and-white harness around his midsection, in addition to his collar. A matching leash

clips to a buckle on his harness, located just between his shoulder blades. He stands at the intersection of Robinson and Tenth Avenue as Nicky Elliston, his owner, crouches at his side, petting him; he is not

a fan of this particular intersection and looks a little peeved.

"Come on," says Elliston in a tuneful voice, giving the leash a gentle pull. "Come on."

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along beside her.

Elliston, who is currently a marketing coordinator, rescued Sam over two years ago from a shelter in Arizona, where she used to live, when he was just three months old.

Elliston soon found that the cat had been born with what appeared to be a chronic upper respiratory disorder.

"[The vet] actually told me to put him down," Elliston says. "I had him for a week, and then he was in the emergency room with me. But when you get a cat from the rescue place, you don't bring them back; you're rescuing them. You're not going to say, 'Oh, this cat is faulty.'"

Sam pulled through, mostly due to Elliston's insistence that the vets not give up.

"I made them fix him," she says firmly. "I made them fix him that night. I said, 'Give me a guarantee, or you'll have to deal with a redhead all night.' I get things done."

Sam has been fine ever since, but Elliston, worried, began taking him with her wherever she went, just in case. As a kitten, this was relatively easy, but as Sam hit the 15-pound mark, Elliston found herself unable to carry him for long. It was then that she got the idea to leash-train him.

"I had to put the leash on and have him walk around the apartment for a couple of weeks with the harness on his body until he was comfortable," she explains. "That's kind of how it all started."

On the street, Sam appears confident, though Elliston does need to keep him from turning down every drive and walkway. Like most cats, he is slightly obstinate but eventually responds, remaining at Elliston's side or just a bit ahead of her.

A runner passes by, iPod blaring through the tiny speakers in her ears.

"A cat on a leash?" she asks, incredulous, before passing on.

Elliston shrugs.

"We get a lot of people snickering or stopping us," she says matter-of-factly. "Pretty much everyone stares when they see us, and I kind of feel like a cat lady, but it's good for his health and it's

good that he gets out and sees things."

Elliston says she used to walk Sam to coffee shops but stopped because of all the fuss it caused.

"It's just not worth it to me," she says. "People

look at me like I'm crazy. I'm like, 'You have a dog on a leash. You trained your dog. I trained my cat.'"

They also sometimes used to walk to Balboa Park.

"He'll just lay out on the grass and catch the bugs

and look around, but it's really never very... It's really just the reactions we get from people. Like when we're crossing the street, cars just stop. 'Okay, you're walking a cat.' My friends make fun of me for it. I'm

a joke. 'Nicky's coming and she's bringing her cat.'"

In addition to walking on a leash, Sam also uses the toilet instead of a litter pan. After seeing a scene in *Meet the Parents*, Ben Stiller's schlocky comedy, in which

a Siamese perches delicately over the bowl to do its business, Elliston decided Sam would follow suit.

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the world who use the toilet, I [thought], 'Sam is going to be one of them if he's smart enough.' And sure enough," she says proudly, "he picked it up. He picked it right up. He's happy to do it."

A howl comes from a nearby yard, and Sam stops, ears flattened against his head. The noise comes from a gray cat sitting on the house's front steps; it hops down and approaches, slowly, as if stalking prey.

"Rrow," it says.

Sam opens his mouth to hiss.

Elliston steps in, stand-

ing between Sam and the gray cat, who has come too close for comfort; she stamps her foot at it, and it flattens its front to the ground, tail at full mast.

"Come on, Sam," says Elliston, pulling the leash.

Sam continues to walk, growing more confident as he reaches home. Near their front door, Elliston unclips the leash, and Sam, proving himself well trained, trots right to it.

Elliston's apartment, a one-bedroom in Hillcrest, shows little of the wear and tear often associated with a feline presence.

"People come over and they're, like, 'You have a cat? I can't smell your cat.' " Elliston, who leaves the toilet seat up for Sam, laughs. "[It's] because my cat doesn't smell."

She pauses.

"He doesn't claw anything. He doesn't scream for attention that way."

Sam, who has stretched out on the glass-topped side table, blinks his green eyes, almost as if he knows he's being discussed.

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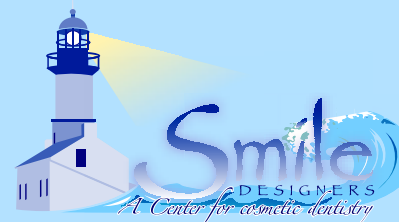


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I don't know if the Border Patrol either got ripped off by whomever sold them the dog or, more likely, that the dog did not signal anything at all by his bark and that the officer was, in my estimation, probably scamming me.

In my case, these agents also took my passport

(which I had on me) and my California driver's license and went inside and made photocopies of all of it to keep for their files. The officer in charge even sent an officer back inside with loud orders to copy all of the pages in my passport. (Was this to somehow scare or intimidate me?) They then returned our IDs and passports and gave me my keys back and told us nonchalantly that we could now leave.

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In addition to encircling our county with roadblocks and being a hindrance to traffic, the Border Patrol has caused numerous accidents and injuries by their reckless chases through our streets, and they are also trigger-happy, as any Google search will turn up numerous hits on the Border Patrol shooting wildly at fleeing vehicles as well as shooting unarmed people in the back.

In one of these many shooting cases, justice was served, however, in an incident in which two Texas Border Patrol agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, together shot 15 times at a fleeing marijuana suspect, Osvaldo Dávila, wounding Dávila in the buttocks. The Border Patrol agents then abandoned their wounded victim, hid the shell casings, and failed to file a report on the shooting. In this rare case of justice, the Border Patrol agents are presently serving 11 and 12 years in prison (where they presumably now have to watch out for their own backsides).

In summary, the Border Patrol has gotten wildly out of control in post-9/11 America and needs to be reined in, as it has become a clear and present danger not just to immigrants but to U.S. citizens as well.

Vincent Peppard  
via email

#### No More Free Stuff

Re "Illegal Ways to Avoid the Border Wait" (Cover Story, October 9). This article was yet another interesting read about the illegal alien problem. Thank you

for letting others know what I have known for years. The poor people of Mexico are going through extremes to get out of their country, and this article tells why. It stated that the Mexican government is rich, but they provide no social services for their people. No wonder

the lure of the United States is so great. That's what the open-border idiots don't seem to get. It's the Mexican government that is enslaving their own people and making them come here for free medical care, education, etc., and we as Americans have allowed that to con-

tinue. If we stopped paying for all that free stuff, then maybe there would be an incentive for the Mexican people to rise up and make their voices heard against their corrupt government. As the article states, it should be the Mexican dream, not the American one. Yet you

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won't hear either presidential candidate talk about anything involving illegal immigration and why it's happening.

D.S.  
via email

### North? South?

I just have a question concerning your cover story in the October 9 *Reader* ("Illegal Ways to Avoid the Border Wait"). Very interesting story — I just finished it. But your cover picture, there's no caption, and I looked inside the *Reader* and there's no reference to it, no explanation. I'm guessing this is from the Mexican side looking northward into America. Is that correct, or

is it from the American side looking southward into Mexico? I haven't been to Mexico in 66 years, and the border crossing didn't look like that back then.

Name Withheld

*The cars shown in the cover photo are waiting to enter the United States. — Editor*

### Twits In Paradise

Tsk, tsk. Sounds like my recent letter to the *Reader* ("We're Cornball Rednecks," October 2) hit a raw spot, considering the angry and irrational responses. Yes, the truth is often hard to take, but it is what it is. If you had the courage of your convictions, I'm surprised

that neither respondent had the courage to give their full names. As for the poor sap that recently moved from sophisticated Washington, D.C., to this backwater, you have not been here long enough to give a qualified opinion; write again in about two years and I guarantee you will have changed your tune. That is, if you're still here, which I doubt. As for the mayhem you describe in your hometown as an excuse for leaving (you f—— wimp), this goes on every day in San Diego. If you don't believe me, take a stroll through Southeast San Diego one night, preferably around midnight. As for your descrip-

tion of L.A. as a s—hole, I can assure you that that great city has more culture in one block than in the whole of San Diego.

As for the second respondent, if you could spell, I might take your rants seriously. Two letters, one profane, one illiterate; I think both you "gentlemen" are going to fit right in here in sunny San Diego, two twits in denial.

Rico Gardiner  
Mission Hills

*Letters to the editor are edited; comments from the Reader website are not. — Editor*

### Comments from Reader Website

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

### Blurt

**Published October 8**

*Posted by gheffern on October 9, 3:31 a.m.*

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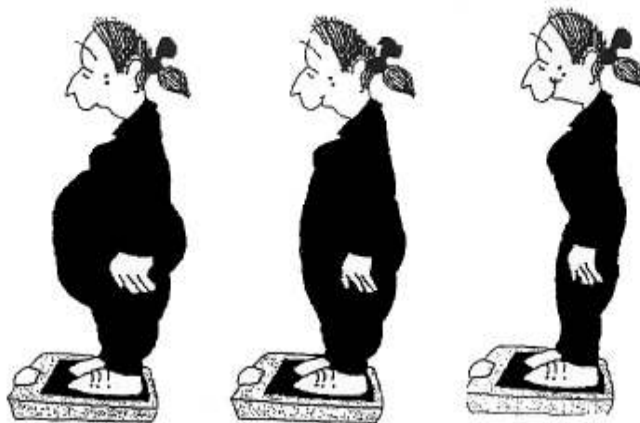
great to see my old friend Scat getting some attention as well, boy, the stories I could tell you about THAT guy!!! another guy you folks should be watching out for there is Eric Heuschele. Oh yeah, here's another story for you...the night before the clash played that show with the standbys, they came to an after-prom show that we played with the paladins at...I'm thinking La Jolla (?)...I remember I had a broken foot (my main toe-bone came up through the top of my foot, during an on-stage flip in Arizona... had to spend 5 days in the hospital on that one, and wait for swelling to go down, so they could re-break and

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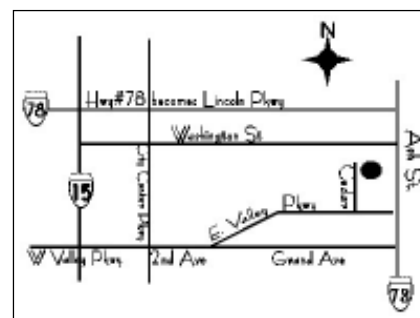
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re-set it)...anyways, I remember doing the show in pajamas and a cane, which strummer and company kept stealing during our show....man I loved the clash...also, after all these years, I actually have had some contact with the world famous lou skum from the injections... Ah, San Diego I still love and hate you from the bottom of my little punk rock heart.

Gary Heffern

*Posted by parisville on October 9, 9:57 a.m.*

Was at that last reunion show, will try to make this next one too. A long flight to get there, but I guess it's a longer flight for Heffern! Living is a job because of people like him....

## Movie Review

### Burn after Reading

*Posted by Challen on October 9, 9:59 a.m.*

Duncan, the only explanation I can think of for your four star review of this movie is that you'd been to

the dentist that day and the nitrous hadn't worn off yet. This wasn't even really a movie, it was a cartoon made with "real" people. It wasn't "about" stupidity, it was stupid. I think it would have been much improved if they had just dubbed the voices using Disney characters....Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand would be Mickey and Minnie Mouse. George Clooney, Goofy of course. It's an incredible comment when you have to admit that John Malkovich was the sanest person in the film. That's got to be a first. From the beginning this story was a Kafkaesque nightmare for his character.

OK..my date's comment on leaving was "Well, I guess they had a contractual obligation to get another movie out right away."

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## Talent Search Advice

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Wood is reprising his popular television show from the '80s, *Puttin' on the Hits*, with a new series, *America's Lip-Sync Star*. Auditions for the show, to be filmed in the Bahamas next year with celebrity judges Samantha Fox and J.T. Taylor (of *Kool and the Gang*) — will commence in San Diego on Thursday, October 16.

### LOCAL EVENTS

"If you have a good look but the wrong sound, it kills the whole impersonation," says Madonna impersonator, author, and casting agent Denise Bella Vlasis. "I was a dancer but not a singer, so I said I'd rather do what I'm best at doing, which is the visual, so I focused on getting the dancing and the lip-sync down." Of several Madonna impersonators to compete in the four years *Puttin' on the Hits* aired, Vlasis was the only one to win first place.

Though anyone with a desire to perform can learn to be a good lip-syncer, Vlasis says even professional singers — including A-list celebrities lip-syncing to their own recordings — make obvious blunders. A frequent offender? Britney Spears.

"When Britney sings words that begin with L, her tongue is touching the tips of her lips rather than the roof of her mouth at

the back of the teeth, where the tongue would go naturally," says Vlasis. "Her tongue always goes out of her mouth when she does Ls. It drives me nuts. She's not the only one, but she's the most obvious."

Vlasis's lip-syncing skills scored her a role as a luncheon singer on the Clint Eastwood film *Flags of Our Fathers*. The actual singer was replaced on screen when Vlasis proved to be better at lip-syncing the singer's recording.

In her latest book, *You've Got the Look: The How to "Celebrity Look-a-like" Guide*, Vlasis shares some of the techniques she's picked up over the past 20 years.

"Breath is very important," she explains. "I recommend that you lightly sing on top of the music you hear. When you watch a singer singing, you see the veins on the neck, the expression on the face, the breath going in and out of the nose...if your face is flat, you're not going to be believable." Not exhibiting enough exertion is a giveaway. "I think maybe [singers] are too used to performing in music videos."

One of the few celebrities skilled at lip-syncing is Janet Jackson. "Janet is the queen of lip-sync. She'll leave her live mike on," Vlasis says, explaining that after lip-syncing a verse, Jackson will throw out an improvised word or comment to the audience.

The astute listener can tell the difference. "Her voice will sound really perfect, and then all of a sudden the pitch is different, and she sounds winded, and the levels are really different, too." To avoid drastic variations, Vlasis says, "Janet records herself singing live so that everything doesn't



Denise Bella Vlasis as Madonna

sound too perfect, and she'll change it up just a little so it sounds like a different version than it does on the album."

Vlasis says that some celebrities are harder to impersonate than others. "When you [impersonate] a musician, that doesn't usually work. People expect to see musicianship. I think it's cheesy to see somebody faking the instrument." She adds that it's not wise to impersonate "anyone who's famous for their voice alone. I don't know about a lip-syncing Pavarotti."

Vlasis met her husband, currently an Elvis impersonator, at a wedding.

"I said, 'I'm not trying to be crazy or hit on you, but you're up there singing Ricky Martin for...how much?' He said about two or three hundred dollars [per gig], and I said, 'I make about a thousand.' I turned him into an impersonator. All of my talented performer friends that are actors or models or musicians, I turn them on to impersonation because the money's great."

Recently, while filming a show in Hollywood, Vlasis waited at a bar with her friend Pavel, who impersonates Bono. "Peo-

ple came up to us, freaking out, and bought us a round of drinks," she recalls. "They all thought he was him."

As Madonna, Vlasis has experienced a fair amount of "recognition" herself. The attention is not always welcome. "Being followed on the freeway is scary," says Vlasis.

In Los Angeles, a woman who was convinced that Vlasis was the Material Girl fell to Vlasis's feet and sobbed about her daughter, who'd been shot in a gang incident.

"In those moments," say Vlasis, "I just keep my mouth shut. I gave her hugs and let her hug me, let her weep."

— Barbarella

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## DANCE

**"Shine"** Stella Nova Dance Company presents its first full-length concerts "showcasing original modern dance pieces choreographed by company artistic director and co-founder Rayna Stohl." Also on program: choreography by Dana Lossing and Maddie LaRue. 619-436-9901. Friday, October 17, 8 p.m.; Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$20. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"Tap and Tour"** Dance performance inspired by "Active Duty" artist Owen Mundy, followed by a docent-led tour. 760-839-4120. Thursday, October 16, 2 p.m.; \$5. California Center for the Arts, Es-

condido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Belly-Dance Showcase** Rachel, Celeste, Dayna, and Maha Dansuri perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. 619-688-9845. Thursday, October 16, 8 p.m.; \$5. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**English Country Dancing** Chris Page calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, October 19, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Flamenco!** Flamenco Olivar and Flamenco Arana plan student recital flamenco show with performances by company members, directed by Kristina Cobarrubia. Appearance by Sara Olivar. 619-544-1000. Saturday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

**Hustle Dance Party** DJ plays hustle, nightclub two-step, and requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m.; \$7. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

**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)

**Nobody's Business** Band provides music, Martha Wild calls for contra dancing hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30 p.m.; dances taught and called to live music 8-

## OUT & ABOUT

**ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL**  
Through Thursday, October 16, Mission Valley 7.

(SEE FILM)



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11 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Pine Leaf Boys** This Grammy-nominated band makes music for Cajun dancing hosted by Bon Temps Social Club. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7-10:30 p.m. 858-496-6655. Friday, October 17, 6:20 p.m.; \$14. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

**Ragtime Revisited II** Explore easy ragtime-era two-step variations as well as a couple of its "descendant" dances during Waltz & Such dance class in Casa del Prado room 207 (beginners: 7:15 p.m., intermediates: 8 p.m.). Open-request dancing follows until 9:45 p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, October 17, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Turkish and Arabic Dance** Belly-dance performance by Dilek and friends from Arabina Dance Company. 619-588-3718. Saturday, October 18, 2 p.m.; El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

## FILM

**"Press Rewind Plus '08"** See the films featured at UCSD's "Up & Coming '08" student film fest. Program includes *Dystopian Dreams* (Graham Lee), *Jane in Winter* (Jessie Pellegrino), *Untitled* (Edward Kim), *Untitled Skate Documentary* (Charles Bae), *Life? Death* (Eddie Kezelli), *Dan in a Tube* (Daniel Kim), *204* (Ben Tuller), *Imperfection* (Garret Berg), *Killers Anonymous Directed* (James Song). Pay what you can. 858-534-TIXS. Sunday, October 19, 7 p.m.; Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Kabluey** Enjoy a "stinging satire of spiritual emptiness and suburban turmoil" when Scott Prendergast's film starring Lisa Kudrow (and Prendergast himself) screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Sita Sings the Blues** Comic strip artist-turned-filmmaker Nina Paley juxtaposes multiple narrative and visual styles to create "en-

tertaining and affecting vision" of Ramayana (an ancient Sanskrit epic). ArtTalks! post-screening conversation with Aseem Chhabra (voice of shadow puppet #1), Greg Sextro (*Sita* sound designer), and animator Tara Knight. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. The Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**The White Rose** Michael Verhoeven's 1982 wartime drama is based on "true story of a small band of students who dared to defy Hitler by printing anti-Nazi leaflets under the Führer's very nose." 619-299-9360. Sunday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.; Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Asian Film Festival** Take in over 130 short and feature films from 17 countries during festival, which includes film screenings, panel discussions. Featured films include *Ping Pong Playa*, *Accuracy of Death*, *Always 2: Sunset on Third Street*, *Chocolate*, *Public Enemy Returns*, *Mystic Ball*, *Dirty Hands: The Life and Crimes of David Choe*, *Open City*, *Reel Voices*, and many others. Festival passes available. 858-565-1264. Thursday, October 16, 4 p.m.;

\$7-\$15. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Cinema en Tu Idioma Film Series** See *El Brindis*, a comedy "about three lives searching for meaning" starring Ana Serradilla, during Media Arts Center screenings. Films start each day at 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:45 p.m. 619-230-1938. Friday, October 17; Saturday, October 18; Sunday, October 19; Monday, October 20; Tuesday, October 21; Wednesday, October 22, 11:30 a.m.; \$7-\$9. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

**More Horrors!** Lyric Opera of San Diego and Hawthorn's present movie series, featuring *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, this week. No one under 17 admitted without parent. 619-239-8836. Wednesday, October 22, 8 p.m.; \$9-\$7. Hawthorn's Restaurant, 2895 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**New Releases, Week Two** Enjoy *Leatherheads*, starring George Clooney, Renée Zellweger, and John Krasinski, when new flicks are showcased for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky leads pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, October 22, 6 p.m.; Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**San Diego Italian Film Festival** Festival promises screening of *Tree of Life* and interview of director Hava Volterra by Everett Gorel on Thursday. On Friday, see *La Vita Rubata*, followed with interview of director Graziano Diana by Pasquale Verdicchio.

Festival gala with music, screening of *L'Orchestra di Piazza Vittorio* by Agostino Ferrente slated for Saturday (\$100 tickets required). Series concludes with Daniele Luchetti's *Mio fratello e' figlio unico* on Sunday, followed by discussion "Piazze nella cultura, nella storia." 858-456-1735. Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m.; Friday, October 17, 7

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p.m.; Saturday, October 18, 5 p.m.; Sunday, October 19, 5 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Teen Producers** Seventh-anniversary student scholarship fundraiser begins with reception, live music, presentation of scholarships. Event promises screening of Teen Producers Project's award-winning videos from past year.

Since 2001, "Project has helped convert scores of at-risk youth into motivated young film producers." Suggested donation: \$50. 619-230-1938. Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**When Is It Right to Kill?** Gary Weimberg and Catherine Ryan's philosophical documentary *Soldiers of Conscience* screens for Sunday Matinee series. Eight U.S. soldiers reveal their inner moral dilemmas. 619-236-5800. Sunday, October 19,

2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

## FOR KIDS

**"Creeps from the Deep"** Celebrate "weird and wonderful creatures that live in the depths of the ocean" during family day. Meet animals that glow, make slime, slither in the dark. Anglerfish craft. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**"Forces"** It's time for family science day with hands-on activities. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, October 18, noon; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Green Skills for Life"** Family day with hands-on activities, "eco-fun for kids." 619-234-8291. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; San Diego

Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

### "What's in a Face? Portraits"

Drop-in family day program designed for families to explore, learn about art on view through interactive games, child-friendly tours, storytelling, art making. Recommended for families with children aged 6-12. 619-232-7931. Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m.; ages 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Monsters, Inc.** Celebrate Teen Read Week's "Books with Bite" theme by attending film screening, costume contest for children and teens. Snacks provided. 858-538-8159. Saturday, October 18, noon; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Now Serving: Witch's Brew** Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales perform through Sunday, October 19. Next up: *The Polka Dot Ghost*, presented by Big Joe Productions,

October 22-26, October 29-November 2. 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 16; Friday, October 17; Saturday, October 18; Sunday, October 19; Wednesday, October 22, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

**"Bitchy Bingo"** "What do you get when you take a traditional game of chance and add fabulous drag queens with a fierce attitude?" Find out. 858-534-TIXS. Monday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.; Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"Hallowe'en Extravaganza"** Nine authors gather to sign, discuss their work. List includes Del Howison, Amy Wallace, Scott

Bradley (*The Book of Lists: Horror*), Leslie S. Klinger (*The New Annotated Dracula*), Lisa Morton (*A Hallowe'en Anthology*), Chelsea Quinn Yarbro (*A Dangerous Climate*), Nancy Holder (*Wicked: Witch and Cursed*), Jeffrey J. Marlotte (*River Runs Red*), Batton Lash (*The Soddyssey, and Other Tales of Supernatural Law*). 858-268-4747. Sunday, October 19, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Upright Citizens Brigade Tour Co."** Troupe of "next wave of comedy superstars" presents "long-form improv." 858-534-8497. Saturday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; \$10. The Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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

**The Zookeeper's Wife** Diane Ackerman, author of this 2009 "One Book One San Diego" selection, visits shop for discussion, signing. True story documents efforts by zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski to save 300 Jews after Germany invaded Poland during World War II. 858-454-

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## LOCAL EVENTS

0347. Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**A Night of Comedy** Mal Hall presents stand-up comedy, with "comedians from Comedy Central, *Last Comic Standing*, HBO, MTV, *Leno*, *Letterman*," more. 619-823-4688. Thursday, October 16, 8 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. The Bitter End, 770 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Author Talk** Harrison Forbes reads from, signs *Dog Talk: Lessons Learned from a Life With Dogs*. 858-618-1814. Monday, October 20, 7 p.m.; Borders Books and Music - Carmel Mountain, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Bittersweet and Funny** Author Amy Wallen discusses, signs her book *Moon Pies and Movie Stars*. Book talk offers insights into Wallen's family, the inspiration for characters in the novel. 760-435-5630. Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.; Oceanside Mission Library, 3861-B, Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

**Book Signing** Pulitzer Prize-nominated author Victor Villaseñor discusses, signs his latest, *Crazy Loco Love*. 619-284-7684. Sunday, October 19, 3 p.m.; Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**Engaging, Conversational, Funny, Surprising** Renowned former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins reads from his new collection, *Ballistics*. The collection delves deeper into subjects including love, death, solitude, youth, aging. 858-456-1800. Sunday, October 19, 5 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Frame Drum Fun** Master frame drummer Layne Redmond plans slide presentation entitled "When the Drummers Were Women," as well as an "experiential rhythm demonstration/concert" (in advance of leading weekend retreat). Evening closes with walking and breathing meditation focusing on the seven energy centers in mind/body complex. Required advance registration for gate code:

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

In the 1970s, the once tiny and now thoroughly suburbanized community of Alpine displayed a sign along its main highway boasting "Best Climate in the USA by Government Report." The town's boosters eventually got what they wanted. Thousands of people moved there to enjoy relatively affordable housing on spacious hillside lots. Traffic has increased on Alpine's highways and byways, but not so much that bicyclists can't enjoy a spin around the greater neighborhood — as long as that effort takes place during weekend early-morning hours, when car traffic is relatively scant. Several of the rural roads here have no shoulders, so riding here is a matter of sharing the road with cars. Do wear some brightly colored clothing, so that drivers are sure to notice you.



Yucca and buckwheat, Dehesa Valley

Described here is an almost-never-flat, 17-mile loop ride amid the oaks, chaparral, and scattered suburban/rural housing of the Alpine, Harbison Canyon, and Dehesa areas. As is typical during early autumn, the morning marine layer often lies much lower than the 1000- to 2000-foot elevations found here. Often by 7 a.m. you can be bathed in pure white sunshine.

To get to Alpine by car, drive east from San Diego on Interstate 8 and exit at Tavern Road. Make a right and a quick left on Alpine Boulevard and park somewhere in the area that serves as Alpine's town center. Start your bike ride by heading west on Arnold Way, which crosses Tavern and descends crookedly through an attractive rural residential area. At the bottom of the grade, turn left on Harbison Canyon Road. Subdivisions fill part of the valley ahead.

The road soon pitches downward along the bottom of narrow Harbison Canyon into the town of the same name. Cruising through here in a car, you might easily miss many of the unique sights, sounds, and smells of this small community. Balanced on two quietly spinning wheels, you can savor the atmosphere of this cool, wooded canyon to the fullest. Oak-shaded Old Ironsides County Park, on the left, is a good place for a water stop or a picnic.

Farther down the canyon, turn left on Dehesa Road and shift into a low gear that best suits the long, moderate uphill

incline ahead. Like so many rural byways in or near Indian reservation lands, this one can at times be busy with cars entering or leaving the Sycuan Resort and Casino. As you gain altitude on Dehesa Road, the hillsides become steeper. Swept by wildfires twice in recent years, they look dry and ragged with pioneering shrub vegetation. Spiky yuccas are among the first plants to thrive in the post-fire environment. Next spring, after

the winter rains, these same scrubby hillsides will turn a bright shade of green.

Make a left turn when you reach the Tavern Road intersection. After more climbing, turn right onto South Grade Road. This gently rolling byway takes you past many of Alpine's more spacious properties. When you reach Alpine Boulevard, swing left and coast the final two miles back into Alpine's town center.

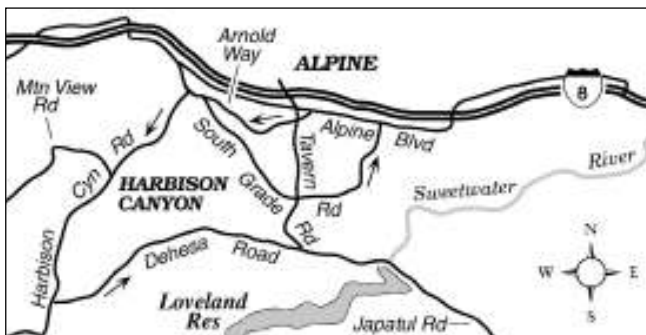
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760-432-6574. Friday, October 17, 7:15 p.m.; \$45. Ages 15 and up. Goddess Studio, 3202 Lemora Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

**Halloween Story Swap** Professional and amateur storytellers share "stories of the spooky season." Come and share a short, scary story of your own. 858-484-1325. Wednesday, October 22, 7 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

**Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series** Author Matt de la Pena presents reading, book signing in room LL430 of Malcolm A. Love

Library. He's author of *Ball Don't Lie* (2005) and *Mexican WhiteBoy* (2008). 619-594-5318. Wednesday, October 22, 7 p.m.; ages 10 and up. SDSU Library, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Meet the Queen of Historical Fiction!** Philippa Gregory, author of *The Other Boleyn Girl*, discusses and signs her new novel, *The Other Queen*, focusing on the captive years of Mary, Queen of Scots. Free, or purchase "royal event pass" (\$35), which includes signed copy of *Queen*, priority admission to event and in signing line, photo memento with Gregory, more. 858-454-0347. Friday, October 17,

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

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**Script-in-Hand Players** Humorous scenes from plays, skits, and poems may be seen when this

troupe of senior actors performs. 858-581-9931. Tuesday, October 21, 2:30 p.m.; North Clairemont Library, 4616 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

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### LECTURES

**"Advocating Justice, Building Peace"** Woman PeaceMakers

panel discussion by Shinjita Alam from Bangladesh, Sylvie Mbanga Maunga from Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zandile Nhlengetwa from South Africa, Olenka Ochoa from Peru. 619-260-7509. Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

### "Bye Bye Grass Express"

Vickie Driver presents condensed version of "Bye Bye Grass I and II," offering various methods of removing a water-thirsty lawn, tips for evaluating soil and irrigation systems, creative ideas for replacing lawns with low-water plantings. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, October 18, 1 p.m.; \$20-\$30. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

**"Campus Housing:** Growing a Community within a Community" M. Boone Hellmann, campus architect at UCSD, addresses Friends of San Diego Architecture. Expect "a special cake break in memory of Harriet Gill, founder of FSDA, who passed away in August." Donation. 619-224-8584. Saturday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.; NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Canine Massage"** Learn how canine massage may benefit your four-legged friend from Ann Yerevanian, graduate of Lang Institute for Canine Massage. Topics include relationship between massage and dog's anatomical structure, what massage can and cannot accomplish, which conditions may be improved by canine massage. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

### "Contemporary Art Fridays: Eleanor Antin"

New lecture series hosted by San Diego Museum of Art features panel discussion on conceptual artist Eleanor Antin, with examination and discussion of Antin's work, her impact on art world, use of photography in relationship to movie representations of the ancient world and its myths, use of fiction in providing a better understanding of contemporary social realities. Talk takes place at Museum of Photographic Arts. 619-232-7931. Friday, October 17,

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

2 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Creating in Context: Human/Nature”** Event “fuses interpretive strategy and art-making opportunities into a single unit, encouraging audiences to become actively engaged” with current exhibition “Human/Nature: Artists Respond to a Changing Planet.” Participants explore related themes and create their own projects in response to exhibition.

On October 18, examine exhibition themes, curatorial process with senior curator Stephanie Hanor and “Human/Nature” project consultant Laurel Braitman. Create an artwork during activity led by “Human/Nature” artist Dario Robleto, who will guide participants in hands-on project related to his work in exhibition on October 25. Fee includes both sessions. Required registration: 858-454-3541 x198. Saturday, October 18, 1 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Healing From the Inside Out”** Psychiatrist and psychotherapist Dr. Robert Solomon of Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine speaks in room 575. Solomon discusses “a new Einsteinian paradigm in healing based on quantum mechanics.” 619-644-7525. Monday, October 20, 3:30 p.m.; Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

### “Hosting a Family DNA Project”

It’s just one of the topics on tap when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego hosts mini-fair during next meeting. Presentations include “Preparing for Safe Flying in the Clouds — Computer Security,” “Preparing for a Trip to the Family History Library,” “Making Genealogy Photo Books and Scrapbooks.” 858-278-4519. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**“How to Go Organic”** Mike Castro of San Diego Garden Supply divulges methods for turning San Diego’s clay soil into “rich earth for growing organic vegetables and fruits” when San Diego Garden Club meets. Plant raffle. 619-269-6184. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

**“Overview of the Oceanside Museum of Art”** Presented by James Pahl, executive director of the Oceanside Museum of Art; he will discuss museum’s exhibitions when North County chapter of SDMA gathers. Free for first-time guests. 619-232-7931. Monday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.; St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 334 14th Street. (DEL MAR)

**“Reflections of Santa Rosa Island”** Howard Kellogg presents program for Sierra Club. 858-569-6005. Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

### “Sharing Your Family’s Story”

Fall seminar offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Wayne Anderson presents “From Database to Book,” Phyllis Young discusses “Using a Short-

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Run Publisher,” Larry Brooks focuses on “Getting a Big Publisher’s Attention,” Jan Mongoven treats “Do-It-Yourself Publishing.” Optional box lunch: \$7.50. Registration: 760-599-9958. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; \$10-\$15. 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 16, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**“The Abalone Limited”** Take in a “pictorial on the trains and streetcars that once serviced Pacific Beach and La Jolla” hosted by Pacific Beach Historical Society. 858-272-6655. Saturday, October 18, 1 p.m.; Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**“The Effects of Southern California’s Wildfires on Birds”** “In 2002 and 2003, over 738 square miles of San Diego County burned in California’s largest fires since accurate records have been kept.” Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series hosts Philip Unitt of San Diego Natural History Museum focusing on how birds have responded to recent devastating wildfires. 619-575-3613. Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

### “The Golden Touch of Silver”

Jacquelyne Silver — pianist, stage personality, artistic innovator, educator — plans lecture focusing on

music of Broadway including Sigmund Romberg, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Stephen Sondheim. 858-454-5872. Sunday, October 19, 2 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**“The Journey to Everest”** Professional mountain guide Kurt Wedberg presents slide show. Wedberg has twice summited Everest; learn how “climbing high on mountains can help put the rest of your life in perspective.” 760-966-1700. Monday, October 20, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, October 22, 7 p.m.; Adventure 16 Oceanside, 2002 South Coast Highway 101. (OCEANSIDE)

**“The Latest Information on Breast Cancer Research”** Medical oncologist Dr. Laurie Frakes discusses latest multidisciplinary research opportunities for breast cancer patients. Registration: 858-626-5213. Tuesday, October 21, 6 p.m.; Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**“The Relationship Between Bats and Plants”** Francie Spears shares “her considerable knowledge of bats,” including insight into importance of these nocturnal visitors to our gardens, when MiraCosta Horticulture Club meets in room 7001. Refreshments, plant raffle follow. Visitors welcome. 760-729-8172. Saturday, October 18, 12:45 p.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**“Tulipomania: Banking With Bulbs During the Golden Age of Dutch Culture”** Eric Haskell, Scripps College professor and di-

rector of the Clark Humanities Museum, speaks for Decorative Arts Lecture Series. Talk focuses on astronomical rise of the vogue for tulips in Holland during the 1630s, and subsequent market crash that pushed Holland to brink of bankruptcy. Continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m.; lecture at 10 a.m. Series fee: \$50 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Monday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.; \$17-\$27. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**“Twined Birdhouses”** Learn technique of twining, become acquainted with basket making and its possibilities, and create a project under guidance of “Forms in Wood and Fiber” artist Polly Jacobs-Giacchina. Fee includes materials. Required reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; \$50-\$60. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Velázquez in the Basement: A Study in Art Historical Method”** John Marciari, curator of Italian and Spanish paintings and head of provenance research, describes his rediscovery of a painting, which appears to be a lost early altarpiece by Diego Velázquez, for new “Evening Encounters: Art, Culture, and Conversation” series. *San Diego Union-Tribune* art critic Robert Pincus will interview Marciari on this find, Leon Santoro of Orfila Winery offers Italian wine tasting before lecture. 619-696-1953. Monday, October 20, 5 p.m.; \$25-\$30. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Where’s My Chicken?”** Barbara Moore presents “Tales of a Naturalist with Wild and Not So Wildlife” in Africa, California, and other locales for San Diego Audubon Society meeting. 619-682-7200. Friday, October 17, 7 p.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**Botanical Wonders** Botanist Ron Hurov focuses on botanical treasures of the rainforest when North County Chapter California of Rare Fruit Growers meets in Horticulture Department, building T402. Plant raffle follows. Friday, October 17, 7 p.m.; Mira-

Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**College Application Seminar** Event led by the Princeton Review includes panel of “expert speakers” addressing college application process, including standardized tests, college selection, the application, paying for it, more. Required advance reservations: 800-2REVIEW. Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**First Aid for Dogs and Cats** American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning, and broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Saturday, October 18, 1 p.m.; \$55. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog** Open-forum workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class** Middle-Eastern drumming class taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7 p.m.), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8 p.m.). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6 p.m.; through Monday, November 24, \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Ready to Vote?** Margaret Stevensen from League of Women Voters discusses ballot issues when Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom meets in community room. Another “Postcards for Peace” project will be completed. 619-574-7674 or 858-535-0949. Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.; La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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### OUTDOORS

**The Tawny Hues** of the black oak tree are just beginning to highlight the slopes of San Diego County's higher mountains. Named for the dark coloring of its bark, especially when wet, the black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) is the only deciduous oak native to the county. Associating with pines, firs, cedars, various evergreen oaks, and occasionally chaparral, the black oak lends a true autumn coloring to popular areas such as the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar mountains.

**The Floss Silk Tree**, a conspicuous "autumn bloomer" here and

there around San Diego, has been showing off its pinkish or purplish, hibiscus-like flowers for a few weeks now. The broad, heavy trunks of this South American import, studded with fat, cone-shaped spines, makes it easy to identify.

**The Orionid Meteor Shower**, typically one of the year's five best annual showers, peaks on the evening/morning of October 20-21 this year. The last quarter moon, rising near midnight, will interfere somewhat with this year's Orionid display. For best results, look out at the entire sky (preferably facing straight up) during the hour or two before dawn, roughly 4 to 6 a.m. Despite the moon's glare, you might see 10 to 15 meteors per hour, assuming you are far away from the glow of city lights. The Orionids "radiate" from the constellation of Orion, and many leave long-lasting, glowing trails. Comet Halley is believed responsible for this shower. Every year at this time, the earth plows through a stream of icy particles presumably shed by that comet in the past.

**"Land of Fruits and Nuts"** It's theme for guided hikes (10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m.) hosted by Audubon Society during open visitation day. 619-682-7200. Sunday, October 19, 10 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

**Erosion Control** Join the Friends of Buchanan Canyon to mitigate effects of erosion on canyon by building weirs, other structures to slow fast-moving water from winter rains. Wear good shoes, long pants. Bring work gloves, water. 619-297-2957. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Golden Trails** Enjoy native gold-enbush along trails during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Wildlife Monitors Wanted** San Diego Tracking Team hosts training for those interested in assisting with county wildlife monitoring. Learn to recognize tracks of native mammal species, join experienced tracker on one or more wildlife surveys. Bring sack lunch. 760-715-4102. Saturday, October 18, 9:15 a.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**More Walk, Less Talk** Naturalists Simone Green and Barbara Van Horn lead moderately strenuous hike. 760-839-4680. Saturday, October 18, 8:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Through Pines and Oaks** Join Canyoneers for walk on uphill trail with signs of Steller's and scrub jays, juncos, acorn woodpeckers, gray squirrels. 619-255-0203. Sunday, October 19, 10 a.m.; William Heise County Park, 4945 Heise Park Road. (JULIAN)

**Tree Time** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar?** Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages

10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

**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)

**What's Archaeology About?** Arch in the Park promises digging in mock excavation, games, tours of Adobe Ranch House, archaeology exhibits, demonstrations on stone-tool making and basketmaking, more. 858-538-0935. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**"100% Serrat"** Spanish Catalan singer-songwriter Joan Manuel Serrat concerts. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.; \$85-\$125. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**"El Canto del Alba"** Mexico City's Cuarteto Aurora performs for Festival of October in Sala Ernesto Muñoz Acosta. 011-52-646-173-4307 or 011-52-646-173-4308. Thursday, October 16, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

**"Small" Bullfights** Bullfighting action promised on Saturday. On Sunday, take in "small bullfights for amateurs." 619-591-8889. Saturday, October 18, 4 p.m.; Sunday, October 19, 4 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Olé al Arte Bullring, Zona Río. (BAJA)



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## LOCAL EVENTS

**"Sticks and Drums"** Seventh annual festival includes performances by Pascal Gutman and Kiko King. 011-52-664-900-6210. Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m.; Sunday, October 19, 6 p.m.; \$10. ICBC, Avenida Centenario #10151, Zona Río. (BAJA)

**Comegato** Play "for adults only" is presented as part of seventh annual October Festival in Baja California. 011-52-664-900-6210. Wednesday, October 22, 8 p.m.; \$10. ICBC, Avenida Centenario #10151, Zona Río. (BAJA)

**La Historia del Tigre** Laughing and reflection on offer in comedy by Bruno Bichir. 011-52-664-687-2604. Sunday, October 19, 1 p.m.; \$12. Casa de la Cultura de Tijuana, Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira. (BAJA)

**Aurora Quartet** Classical selections by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Fauré performed by Vera Koulkova (violin), Inese Salaks (viola), Fabiola Flores (cello). 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, October 17, 8 p.m.; \$15. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Suspense and Drama for Adults!** Actors Rafael Perrin, Benjamín Rivero, and Odiseo Bichir present *La Dama de Negro*. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, October 22, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Tequila Expo** More than 350 different tequilas featured; music, entertainment. 011-52-664-684-8481. Thursday, October 16, 11 a.m.; Friday, October 17, 11 a.m.; Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m.; \$6. Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

**Virulo** The Havana-born humorist performs comedy and music for seventh annual "October

Festival in Baja California." 011-52-664-900-6210. Monday, October 20, 8 p.m.; \$10. Teatro del Estado, Calzada López Mateos at Avenida Tapiceros. (BAJA)

## SPECIAL

**"Beer University: History of Beer"** Evening of beer tasting and beer discussion with "resident beer historian and blabbermouth" Ken Wright. Class covers evolution of beer over last 10,000 years and historically representative samples. Learn of beer's origins, its different styles. 760-471-4999. Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mythbusters — Behind the Scenes** Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage offer a behind-the-scenes look at Discovery Channel's *Mythbusters* series during "inside the scientists' studio"-style presentation. Listen for "stories of myth gone wrong...outtakes of segments never seen on the air." No experiments or explosions. Tickets: 619-220-8497. Sunday, October 19, 3 p.m.; \$35-\$47. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Education for Education: The College Strategy Road Map 2008"** Goal is "empowering students and parents by educating them on every college-related topic imaginable." Learn to speak "college life lingo, pay college costs, properly submit college applications, take the SAT and ACT like a pro...map out a college plan." 866-311-1968. Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 p.m.; Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"Masters of Fire: Hereditary Bronze Casters of South India"** Exhibition based on a new book of same name traces role of hereditary bronze casters in the town of Swamimalai, in south Indian state of Tamil

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Nadu. Exhibit curated by UCSD anthropology professor Tom Levy continues through Sunday, January 25, 2009, in Seuss Foyer of Geisel Library. 858-534-3336. Thursdays, 8 a.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.; Mondays, 8 a.m.; Tuesdays, 8 a.m.; Wednesdays, 8 a.m.; through Sunday, January 25, UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"On the Different Periods of Life"** Discuss this Arthur Schopenhauer work with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, October 18, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Steps to Heal Walk-n-Fest for 9/11 Heroes"** Honor 9/11 first-responders and recovery workers during motorcycle poker run, live music, food, tour of Firehouse Museum, more. 888-734-3137. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; \$10. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway. (LITTLE ITALY)

**"Tiny Treasures"** Miniature Book Society's traveling exhibition featuring 123 miniature books from around the world showcased. Miniature books are generally books whose dimensions measure three inches or less. 619-226-4441. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays; Mondays; Tuesdays; Wednesdays; through Saturday,

November 1, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**"What Lies Beneath"** Monster Manor returns, with visits to the Ghistleys' "subterranean cavern" in their Victorian mansion during the night haunts (for those 13 and older). Manor transforms into Caribbean villa with pirates in search of treasure for those "lite frite," aimed at young children and families. 619-750-3654. Friday, October 17, 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 18, noon and 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 19, noon; \$5-\$10. Target center, 8235 Mira Mesa Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

**2008 Arts and Culture Fest** Collection of cultural art, entertainment, merchandise, international foods, kids' zone with activities and workshops. Three stages host cultural entertainment, demonstrations, music. 619-527-6161. Saturday, October 18, noon; Market Creek Plaza Amphitheatre, Euclid Avenue and Market Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**Blow Dry Bootcamp** Stylists demonstrate do-it-yourself "up styles," makeup tips and trends, hair-extension use. Fee includes gift bags, fondue, champagne. 619-282-6100. Sunday, October 19, 2 p.m.; \$35. Ages 15 and up. Salon Bordeaux, 3393 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Board Game Benefit** Heifer International benefits from event

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**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 21, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.; ages 18 and up. Pepper Park, Bay Marina Drive at Tidelands Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Candlelight Walk for Human Rights** The 20th annual event hosted by Amnesty International to highlight human rights violations. Speakers present personal accounts. 760-731-9174. Sunday, October 19, 5:30 p.m.; Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

**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 18, 8 p.m.; \$5. Julian Pioneer Cemetery, Farmer's Road. (JULIAN)

**Classic Oktoberfest!** Enjoy music by 18-piece German oompah band, German cuisine. 619-473-1266. Saturday, October 18, 8 p.m.; Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant, 28841 Old Highway 80. (ALPINE)

**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. Friday, October 17, 10 a.m.; \$75. Ages 18 and up. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Costume and Prop Sale** Hand-made costumes and props on offer, featuring pieces by renowned designers and costumes worn by celebrities at the theater, period costumes from recent Shakespeare festivals, and 2006's *Restoration Comedy*, along with furniture and props used in Old Globe productions. This open house includes tours of the paint, metal, and wood shops and prop and costume storage. All items sold "as is." 619-231-1941. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; Old Globe's Technical Center, 5335 Market Street. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

**Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School** Enjoy spooky session with Melissa posing as Miss Zombie 2008. Bring your art supplies, "cash for liquid inspiration." Donation. 619-756-7891. Saturday, October 18, 3 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. Bluefoot Bar and Lounge, 3404 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Escondido Street Faire** Enjoy classic car show, over 700 vendors selling wares, international food, live entertainment, children's rides, animal demonstrations, all on Grand Avenue (between Centre City Parkway and Ivy Street). 760-745-8877. Sunday, October 19, 9 a.m.; Downtown Escondido, Grand Avenue at Centre City. (ESCONDIDO)

**Explore Global Spices** Chefs Benjamin Moore (Parallel 33) and Bernard Guillas (Marine Room) demonstrate recipes such as kabocha squash dumplings with a preserved lime beurre blanc. 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, October 18, noon; \$15. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

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**Fine Art Festival V** Original art by 37 guild members on offer during annual event of San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild. 858-514-8154 or 760-436-8533. Friday, October 17, 5 p.m.; Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m.; Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**From Abies to Yucca!** California Native Plant Society hosts annual native plant sale in Casa del Prado courtyard. Native plants and bulbs (over 150 different species totaling more than 3000 pots), seeds, books, experts on hand to answer questions. 619-232-8232. Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Gem Faire** Over 80 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals. Classes, demonstrations. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. Friday, October 17, noon; Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 10 a.m.; \$5. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Get Planting!** Fall plant sale promises wares from more than 100 San Diego County growers, whole-

salers, retail nurseries, and individuals, who donate a majority of plants at sale. On offer: drought-tolerant plants, California natives, cacti, succulents, bromeliads, fruit trees, subtropicals; books, tools, crafts. 760-436-3036. Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Harvest Fair** Antique engine and tractor show with blacksmith and wheelwright demonstrations, antique equipment parade, vintage skills, food, music, displays of antique cars and steam engines. Live music by Michael Chain (October 18), Lilies of the West (October 19), Kahuna Cowboys (October 25), Bayou Brothers (October 26). Family rate: \$25 for two adults, two children. 760-941-1791. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 9 a.m.; Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

**Home Movie Day** Film lovers, archivists help the public learn about, enjoy, and rescue films forgotten with the advent of home video. Bring your Super-8, 8mm, and 16mm reels to see on the screen, along with home movies from UCSD film and video collection (film drop-off starts at 1 p.m.). On offer: assessment of older films, information about how to care for family films, snacks, continuous screenings of

home movies. 858-822-2784. Saturday, October 18, 2 p.m.; UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

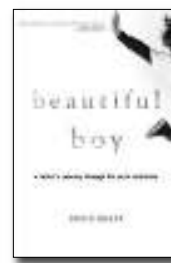
**House of Czech and Slovak Republics** Enjoy kolaches, apple strudel, sauerkraut, rye bread, and more during lawn program with music by Accordion Lovers' Ensemble and folk dancing (2 p.m.). Food is for sale 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 619-287-0971. Sunday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**National Wolf Awareness Week** Events celebrate reintroduction of Mexican wolves into the wild. Afternoon program (noon-2 p.m.) features presentation by assistant wolf recovery coordinator Maggie Dwire, tour of center's wolf pack, more. Cost: \$35 adults, \$25 per child.

Dwire returns to make another presentation during evening program (4:30-8:30), and there will be a "rare evening visit" with the wolf pack, dinner, musical entertainment, more. Fee: \$80 per person, \$145 per couple. Registration: 760-765-0030. Saturday, October 18, noon; \$25-\$80. California Wolf Center, 18457 Tall Pine Road. (JULIAN)

**Put 50 Candles on the Cake!** Clairemont Library celebrates 50th anniversary with children's crafts, face painting, music by the Royals Doo-Wop and Folk Collection en-

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sembles, hula hoop exhibition, authors' appearances by Nick Popaditch (*Once a Marine*) and Kevin Gerard (*Conor and the Cross-worlds*). 858-581-9935. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

**Quantum Physics** What does it tell us about the world? Ponder with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Solar Homes Tour 2008** Self-guided tour of over 40 homes demonstrates photovoltaics (solar electricity), solar water- and pool-heating technology. Homeowners and installers will be on hand to talk about their solar experiences. Locations: 858-244-1177. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

**Stamp-Collecting Show** Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, October 19, 10 a.m.; Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

**Taste of Imperial Beach** Seventh annual event focuses on areas around Old Palm Avenue, Seacoast Drive, 13th, Imperial Beach Boulevard, and Portwood Pier Plaza. Tickets: 619-424-3151. Sunday, October 19, 1 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Portwood Pier Plaza, Seacoast Drive at Imperial Beach Boulevard. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**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 race-track, 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)

**Vaquero Days** Honor California's blend of Spanish and Western heritage during tribute to the early Californios through music, cowboy poetry, horsemanship demonstrations, competition. See people in period dress, demonstrations by blacksmiths, leather workers, saddle makers, others. Vendors on hand offering western art, clothing, tack, saddlery. Western-style barbecue available. Ad-

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mission: \$15 for both days. 619-445-1856. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 9 a.m.; Granny Martin's Ranch, 24019 Japatul Valley Road. (ALPINE)

**Yoga in the Park** Group convenes every Tuesday in Redwood Circle (at Sixth Avenue and Balboa Drive). Bring mat or blanket, towel, water. 858-412-7836. Tuesdays, noon; \$7. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

## SPORTS

**"Monsters' Ball"** AWA/Legends of the Future returns with the Dynamics, Ric Ellis, Robert Hall, So-Cal Crazy, others. 616-888-9388. Sunday, October 19, 6 p.m.; VFW

Hall Post 1774, 7298 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

**Board and Brew the Long Way** Take "great" 50-mile ride with San Diego Bicycle Society. 619-243-8617. Saturday, October 18, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Escondido Meandering** Join Knickerbikers for 25- to 30-mile bicycle ride starting on east side of JCPenney. Riders will circle town. Bring money for lunch. 619-840-3173. Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m.; Westfield North County Shopping Centre, 272 East Via Rancho Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

**Hilly and Hard!** The "Barry Alford Memorial Ride" — 70 miles long — includes Alpine, Pine Valley, Kitchen Creek, and Japatul. Led by Bicycle Touring Society riders. 619-561-3846. Sunday, October 19, 8:45 a.m.; Alpine Community Center, 1830 Alpine Boulevard. (ALPINE)

**Out of the Darkness Walk** Event in support of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. 619-465-2377. Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.; De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Professional Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers take on Charlotte Bobcats. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.; \$13-\$300. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

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**Showpark County 6-Horse Show** 858-481-9085. Saturday, October 18, 8 a.m.; Sunday, October 19, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

**Storm the Beach** Cyclocross bicycling event on wide, fast dirt roads with deep sand sections and rideable hard-pack beach section on Red Beach. First category begins racing at 9 a.m. Take I-5 to Las Pulgas exit; go west, proceed through yellow gate on dirt road to parking area. To enter base, bring driver's license, proof of insurance, vehicle registration. USA Cycling licenses required; one-day licenses available for purchase. 760-500-7879. Sunday, October 19, 9 a.m.; Camp Pendleton, Harbor Drive at I-5. (OCEANSIDE)

**Walk to Defeat ALS** Walk the 3.1-mile loop course along Mission Bay. 858-271-5547. Sunday, October 19, 7:30 a.m.; De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

## MUSEUMS

**Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum** The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil-drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Bancroft Ranch House Museum** Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on

a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

**Barona Cultural Center and Museum** 1095 Barona Road, 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

**Heritage of the Americas Museum** More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of

the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

**Japanese Friendship Garden** "Images of Kyoto" by photographer Kevin Sprowls may be seen through Saturday, November 29. Photographs offered for sale on Sunday, November 30. Pan American Road, 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

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

**Museum of Making Music** What is slide? Why is it so hard to play? "The Magic and Mystery of Slide Guitar" — continuing through March — captures "essence and emotion evoked by slide guitar and slide technique." Display includes nearly 70 rare and historic instruments, from early 1920s to present. "Gretsch 125th Anniversary" highlights instruments spanning

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

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

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

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

dio guide. 910 North Harbor Drive, 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

**San Diego Natural History Museum** "Water: H<sub>2</sub>O=Life" explores culture, history, and future of water. Exhibit includes hands-on activities, live animals, "captivating imagery." Through November.

"Aerial Portraits of the American West: Photographs by John Shelton" closes on Sunday, March 1, 2009. Shelton is author

of *Geology Illustrated*.

In the Ordovery Gallery "Autumn," showcases works of color and beauty by fine-art photographer Abe Ordovery, as well as images by Brent McCullough, Charles Cramer, Annaliese Casarino, Alison Shaw, William Neill, Elizabeth Carmel, Lisa Jordan, Dick Daniels, Bruce Heinemann, Bill Everts, and Christopher Burckett. Closes Sunday, November 9.

Current "giant-screen films" are *Ocean Oasis* and *Planet Earth: Fresh Water*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (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)

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

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### CLASSICAL

**Emerson String Quartet** Art-Power! chamber season opens with concert by Eugene Drucker (violin), Philip Setzer (violin), Lawrence Dutton (viola), and David Finckel (cello). Program includes Dvořák's "Cypresses 1-12," Webern's "Bagatelles for String Quartet," and Haydn's "String Quartet No. 57 in C Major," "String Quartet No. 58 in F Major," and "String Quartet No. 59 in G Minor (Rider/Horseman)." 858-534-TIXS. Mandeville

Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, October 16. (LA JOLLA)

**"Musica Poetica"** Bach Collegium San Diego performs Renaissance motets and a mass contrasted with early Baroque madrigals of Monteverdi, conducted by Ruben Valenzuela. 619-341-1726. St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (1050 Thomas Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, October 18. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"My Heart Soars"** MiraCosta Chamber Chorale and Masterworks Chorale in concerts led by Arlie Langager. Anchoring concert is "Five Mystical Songs" by Vaughan Williams. 760-795-6815. MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 18, and 2 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (OCEANSIDE)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Pleasure of Your Company"** Harpist Kate Loughrey performs classical and jazz music for series. Reception follows. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

**North County Showcase** USD music program presents selections including Bruckner's "Te Deum," with other presentations by USD music ensembles, faculty, alumni. 858-487-4314. San Rafael Catholic Church (17252 Bernardo Center Drive), 4 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**The Kensington Trio** Listen for Haydn's "Trio in G Major," "Trio in G Minor" by Chausson, and music by Piazzolla during Vesper Concert Series. Donation. 858-273-7423. Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), 7 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Organ Spectacular!"** Organist Ken Cowan performs music by Bach, Guilman, Vierne, Liszt, others, "in celebration of the world's largest international pipe organ concert." Offering. 619-297-4366. First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino Del Rio South), 7 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (MISSION VALLEY)

**All Verdi** Solana Intimate Ensemble performs for Californiae Foundation for International Global Arts. Performers include Cherylyn Larson (soprano), Ava Baker-Liss (mezzo-soprano), Aleksandr Agamirzov (tenor), David Marshman (baritone), Janie Prim (piano). Reception at 2:30 p.m., concert at 3:15 p.m. 858-677-0367. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (ENCINITAS)

**More "Musica Poetica"** Bach Collegium San Diego performs Renaissance motets and a mass contrasted with early Baroque madrigals of Monteverdi, conducted by Ruben Valenzuela. 619-341-1726. St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street), 5 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (DEL MAR)

**UCSD Chamber Strings Concert** Collaboration between San Diego Symphony's String Quartet and UCSD musicians. 858-534-3229. Neurosciences Institute

(10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Monday, October 20. (LA JOLLA)

**Mozart Sonatas** UCSD violinist János Négyesi teams with pianist Yvonne Lee for evening. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 21. (LA JOLLA)

**"Operafest"** San Diego Opera's Operafest ensemble plans recital of arias from great operatic repertoire, with works by composers including Strauss, Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Gounod, Rossini, others. 858-552-1655. University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive), 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 22. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**A Seasoned Percussionist Who's Fun to Watch!** Fabio Oliveira — who "became a star as a member of UCSD percussion ensemble during its visit to Taiwan" last summer — plans concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 22. (LA JOLLA)

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### GALLERIES

**"Day of the Dead"** Opening reception for exhibit of photography by Victor Balcazar, who "has been taking pictures of Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico for several years." Closes Wednesday, November 26. 619-462-5760. Gallery La Mesa (8808 La Mesa Boulevard), 4 p.m., Saturday, October 18. (LA MESA)

**"Quiet Places 2"** Opening reception for fall exhibit featured artists Marvin and Bonnie Dull and Toye and Allen Martindale, who are connected by a "family link," along with regional exhibit of juried selections. Closes Sunday, November 16. 619-236-0011. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado), 6 p.m., Friday, October 17. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Unearthing Masterworks"** Opening reception for exhibition of newly released images by Christopher Burkett, whose "photographs explore the beauty of light in the natural landscape." Concurrently, see Shona sculpture by Spirits in Stone, work by Charles Sherman and Matt Devine, Peter Fay, Abe Ordovery and Lisa Ross, Sapphire, Dick Ditore, Lea de Wit, Garry Cohen, Cherrie La Porte-Cohen. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2009. 858-720-1121. Ordovery Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172), 5 p.m., Saturday, October 18. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Meet the Artist** Actress-artist Jane Seymour on hand for receptions, with exhibit of her original oil paintings, watercolors, limited editions. Reservations: 858-456-5255. Simic Galleries (1205 Prospect Street), 6 p.m., Friday, October 17; 6 p.m., Saturday, October 18; 11 a.m., Sunday, October 19. (LA JOLLA)

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

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**Mingei International Museum — North County** “Nomadic Legacy — Tent & Textiles of Central 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 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, cre-

ate 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, Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramírez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1, 2009.

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

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla** “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 Sun-

day, January 4, 2009. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic Arts** “Picturing the Process: Landscape through Time and Space” — continuing through Sunday, February 1, 2009 — includes selections from MoPA’s permanent collection, exploring ideas and issues related to landscape.

“Writing with Light” is said to illustrate “the connections between photography and literacy using the photographic arts as inspiration.” MoPA’s annual youth exhibition offers opportunity to recognize talented students throughout San Diego, linking the medium of photography with writing. Through January, 2009.

“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.”

“DAMNGORGEOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy” offers “a comprehensive look at his impressive career from the 1920s to the ’80s.” Over 40 works of art, including water-

colors, 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.

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### Page to Quit Recording

The music of Brad Paisley, Roy Orbison, the Blind Boys of Alabama, and local troubadour Gregory Page is

believe in which go nowhere. It's really disheartening."

Since Page's first solo album (*Drawing Down the Moon*, 1990), he has released 19 more and appeared as a guest on dozens more. He released another 8 albums as a member of the Rugburns or the Hatchet Brothers, and he's produced

Page says his next album (*Bird in a Cage*, due in January) will be his last. With the album completed, he has dismantled his studio, returned borrowed recording gear, and sold off seven of his guitars.

"You can't spit without hitting a singer-songwriter these days.... If I cannot convince the pipe-dreamers that they

are creating noise pollution, then I hope to at least try and sway them to not use any plastic or shrink-wrap in their CDs," says Page, whose biggest seller is 2005's *Love Made Me Drunk*, which has moved just over 3000 copies.

— Bart Mendoza

### When the Wheels Came Off

According to an insider who was at REO Speedwagon's Harrah's Rincon's Pavilion show on October 2, hard-of-hearing band members torpedoed their performance.

"The guys are so fucking deaf," says the insider, "they demanded that the front-of-house speakers be turned up to excruciating levels. It was the loudest indoor show I have ever seen in my life."

The insider says that many of the 700 paid customers who saw the 40-year-old band were so uncomfortable with the loud volume, "...They started



REO SPEEDWAGON LIKES IT LOUD

clearing the house soon after they started playing....

"If you hold a snare drum up to your ear and hit as loud as you can, that's about 95 decibels," says the insider. "They were between 110 and 115."

The insider says the excessive volume was the fault of the band, not Harrah's Rincon. A spokesperson for the band said she would look into the matter but did not

respond with a comment.

Another insider says Anita Baker had a remarkable stage moment at her September 27 Pala Casino Events Center concert. Allegedly frustrated with her onstage sound mix, Baker is said to have fired her own sound tech in the middle of her show.

"She's famous for firing people on the spot," says one insider who also alleges that Baker chastised Pala's production staff for not giving her a three-sided curtain

backdrop that she claimed was in her contract. "She wanted [the backdrop] to surround the whole stage. All she got was a kabuki [a curtain that dropped at the start of the show], and she was not happy."

A request for a comment was made to Baker's agent and to the Pala entertainment director. No one responded.

— Ken Leighton

### The Anti-Midas Touch

Randy Fontaine and the Swingers celebrate their 20th

anniversary this year, but the ultra-lounge combo's venues keep disappearing.

"It seems like we have the anti-Midas touch," says Fontaine. "It's happened, like, four times to us: we get booked into a club/restaurant that suits us and our tastes, and within months we get word that it's being sold for redevelopment."

The band's appearance a couple of weeks ago at the Flying Bridge will likely be their last; according to a



RANDY AND COHORTS TO KEEP SWINGING

restaurant manager, the Oceanside landmark will be closing, but an exact date has not been set.

"The Flying Bridge was first opened in the '50s," according to the website, "when Highway 101 was the

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# the inside track blurt

included on the soundtrack of the new Billy Graham biopic *Billy: The Early Years*, released on October 10. Page won't be capitalizing on his good fortune by producing a new album; instead, he plans to retire as a recording artist.

"After almost two dozen albums," says Page, "I've said what I've needed to say.... I'm tired of making records that I really



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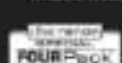
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only coastal route between L.A. and San Diego [before I-5 was built]."

Flying Bridge lore holds that John Wayne, Betty Grable, Sean Connery, and Richard Nixon dined there; country artist Barbara Mandrell is said to have sung at the piano bar. If plans are accepted by the City of Oceanside, the red Naugahyde booths and vintage bar will disappear to make way for a 127-room Hyatt hotel, according to a May 2007 article in the *North County Times*.

Another favorite Swingers haunt was the Hanalei Hotel in Mission Valley.

"They would actually bring you a drink in a flaming volcano bowl.... That went away in the mid-'90s."

Fontaine says he and the other

Swingers — Marvell Washington, Cal Cutta, Don Quayle, Tommy Ajax, Guy Bruce, and Nick Bowelini — had their first gigs at the long-defunct Mandarin Coast in Solana Beach.

"That's where Randy honed his craft," says Fontaine. "It was decorated to look like a Shanghai port, with all these stenciled crates. They served blue Hawaiians, scorpions, and zombies.... When we saw a huge rat run down a rope, we knew we were in the right spot."

The Swingers started as a campy, kitschy side project for Del Mar punk rockers, a goof

on a Steve Lawrence–style lounge act. Nowadays, show tunes, bossa nova beats, and jazz standards fill out their repertoire.

Randy Fontaine and the Swingers appear October 19 at the Belly Up Tavern.

— Ken Leighton

**"I Get to Keep My Minivan,"** says MP3tunes owner Michael Robertson, who is claiming a victory in the copyright-infringement lawsuit filed by EMI last year. The record company accused Robertson and his *Sideload.com* of illegally providing free online access to thousands of songs; the portion of the lawsuit directed at Robertson has been dismissed.

"This is a significant victory," he says at



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EMI's lawsuit against Robertson's website, however, will proceed. *Sideload.com*, launched in early 2006, allows users to store MP3 files in applications that make them playable with PCs, consoles,

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— Jay Allen Sanford

**National Stage** On October 4, Ray Suen appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, playing instrumental backup with the Killers. Though he wasn't seen on the band-photo cards preceding each of the band's two songs, he was prominently featured throughout the performances of "Human" and "Spaceman." Having played with a number of local

groups — the Exfriends and the La Jolla Symphony, for example — Suen's prowess on violin, guitar, and mandolin earned him the slot as a tour performer.

The next day, *Filter* magazine anointed Swim Party its "Undiscovered Band of the Month." Asked what



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UNDISCOVERED (SWIM PARTY)

has been the group's "biggest achievement" to date, an unnamed band member described the release party for their debut album *Pixie Dust on the Blood Range*: "The show was at an amazing bar called the Whistle Stop, which also

happened to be the site of our first show. It culminated in having friends from local bands Writer and the Modlins on stage with us to perform our album-closer, 'I'd Rather Be Mountain King.' You know, I really hate it when people describe things as magical, but it was effing magical."

On Monday, October 6, Jay Leno was doing his "headlines" segment on *The Tonight Show* when he came to a newspaper article about a Christian rock concert at which someone had been severely injured on a trampoline. "The name of the band playing," guffawed Leno, "was As I Lay Dying."

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Wasting Away, Redux**

Before Jimmy Buffett takes the spotlight at Cricket Amphitheatre tonight, October 16, "purchaser, at its sole cost and expense, shall provide Artist with five limousines or four 15-person passenger vans."

When dinner is served for the crew and performers, "Jimmy should be (and often will be) the first person in line." His dressing room requirements include the

notation that "this room needs to have the nicest bathroom." The band hospitality room requires four bags of blue corn



THE NICEST BATHROOM FOR BUFFETT

chips and salsa ("homemade"), three bottles of chardonnay, three and a half gallons of Zephyrhills water, 12 Snapples or Arizona ice teas, and a case of Corona "to start with and to be replenished during the performance."

At this writing, *ticketspot.com* is selling seats in section 102, row K, for \$1718 each.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

## Thursday 16

Say hello to your new guilty pleasure. With Columbia debut *Partie Traumatic*, Jacksonville's **Black Kids** stuck bubblegum in the hair of indie pop. The five-piece exploded off a MySpace hit by the tastemakers at *Pitchfork*, who praised their *Wizard of Ahhs* EP's pastiche of new-wave wit (think Smiths) and no-wave vibrancy (think the Go! Team). Hang up your hang-ups and give the Kids' "Listen to Your Body Tonight" a spin. NYC boy band the **Virgins** and local comers **Dynamite Walls** help ignite Belly Up tonight.... North Park ne'er-do-wells the **Syndicate** infiltrate Bar Pink with pop-rock. Los Angelino funk-rock four-piece **Casxio** split the bill.... "Vote for love." New York acousticat **Matt White** joins folkies **Schuyler Fisk** and **Sharon Little** for a night of soft rock at Casbah.... "Swirly whirly" **dreamtiger** prowls Beauty Bar. Give a listen to *Glisten* for the deep, dark depths of their



BLACK KIDS AT BELLY UP

shoegaziness. **Pacific UV** and **Evervess** are on the bill.... SanDago's alt-rock big band **Burning of Rome** heats up the Ken Club with the **Fascination**.... And there's some acoustic cuts from the middle of the FM band by soul-pop singer **John Oates** at Anthology and the mayor of Margaritaville, **Jimmy Buffet**, who'll be down at the Cricket.

## Friday 17

Radio hits **Weezer** rawk Cox. With the release of this year's s/t return, Rivers Cuomo put the L.A. quartet back on the pop-culture map with a single, "Pork and Beans," that held #1 on *Billboard* all summer. Now their latest, "Troublemaker," is creeping up there. The band's hook-heavy power pop is, uh, infectious, but there's a cure.... You could go to Ruby Room's grand-opening thing,



WEEZER AT COX

featuring local odd-pop peeps **Grand Ole Party**, whose debut *Humanimals* has made them international indie darlings, and **Rafter**, whose latest Asthmatic Kitty disc, *Sweaty Magic*, has Web bloggers declaring music "fun again!" The Ruby Room is in the guts of Hillcrest, right exactly where the San Diego Sports Club used to be.... Toronto trio **Born Ruffians** aren't so tough; in fact, the flavor-of-the-month's back-to-basics pop can *juuust* take the twee. Sample fresh cuts off *Little Garçon*, and while you've got the phones on, hit up openers **Plants and Animals** and the **Nurses** before you make the break for these Casbah sets.... Lotsa 'lectro-pop at Belly Up Friday night, as L.A. duo **Uh Huh Her** tour *Common Reaction* through town and Danish quartet the **Fashion** kick off a stateside swing behind their s/t debut.... Tribbers **Led Zepagain** ape the almighty Zep's 1977 *Song Remains the Same* tour at House of Blues. And **Roundabout** will set up the House with Yes's proggy hits.... Temecula alt-pop act the **Shake Ups** join the **Wellingtons** (Aus.), **True Stories**, and **Bleu** (L.A.) at O'Connells in Bay Park.... While in the 'hood, ya got **MEX** and the **Deere Johns** plowing down Bar Pink with barroom skunk....and **Tape Deck Mountain** and **Jamuel Saxon** servin' up tasty indie cuts at Whistle Stop.

## Saturday 18

At the POW! Texas native **Kris Kristofferson** made his mark in Nashville with hits such as "Me and Bobby McGee," "Sunday Morning Comin' Down," and all-crawler fave "Help Me Make It Through the Night." The 72-year-old singer, songwriter, actor, Country Music Hall of Famer will appear at Poway Center for the Performing Arts. This bad boy's done sold out, so your broker's got the gash if you've got the cash.... No? How about some experimental noise rock by **Chinese Stars**, **Kill Me Tomorrow**, **Hostile Combover**, and **Sirhan Sirhan**, all of whom'll be rawkin' the Casbah Saturday night.... Else: Mexican pop star **Marisela** hits House of Blues downtown....greezy garage rock by hot threes **circaNow** at the Ken...Kingston's reggae roots and ska crew the

**Skatalites** at Belly Up...and Austin's favorite folk-rock **Bob Schneider** dropping in at Wave House on Mission Beach.

## Sunday 19

Bright Eye'd young'un **Conor Oberst** does an all-ager at Soma Sunday night. The indie-rock songsmith is best known for his crackly warble and heart-on-sleeve confessionals with Bright Eyes. Check out *Fever and Mirrors* or *Lifted* for the high-water marks. Oberst this year released a s/t solo affair, which has been a crit hit and commercial kicker for the maturing artist. Check out some Space takes; he folks and rocks Dylan-like. Oberst is backed by his **Mystic Valley Band**, while the **Like** and **All Smiles** set the stage.... Twenty-year-strong Finnish surf-rock quartet **Laika & the Cosmonauts** land at Bar Pink behind their latest Yep Roc collection *Cosmopolis*. With San Diego's own surf-twang gang **Secret Samurai**.... Japanese Devo knockoffs **Polysics**, L.A. "other" rockers **io echo**, and Brooklyn samplers **Black Gold** kick glitch at Casbah.... AM-pop troubadour **Gordon Lightfoot** plays Humphrey's by the Bay. How many times has Lightfoot sung "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald"? Show your work.

## Monday 20

**Brightblack Morning Light** seeps into Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up. The New Mexico art-house act just dropped Matador crit-pick *Motion to Rejoin*, a collection of folksy psychedelia. BML made news last year by banning military recruiters from their shows, 'cuz, as you know, Rambo, indie kids love the war machine. Sonic soloist **Glasser** sets the stage.... And Portland pair **Hillstomp** brings the rock-o-billy to Bar Pink. With locals **Pant Hoots** and Portland folk-punk **mcdougall**, this one's a trick triple bill at the North Park nightspot.... KC MC **Tech N9ne** will roll up on House of Blues and drop his latest, *Killer*. It's the one with the *Thriller* parody cover shot. Take a peep; it's pretty funny.

## Tuesday 21

**Pinback** and **Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects** hook up for a coupla sets this week. Tuesday night, the hot-shit locals play Belly Up and then reconvene Wednesday at Casbah for a fund-raiser for Boilermaker band man **Terrin Durfey**.... "John Lennon's original band" the **Quarrymen** dig it at Anthology. The rock classics are raising funds for "Guitars in the Classroom".... Round town, real quick: San Antone girl group **Girl in a Coma** lays out at Bar Pink...Beauty Bar stages local 'lectronic experimentalists **Rise of the Speedmen**...and Chapel Hill psych-thrash act **Valient Thorr** conquers Casbah with **Black Tusk** and **Tweak Bird**.

## Wednesday 22

"The one thing I've always demanded of the records I've made is that they be danceable," says two-time Grammy winner **Taj Mahal**, who brings 40 years of roots and blues to Belly Up Wednesday night. The multi-instrumentalist/composer is out to tout his latest, this

year's *Maestro*, which injects the artist's take on world beat into his Stax-style tracks. Ragga-blues prodigy **Corey Harris** sets the Solana Beach stage behind break-through *Zion Crossroads* for a hella double bill and a purist's go-to gig.... Ruby



TAJ MAHAL AT BELLY UP

Ruby Room hosts a Holy Mountain Records show, featuring Seattle's happy hardcores **Wildlidlfe**. Give a listen to their debut *Six*. Music mag *Skyscraper*'s apt description pins 'em as an "unholy union of Can, Black Sabbath, and the Pixies." Yeeeeeah. With novel "comic-jam" band **Mammatus** and local psych-rock organ-grinders **Red Octopus**, this oughta be a fun one.

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I’ve been a musician since I found out what musicians do for a living,” says guitarist Joey Harris. “I tried being a salesman once, and it sucked just as bad as I sucked at it. Aside from summer jobs as a boy, the only other nonmusic job I’ve had was throwing tennis balls for rich folks’ dogs all day. Not as fun as it sounds.”

The 51-year-old is a former member of the Beat Farmers (he replaced Buddy Blue after their third record, *Van Go*) — a band on the cusp of stardom when singer-drummer Country Dick Montana died onstage in 1995.

Not that Harris is any stranger to celebrity. “[DJ] Jim McInnes used to get me backstage to after-parties [in the ’80s],” says Harris. “He’d be emceeding the concert, and we’d hang out, and we’d go to the hotel afterward to hang out with the band. Like at Cheap Trick — there were a lot of naked girls everywhere, in ’83 or ’84, back when Cheap Trick still had naked girls hanging around them.”

Asked for details, Harris, now married, laughs and says, “I can’t remember. I’m not sure that actually happened....”

“Lately I’ve been hanging out with Scott Blinn, of the Mississippi Mudsharks and Zombo’s Punk Rods. We’re recording the new Joey and the Mentals CD at his house, and it’s sounding pretty fierce.”

Joey Harris and the Mentals appear November 15 at the Tiki House in PB.

## WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Tom Waits, various. “I have a mix of two or three of his early records. It always makes me feel good to know someone like Waits is out there.”
2. Al Green, *Greatest Hits*. “This, to me, is ‘getting ready’ music.”
3. Squeeze, *Greatest Hits*. “I dig cooking and house-working to a little Difford and Tilbrook.”
4. Comanche Moon, *Electric Lizardland*. “San Diego’s

own *Sgt. Pepper* was recorded by the city’s coolest songwriter, Paul Kamanski.”

5. Bob Dylan, *Nashville Skyline*. “This record has all my favorite songs on it.”

## LISTS JAY ALLEN SANFORD

**FAVORITE CELEB ENCOUNTER?**  
“KFMB weather reporter Natasha Stenbock waved to me at SeaWorld. I don’t know if she’s a fan or if I look like a Stenbock.”

## LAST BOOK READ?

“*Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail ’72* by Hunter S. Thompson. Hunter followed the 1972 presidential campaigns that included Edmund Muskie, George Wallace, Hubert H. Humphrey, and the ‘pot candidate,’ George McGovern. Hunter was right there in the auction halls and train junctures, digging up the real dirt on all these dusty old characters from the pre-Internet campaign days. I lost the book when I left my backpack sitting at a café on a trip to San Francisco, so I don’t know how it ends.”

## MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

1. “*Frets.com* is an amazing site maintained by Frank Ford, founder of Gryphon Stringed Instruments and the go-to guy for Martin guitar repair in San Francisco. There are a thousand repair tips with pictures, a section on guitar history and lore, and tucked in there is the most extensive photo gallery of stringed instruments — everything from beautiful old Martins and Gibsons to every kind of dobro, mandolin, and ukulele.”
2. “*AddictingGames.com* is big on my son Will’s list.”
3. “*HomestarRunner.com* has a bunch of hilarious cartoon characters.”

## GUILTY PLEASURE?

“A few years ago my cholesterol went astral, and I



Joey Harris and son

had to cut back on all the fun food. I started working out and taking psyllium capsules and eating oatmeal and preparing more nutritious things at home, but a Rocky’s Crown Pub burger is a sexual experience, and a Waterfront cheeseburger with a rum and Coke will be my final meal.”

## TWO COOL HANGOUTS?

1. The Casbah. “It’s fun to make out in the hallways and back rooms.”
2. Tony’s in O.B. “At least when bartender Sooty is there.”

## LENNON OR MCCARTNEY?

“I loved the Beatles as a kid, but then McCartney sort of spilled the beans with Wings and the truth became known. John Lennon was rock and roll, and Paul McCartney was just his dorky little pet.”

## ANY UNTOLD COUNTRY DICK MONTANA TALES?

“Country Dick had a little white cockatiel named Ociffer whom he truly loved. Ociffer had a platform with assorted perches and bells and the top half of a plastic L’eggs pantyhose egg. The bird would do a number of tricks while Dick whispered and cooed...the finale included Dick holding the L’eggs

half-egg just above Ociffer’s head and whistling a tune while the bird raised his head up into the eggshell and whistled the tune back to him. The bird was brilliant, and watching Dick lost in the happiness of the routine was unforgettable.”

## BEST DRUNK STORY?

“While performing with the Pleasure Barons, Country Dick’s all-star touring band, we carried a little red-and-gold tuck-and-roll bar as a stage prop, from whence Mojo Nixon and Country Dick would serve martinis to the band. Dave Alvin got all the guitar solos except one, set aside for me just as I was being introduced on stage. One night I slipped in a puddle of gin and landed on my head and blacked out for the entire eight bars I was allotted to play my big guitar solo. When I opened my eyes, I looked up to see [X guitarist] John Doe shouting down at me, over the music, ‘Are you all right, little buddy?’ ”

## UNFULFILLED AMBITION?

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**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — John Oates. The other half of Hall & Oates. Rock/soul. \$34.  
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*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — The Subdudes. Semi-acoustic New Orleanian rock. \$23-\$27.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Mark Murphy. Jazz. \$24.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — The Quarrymen. Skiffle/rock. \$33.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Nicole Henry. Jazz singer. \$15.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.  
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**Beach Grass Café — Encinitas:** 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-942-2741.  
*Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

**Beach House:** 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — Flounders. Acoustic.  
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**Beauty Bar:** 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.  
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**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — The Black Kids. Local FM 94.9 About the Music show with the Virgins. Indie/rock/pop. \$6.

*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Uh Huh Her. With the Fashion.  
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*Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — Pinback and Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects. Indie rock/experimental/garage. \$18-\$20.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Taj Mahal. Blues/folk rock/roots. \$35-\$37.

**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Gaelic Storm. Celtic. \$27-\$38.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Lipstick N Leather. Eighties hair-metal.

**Café La Maze:** 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222.  
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*Sundays*, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:** 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Linda Purl & Lee Lessack perform "Too Marvelous for Word: The Songs of Johnny Mercer." 1-800-988-4253. \$34-\$37.  
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*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Stranger. With Project: Out of Bounds and Tomorrow's Bad Seeds. Reggae/rock/blues. \$12.  
*Sunday* — Deploi. Hip-hop/rap.

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*Friday and Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Laguna.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — Matt White and Schuyler Fish. Acoustic/surf/pop. \$10.  
*Friday*, 8:30 p.m. — Born Ruffians. With Plants & Animals and Nurses. Indie rock. \$8.  
*Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — Chinese Stars and Hostile Comb-Over. With Kill Me Tomorrow and Sirhan Sirhan. Alternative/metal/experimental. \$8.  
*Sunday*, 8:30 p.m. — Polysics. With io echo and Black Gold. Rock/electro/new wave. \$12-\$14.  
*Monday*, 8:30 p.m. — Brightblack Morning Light and Glasser. Psychedelic/folk/experimental. \$12.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Valient Thor, Blacktusk, Tweak Bird. Metal/thrash/rock. \$10.  
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*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Chinese Stars and the Awesome Brothers. With Mermaid and Batwings. Experimental/rock/pop. \$7.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Verse, Killing the Dream, Built to Last. With Better Hope Foundation. Punk/hardcore. \$8.  
*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — The Paddle Boat and Agent Ribbons. With Old Man Hands. Indie pop/folk/rock. \$5.

**Clairemont Library:** 2920 Burgener Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-581-9935.  
*Saturday*, 10 a.m. — The Royals of San Diego. Covers/standards/pop.

**Cosmos Coffee Café:** 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa.  
*Friday*, 7 p.m. — The Sam Johnson Jazz Duo. CD-release show. Jazz.

**Cox Arena:** 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
*Friday* — Weezer. With Angels & Airwaves and Tokyo Police Club. Alternative rock/pop/indie.

**Creative Arts Complex at MiraCosta College:** One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, 760-757-2121.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Frequency. Vocal jazz ensemble. \$8-\$10.

**Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre:** 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Jimmy Buffett. Country/pop/rock. \$36-\$126.

**Croce's:** 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355.  
*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Pocket. Soul/funk/jazz. \$5.

**Desi N' Friends Bar and Grill:** 2734 Lytton Street, Point Loma, 619-224-6409.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Bigfellas. CD-release show. Alternative rock/pop.

## NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It was a comment that my girlfriend made that sparked my interest in **Black Kids**. "They sound...derivative," she said, searching for the right word. I wondered, after so much rock heritage, is it still possible to be original? I'm reminded of a conversation I'd had with a songwriter. We were driving in her car, listening to her latest CD. "That's a total '50s riff," I said. She looked puzzled. She had no idea what I was talking about. "Check it out — it breaks here, it does this, it does that," all of which her song did as if on cue. "Standard '50s." She looked at me as if I was accusing her of theft. How can there be plagiarism if all rock can do is recycle itself?

Black Kids are a Jacksonville, Florida, band, and two of the members are African-American. They are front man **Reggie Youngblood** and his sister **Ali**; the remaining Black Kids are white. Buzz surrounded their CD *Partie Traumatic* (2007's *Wizard of Ahhhhs* was put out as a digital download), which was released first in the U.K., where they have loyal fan support. The U.S. rock press was equally quick to get on board. If Black Kids are derivative of anything, it is of Morrissey and Arcade Fire. Black Kids match Fire's shout-down-the-devil fervor from within a cheery stew of melodic '80s Europop.

It's an electronic geek-rock sound with a touch of irony, modern R&B, and a sympathetic vocalist who apparently has immersed himself in Greek tragedy and the eternal sore-loser love-dream of young rock:



**BLACK KIDS**

"He's got two left feet and he bites my moves," Youngblood sings. "I'm not gonna teach him how to dance! Dance! Dance! Dance!/ The second I do, I know we're gonna be through."

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*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Jordan Reimer and Michael Tiernan. Acoustic/pop/rock.

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*Thursday*, 6:30 p.m. — Blue44. Jazz/funk.

**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

*Thursdays* — Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.

*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.

**Galley at the Marina:** 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714.  
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*Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — VNV Nation. Alternative rock/electro.

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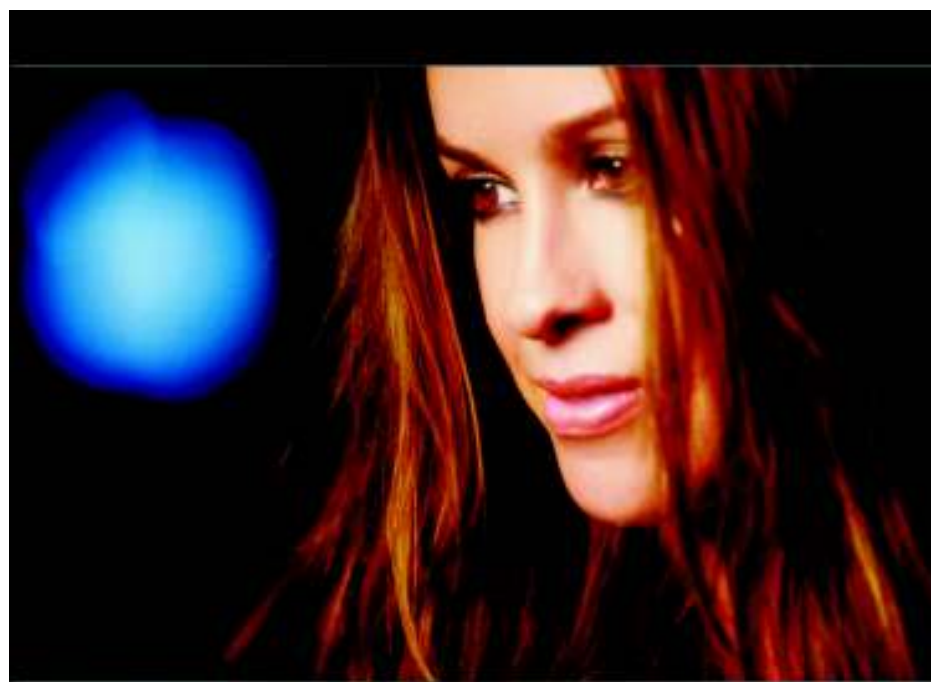
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**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.  
*Thursday* — The Burning of Rome and the Fascination. Alternative/rock/experimental.  
*Saturday* — Circa Now, Long Live Logos, Slow Drag. Alternative/rock/pop.

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

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
*Sundays*, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock.  
*Monday* — Doug Allen. Front man of the Mar Dels.  
*Wednesday* — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Down-home Americana blues rock.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Firefly. Classic rock.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Heroes. Covers/standards/dance.  
*Friday*, 4 p.m. — The Fabulous Pelicans. Covers/standards.  
*Saturday*, 4 p.m. — Federal Funk. Soul/funk/jazz.

**Mandeville Auditorium at** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.  
*Monday*, 8 p.m. — Laurie Anderson. Experimental performance artist and musician.

**The Metaphor Café:** 258 East 2nd Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-1882.

**O'Connells Pub and Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — The Shake Ups and the Wellingtons. With True Stories and Bleu. Power-pop/indie/rock. \$6.

**Oceanside Museum of Art:** 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Boogie-woogie and swing. \$10-\$15.

**Osetra:** 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800.  
*Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge.  
*Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.

**Pasquale on Prospect:** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722.  
*Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.



**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock.  
*Wednesday* — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk.



**Porter's Pub at** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-587-4828.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Juice. CD-release show with guests. Hip-hop/rap. \$15.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Kris Kristofferson. Acoustic.

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*Friday* — Y3K. Covers/standards.  
*Saturday* — Da Groove. Covers/standards/dance.

**Radio Room:** 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-284-3323.  
*Friday* — Imaad Wasif. Psychedelic/rock/alternative.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn:** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500.  
*Fridays*, 5:30 p.m., *Saturdays*, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Jazz/variety.

**Rock Bottom:** 401 G Street, Downtown, 619-231-7000.  
*Friday* — Island Irie. Reggae/soul/roots.  
*Saturday* — No Duh. A tribute to No Doubt.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.  
*Tuesdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Bdub's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards every Tuesday, with Bryan Whelan, Doug Walker, Laurel Grinnell, and friends.

**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.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
*Thursday*, 6:30 p.m. — Anberlin and Scary Kids Scaring Kids. With Straylight Run and There for Tomorrow. Alternative/rock/pop. \$15.  
*Friday*, 6:30 p.m. — The Academy Is.... With We the Kings, Carolina Liar, and Hey Monday. Pop/rock/alternative. \$17.  
*Sunday*, 7 p.m. — Conor Oberst & the Mystic Valley Band. Indie/rock/folk. \$20.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.  
*Thursdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.  
*Fridays*, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz.  
*Saturdays*, 8:30 p.m. — Open Blues Jam. With Will Jackson.  
*Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

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

**Theatrxx:** 155 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-735-2491.  
*Friday*, 7:45 p.m. — The Old School Band. Blues/soul. \$10.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Dennis Jones. Blues/rock. 760-809-4499. \$10.

**Tiki House:** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.  
*Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks. Rhythm and blues.  
*Tuesday* — Trent Hancock. Acoustic/pop/indie.

**Tio Leo's Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
*Saturday* — Candye Kane. Blues/rockabilly/jazz.

**The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa:** 873 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.  
*Saturday*, 10 a.m. — Inigo Figuracion and Ron Greitzer. Acoustic/covers/standards.

**Waterfront Bar & Grill:** 2044 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy.

*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks. Rhythm and blues.

**Wave House:** 3125 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — The Mother Hips and Bob Schneider. Folk rock/Americana.

**WineStyles - Encinitas:** 191 North El Camino Real, Suite 103, Encinitas, 760-633-0057.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
*Friday* — Region of Darkness. Psychedelic/garage/rock.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*October 24* — E-40.  
*October 25* — BulletBoys.

*October 28* — Hinder.  
*November 1* — Rose Royce.  
*November 8* — TV on the Radio.  
*November 18* — Café Tacuba.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*October 24* — L.A. Guns.  
*November 1* — Cash'd Out.

**Acoustic/MusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*October 25, October 25* — Eliza

Gilkyson.  
*November 1* — Dave Alvin.  
*November 9* — Ellis Paul.  
*November 22* — Vance Gilbert.  
*November 23* — Doyle Dykes.  
*November 28* — Tom Russell.  
*December 5* — Epiphany Project.  
*December 10* — J.D. Souther.  
*December 13* — Kelly Joe Phelps.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*October 24* — Steve Poltz.  
*October 25* — Melody Gardot.

*October 25* — The Silent Comedy.  
*October 28* — Judy Wexler.  
*October 29, October 30* — Amel Larrieux.

**Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:** 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.  
*October 27* — The Jazz Pigs.

**Balboa Theatre:** 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100.  
*March 15* — The Irish Rovers.









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Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.
November 7 — Pocket.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
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.
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.
Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836.
January 16 — George Winston.
February 28 — The Lalo Schiffrin Trio.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
October 23 — Carrier Signal.
October 29 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.
October 30 — Black Seven and the Lost.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.
October 28 — Vince Gill.
November 15 — The Preservation Hall Jazz Band.
December 31 — The City Limits Band.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.
October 26 — Freefall.
October 30 — Michele Lundeen.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
October 23 — Moontucky Risin and Thriving Ivory.
October 24 — Lights.
October 25 — Devin the Dude.
October 26 — Blind Melon.
November 1 — Dead Man's Party.
November 6 — Hard Echo, Motus, Deaf Zero.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Brightblack Morning Light is one of the leading players in the music scene that's sometimes called freak folk, sometimes called the new, weird Americana, but is probably more accurately called the new hippie. And I'm not just talking about the beards and the long hair. In publicity material, Brightblack's singer Nathan "Nabob" Shineywater explains that he used to appear on stage with an arrow through his mouth "to engage the spirit of the maker of the arrowhead itself, to offer up Peace, that his warrior effort find a new respect."
I rest my case. Mind you, I'm all for offering up peace, but all this hippie stuff

makes me cringe. But Brightblack Morning Light's music overcomes the baggage of their subculture. They may come across as a bunch of flakes, but the music is interesting, atmospheric, and downright sexy.

I never thought I would use the word "sexy" to describe music made by someone named Nabob Shineywater who sings with an arrow in his mouth. But, if you're at home, go to YouTube and check out the band's video for "Everybody Daylight." (It's not exactly safe for work.) As Rachael "Rabob" Hughes plays slow, warm electric piano, she begins singing — almost whispering, really — in close harmony with Shineywater. The recording is made with so much reverb that the instruments seem to shimmer. A synth makes weird little noises like a shiver going up your spine. And, in the video — actually a German



experimental film from the 1960s set to the 2008 song — a woman is having sex with an unseen man. Now turn off the video, and you'll notice that the music conveys the same feeling by itself.

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11/1 Secret Machines w/The Dears  
11/6 Keller Williams w/Moseley, Droll & Sipe  
11/7 Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers  
11/8 Music for Max Fundraiser w/music by Tim Flannery  
11/8 Stepping Feet: "The Dave Matthews Band Experience"

11/10 An Evening w/Little Feat  
11/11 Fastball  
11/13 Galactic  
11/14 Groundation  
11/15 Stripes & Lines  
11/16 Devyn Allman's Honeytribe  
11/17 Elisa  
11/19 The Rodney Crowell Acoustic Trio featuring Jenny Scheinman  
11/20 The Bacon Brothers  
11/21 Common Sense

11/26 Buck-O-Nine  
11/28 & 29 The English Beat  
12/5 Aimee Mann's Christmas Show  
12/11 Tom Morello: The Nightwatchman  
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November 28 — Deerhunter and Times New Viking.  
November 29 — Blitzen Trapper and the Parson Redheads.  
December 1 — Holly Golightly and Delaney Davidson.  
December 5 — Alex Woodard.  
December 6 — The Sea & Cake.

**Centro Cultural de Raza:** 2125 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-235-6135.  
October 25 — The Brown Bag Event.

**Channel Twelve 25:** 172 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-1225.  
October 25 — Happy Ron Hill.  
October 31 — Counter Launch.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.  
October 24 — Gary Wilson, Christmas Island, Mark Lewis.  
October 31 — Cattle Decapitation.

**Copley Symphony Hall:** 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804.  
October 31, November 1 — Haunted Hamlish.  
November 2 — Día de los Muertos.  
November 13 — k.d. lang.  
November 15 — Viva El Mariachi Festival.  
November 24 — The Australian Pink Floyd Show.

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

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.  
November 1 — Quartet Equinox.  
November 5 — The Latin Connection.

**Downtown Café:** 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.  
October 24 — Joey & the Sting Rays.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
October 24 — Hellogoodbye.  
November 7 — The Material and Blamshift.  
November 15 — A Cursive Memory and So Long Davey.

**Escondido Library:** 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.  
December 4 — Peter Sprague.

**Gaslamp Quarter:** , Downtown.  
October 31 — Monster Bash.

**Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill:** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996.  
October 23 — Jackson United.

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church:** 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0365.  
October 30 — Liz Carroll and Daithi Sproule.  
November 16 — Gerry O'Beirne.  
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November 7 — The Bayou Brothers.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
October 23 — Alison Moyet.  
October 23 — Modern Day Moonshine.  
October 25 — Bayside.  
October 26 — Chris Cornell & Timbaland.  
October 28 — Matt Nathanson.  
October 29 — Umphrey's McGee.  
October 30 — Apocalyptica.



"Drive America," by the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal, was the most-downloaded MP3 from *SDReader.com* during September. Below is an interview with songwriter Cathryn Beeks.

*What was the best road trip you've taken, and how did the music affect how you saw the scenery?*

*Beeks:* I was on "tour" in September of 1999, a busking trip across country with my friend/writing partner Heather Gmucs. We left Ohio in her Chevy and played the streets of every major city in the U.S. We were on our way to Vegas when I popped in the Dead Can Dance CD we just found. A few min-

October 30 — Modern Day Moonshine.  
October 31 — Jack's Mannequin.  
November 1 — The Damned.  
November 2 — Cobra Starship.  
November 3 — Maxwell.  
November 5 — Ingrid Michaelson.  
November 6 — The Expendables.  
November 7 — The B-52s.  
November 8 — Los Enanitos Verdes.

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BY OLLIE

utes later we entered Zion Canyon in Utah. Holy cats, that was magical. Incidentally, that trip was the inspiration behind the song "Drive America."

*Does a songwriter have to travel to be inspired and seasoned enough to write good music?*

I think everyone should travel (near and/or far) to be inspired, period. Travel changes your perspective, widens your understanding, and allows you to grow. Musically, however, simply yearning for travel can be the basis for a great song, so I guess the answer to that one is...no.

*How have you changed between your first road trip and now?*

I was 24 when I left Lancaster, California, on my first road trip. It was 1992, and although I was leaving every-

November 11 — Blues Traveler.  
November 12 — Joe Satriani.  
November 14 — The Kottonmouth Kings.  
November 14 — Melissa Ferrick.  
November 15 — Mason Jennings.  
November 16 — Hanson.  
November 16 — Matt Wertz and Everybody Else.  
November 17 — Jay Brannan.  
November 17 — Matisyahu.

one and everything I'd ever known, I was pretty sure I was going to "make it." All these years later, I find myself living in a beautiful place with my true love, and I'm scratching out a living in the music business. At least once a week I meet a new songwriter who's left everything and everyone behind to "make it," and it makes me love this crazy thing called music.

"Drive America"  
I've been overseas to Italy  
And I've cruised to foreign sand  
I've been up and down searching round  
But this land is my land

I wanna see this country  
Through my open window  
You got to roll it down....  
Drive, drive, drive America  
I'm ready to ride, ready to drive America

Take a shot of me in Tennessee

November 18 — ohGr.  
November 19 — The Misfits.  
November 20 — Alejandra Guzmán.  
November 21 — Scars on Broadway.  
November 22 — Face to Face.  
November 23 — GWAR.  
November 24 — Eric Benét.  
November 24 — Ben Kenney.  
November 25 — Who's Bad.



Cathryn Beeks

Checking out the Bluebird Café  
I'll grab the beer, let 'em know we're here  
Hope they let us play

I'm wanna see this country  
Through my open window

I got some friends in Jacksonville  
That I ain't seen for years  
I know the day that we pull in  
We're gonna laugh ourselves to tears

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November 29 — The Sisters of Mercy.  
November 30 — Bell Biv DeVoe.  
December 3 — Secondhand Serenade and Cute Is What We Aim For.  
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December 10 — Helmet.  
December 11 — Los Lobos.  
December 30 — The Wailers.  
January 25 — Ramón Ayala.  
January 31 — Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine.  
February 7 — Badfish.  
February 21 — Reverend Horton Heat and Manic Hispanic.  
April 10 — Don Felder.

**The Jumping Turtle:** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.  
October 24 — Carnifex and Arkaik.

**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.  
October 24 — Slab City, Lover, Wild Weekend.  
October 31 — Deadbolt and the Postals.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.  
October 27 — Doug Allen.  
October 29 — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.  
November 3 — Doug Allen.  
December 6 — The Farmers.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
October 29 — Anna Troy, Nathan James, Olivia Pierson.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
October 23 — Firefly.  
October 24 — Innovation.  
October 24 — Metro.  
October 25 — Old School.  
October 25 — Innovation.  
October 30 — The Jones Revival.  
October 31 — The Fabulous Pelicans.

**O'Connor's Pub:** 8758 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-7675.  
October 24 — Dead as Dillinger.

**Open Air Theatre at 5500** Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.  
October 31 — Jason Mraz.

**Patrick's II:** 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.  
October 23 — Bill Magee Blues Band.  
October 26 — Blue Largo.  
October 28 — The Bayou Brothers.  
October 30 — Missy Andersen.

November 14 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

**Patrick's Irish Pub:** 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.  
November 21 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

**Petco Park:** 100 Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-795-5000.  
November 4 — Madonna.

**Portugalia:** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678.  
November 7 — Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters.  
November 22 — Pocket.  
December 5 — Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.  
October 24 — Natalie MacMaster.

**Price Center at 9500** Gillman Dr, UCSD, 858-534-6467.  
April 15 — Seun Kuti & Egypt 80.

**Qualcomm Stadium:** 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.  
October 24 — Great White.

**RT's Longboard Grill:** 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.  
October 23 — Stepping Feet.  
October 24 — Gone9.

**Ramona Mainstage Theatre:** 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
October 24 — Moontucky Risin and Rob Carona.  
November 22 — Given Life.

**Rimac Arena:** 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla.  
November 30 — Smashing Pumpkins.

**Rock Bottom:** 401 G Street, Downtown, 619-231-7000.  
October 24 — 80z All Stars.  
October 25 — Split Finger.  
November 1 — Island Irie.

**San Diego Civic Theatre:** 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown, 858-570-1100.  
November 10 — Alanis Morissette.

**San Diego Public Library:** 820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800.  
November 9 — Kevin Locke.

**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.  
November 8 — Carrie Underwood.  
November 15 — The Jonas Brothers.  
November 22 — The Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Fiffin Market**  
Song: **"The Wild Rover"** (from the CD *Lost at Sea*)  
Heard By: **Chase Edwards**, North Park



Chase

I liked it. It made me want to drink beer. It reminds me of the Dropkick Murphys. It was kind of oi/punk rock. It was a total bar song. That's just the image I get in my head — a bunch of people singing that song and drinking at a little pub in Ireland. It sounds like it could be music from Ireland. He kept saying, "No, nay, never, no more." He was talking about drinking at a house of ale. They could commercialize that song, you know what I mean? Some type of beer commercial. I thought it was cool that the vocals were a male-and-female duet. I would give it a seven out of ten.

Artist: **Nathan James**  
Song: **"2,000 Miles"** (from the CD *The Bear*)  
Heard By: **Kate**, City Heights



Kate

It's not my style. It's nothing I would listen to, and if it was something I would listen to, it would be something I would listen to in the closet and not tell anyone. I would call it "alternative." It sounds like the Goo Goo Dolls and Clay Aiken. The lyrics were about something really sad — I'm assuming [about] a girl moving 2000 miles away from him. He was really heartbroken...it's kind of "emo." He had a pretty decent voice. It sounds like it's been done before; it didn't stand out. That would be a good song for driving down a dirt road after you've broken up with the love of your life. It was really depressing.

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Artist: **XIV**  
Song: **"Return to the Classics"** (from the CD *ETA*)  
Heard By: **Connie Armijo**, San Diego



Connie

I thought it was very constant and continuous. It was very different. When I first started listening to it, it kind of sounded like something that I would hear at a club in TJ; and then it kind of changed and became more "alternative." The first artist that popped into my head was Mr. Bungle, but without lyrics. It was all instrumental except that it had a repeated thing that said "return to the classics." It broke out into a jazz theme, which I thought was cool, but it was a little too repetitive. It doesn't really sound like a band; it sounds like it was put together on a computer. I would give it a six or seven out of ten.

November 25 — Céline Dion.  
December 1 — Celtic Thunder.  
December 21 — The Cheetah Girls.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
October 24 — Chiodos and Silverstein.  
October 25 — Bleeding Through.  
October 31 — All Time Low and Mayday Parade.  
November 1 — Suicide Silence and Emmure.  
November 2 — Maylene & the Sons of Disaster.  
November 5 — Hawthorne Heights.  
November 7 — Misdelpia.  
November 8 — DragonForce, Turisas, Powerglove.  
November 14 — Minus the Bear and Annuals.

November 15 — Ludo.  
November 16 — Underoath and Saosin.  
November 20 — Portugal. The Man and Earl Greyhound.  
November 22 — The Faceless, Born of Osiris, Abigail Williams.  
November 26 — Shwayze and Tyga.  
November 28 — The Birthday Massacre and Tub Ring.  
November 29 — Pierce the Veil and Breathe Carolina.  
December 6 — Rancid.

**Spreckels Theatre:** 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.  
November 1 — Ray Lamontagne.  
November 8 — Citizen Cope.

**The Loft at 9500** Gilman Drive, La Jolla.

October 27 — Sonya Kitchell & the Slip.

**Tiki House:** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.  
October 28 — Trent Hancock.

**Tio Leo's Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.  
October 24 — The Hollywood Stones.  
October 25 — The Farmers.  
November 1 — Dave the Butcher and U.S. Drag.

**University of San Diego:** 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600.  
October 23 — Alabaster.

**Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room:** 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.  
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November 7 — The Spinners.  
November 20 — Amber Ojeda.

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### MUSIC

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**Bar Dynamite:** *Thursdays*, 9 p.m.: DJs SG, Dubz, Teknikscian. Hip-hop, old skool, and mashups. \$5. *Wednesdays*, 9 p.m.: Deep House Nite. DJs Duane, Lil Ryan, and Johnny D spin house music. 1808 West Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

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**Deco's Restaurant & Nightclub:** *Thursdays*: Krush. Hosted by Chase Costello, Steve Kamp, Jack Kennedy, and more. Hip-hop/mashups/party rock. Ages 18 and up. 731 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. 619-696-3326.

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**Jack's La Jolla:** *Thursdays and Saturdays*, 10 p.m.: Wall Street Bar. DJs and dancing. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

**Miami Grille:** *Friday*, 8 p.m.: DJs Da Wizard and Icaro. Mixes salsa, merengue, cumbias, and more. 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-552-0668.

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** *Saturdays*, 9 p.m.: What's Good. DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

**On Broadway:** *Friday*: Christopher Lawrence. With John Fleming. Trance/house. *Saturday*: Victor Dinaire and Cowboy Mike. Trance/techno. 615 Broadway Avenue, Downtown. 619-231-0011.

**Riley's:** *Thursday*: '80s Rock Night. *Friday*: Hip-Hop Night. 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

**Rock Bottom:** *Friday*: DJ Mylar. *Saturday*: Club Crush. Hip-hop/mashups. 401 G Street, Downtown. 619-231-7000.

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## SALMONELLA SALSA

by Josh Board

**I** received word about a few parties down south on a Friday that I was to drive up to L.A. I decided that I'd hit them both before the long drive.

The first was for a woman who turned 103 and a baby who turned 1. The party was at a pizza place on Main Street in Chula Vista. I couldn't find it, and the woman didn't answer her phone. I assumed the woman I was trying to contact wasn't the 103-year-old.

Anyway, that gave me more time for the party down in San Ysidro. I was told it was their second annual karaoke bash, which should've prepared me. I walked in while a big Latino guy named Alfredo sang the Wham! hit "Careless Whisper."

The singers were performing in the home's dining room, which was packed with people, so I made my way to the back patio. With two coolers filled with drinks, it was the perfect location.

I met a guy named Ed who said, "Last time, it was just coworkers here. A lot of people didn't sing until the end. Maybe all the drinking helped. By the



end of the night, they were ready."

Since the neighbors could obviously hear, I asked if there were any complaints. "No. The neighbors are all here!"

When someone started singing in Spanish, I said to a guy next to me, "It just turned



Top left: A couple on the couch, debating whether or not to sing; Top right: Kitchen crowd; Bottom right: Alfredo (left)

joshing.

An African-American guy sang the first song I liked, the Temptations classic "Ain't Too

**"A lot of people didn't sing until the end. Maybe all the drinking helped."**

into an El Torito in there." He didn't laugh.

I asked a woman nearby if she could translate for me. When she put her baby down and started to explain the song, I laughed and told her I was just

Proud to Beg."

Alfredo came over and introduced himself. I asked him what songs he prefers to sing. "I like '70s love songs. Barry White is great. Singing the disco stuff is always fun, too."

something crazy we're trying to take care of."

I grabbed a plate of chips and salsa. A tall Latina made the salsa. I was afraid it would be too hot, but it wasn't too spicy; it was delicious. I asked her what she put in it, but she wouldn't tell. At one point during the party, though, she said, "There is a secret ingredient."

A guy overheard this and said, "It better not be pot. I think a lot of these guys have drug tests at work."

I looked in during one song to see a woman teaching a few people the electric slide. The dining room was small, and it was funny watching them try to dance in there.

Someone asked me if I wanted dessert. A woman had just brought a strudel. And they had cheesecake. Neither are desserts I like. A guy next to me spent ten minutes telling me how crazy I was for not liking cheesecake. He's probably right. Everyone gives me a hard time about that.

A few guys were looking through the book of songs to choose from, and I heard one say

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to the other, "You're not going to sing that. It's too long." I glanced over their shoulders and saw that it was the Don McLean tune "American Pie," which is about ten minutes long.

Someone nearby said, "I don't want to hear a song with 'pie' in it, but I wouldn't mind if there was some pie here." I replied, "Amen, brother!"

Since those guys

couldn't decide on a song, three women grabbed the mike. They sang "I Will Survive." I told Alfredo that I like the version of this song that Cake sings. He said, "How come every woman knows this song?" Someone replied, "Because they're all bitter. They like to sing about guys who've done them wrong...and now want them back." I said, "A few gay people I know love this song. I'm not sure what the deal is with that." Someone joked, "Alfredo should be

able to answer that for ya." Someone brought Corralejo tequila and poured everyone a shot. I was surprised by how smooth it was. My girlfriend had never tried tequila, so we gave her a shot. She didn't think it was smooth. Someone said, "This can really mess you up. Because it goes down so smooth, you don't realize how strong it is."

I asked one of the Border Patrol agents what the legalities are for tourists bringing tequila back over

the border. As he explained the amount you could bring, someone interrupted to tell us about absinthe.

I noticed that the singing had stopped, but the music to a song was still playing. I glanced over and noticed that someone had just stopped singing a certain portion of the song. This had happened a few times. And they couldn't say that they forgot the lyrics because the words continued to scroll on the screen.

I saw kids running around in the living room and an adult carrying a Beck's beer in one hand and tequila in the other. I saw some folks gathered in a corner who obviously weren't into karaoke. I

asked them why they weren't singing, and one guy said, "Karaoke is fun for people that love to sing. Or if you aren't shy. I don't have a great voice, and I'm not comfortable standing in front of groups. But the party is still fun."

Another guy had an excuse. He was lying on the couch with his leg in a cast. He said it was a ten-year-old injury that he got in a men's soccer league. He'd had extensive reconstructive surgery on it. Another guy overheard this and said, "That was your chance to make up some elaborate story on what happened. You could've said it was shot in Afghanistan. Or in Vietnam. Not a soccer game in

San Ysidro."

Someone handed me a margarita that had two shots of tequila in it. I figured that now my girlfriend was going to have to drive to L.A.

I heard a group of people getting ready to do the Village People's "YMCA." The perfect time to head out.

As I finished my drink, someone speculated on how many people would be able to form the letters in the song.

The Latina was standing near me, and I overheard her rattling off the ingredients in her salsa. I took out my pen and started writing, but she was saying them fast and the tequila was hitting me. A man nearby joked that the secret ingredient was the tomatoes. She explained that they are grown in her garden, and he said, "No, not that. They all have salmonella." ■

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# Go Green

"Why did you choose this restaurant?" asked my friend Mark en route to Tender Greens. A fair question, to be sure, since I'm scarcely one of those Hollywood/Park Avenue size-two types who lunch on a single lettuce leaf and dine on a carrot stick. Initially, I wasn't all that keen to try a menu so virtuous that it's dominated by salads, even if the salads are made of local organic produce. In fact, based on its remarkably modest prices (everything is \$10 or less), I meant to talk Ed-Bed into reviewing it as a Tin Fork place. Let Ed eat rabbit food!

But lately, people are looking for cheaper good restaurants, and my Boss of All Bosses has strongly hinted to me that he'd like me to join that search. I've actually been reading some of the financial news, however boring and scary it all is, and now I want to share with you my own profound analytical insights into how we have come to this dreadful pass that makes me eat rabbit food: In classical capitalism, financial institutions would lend money to presumably worthy new enterprises needing fresh dough to produce something real and presumably valuable. Lately, the richly paid execs at those same august institutions have switched to borrowing ginormous sums of money from each other and China to gamble wildly on the Tooth Fairy. Voilà! Suddenly everybody's hurting and hunting for cheap eats.

I gave Mark the more immediate answer to his question: "I got a completely unexpected email," I said, "from Hans-Trevor Gossman, who used to be the chef at the Brasserie downtown, before it was downgraded into Lou & Mickey's. Now he's working for Hamilton Meats, and he's



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become the meat maven to the stars — a lot of top local chefs have been raving about him. And out of the blue, he wrote me to recommend Tender Greens. When I get culinary advice from a source like that, I have to follow it."

Tender Greens is the second location of a new, deeply green mini-chain that began in Culver City and is about to expand to West Hollywood. Not only is most of the food literally green, but the restaurants use solar power and ecologically benign cleansers, the

napkins are soft, brown recycled paper, the plastic-looking doggie-boxes are compostable, and the staffers' uniforms consist of organic cotton

T-shirts. The co-owners of our local branch are a pair of former Point Loma High School buddies, Pete Balistreri and Ryan Brandenburg, who invested nearly \$1

million to create the restaurant. The food sources here feature vegetables from Crow's Pass Farm in Temecula and bread from Con Pane Rustic Bakery in Point Loma. The menu, however, is the

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### Tender Greens ★★★ (Very Good)

Liberty Station, 2400 Historic Decatur Road, Point Loma, 619-226-6254, [tendergreensfood.com](http://tendergreensfood.com)

**HOURS:** Sunday–Thursday 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday–Saturday until 10:00 p.m.

**PRICES:** Soups, \$4; small salads, \$5; sandwiches, hot plates, entrée salads (including those with animal proteins), \$10; desserts, \$3.

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**PICK HITS:** Rustic chicken soup, grilled chicken Cobb, baby spinach salad, lemon cupcake. Other good bets: ciabatta sandwich, e.g. with grilled Angus beef; grilled vegetable salad, seasonal dessert, and soup specials.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Modified cafeteria-style service; no reservations normally taken or needed. Outdoor dining patio. Rather noisy inside. Three lacto-vegetarian and two vegan main-course salads. Family friendly with kiddie menu available.

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same at all locations, devised by the executive chef-owners of the Culver City original, Matt Lyman and Erik Oberholzer. Daily specials and desserts (by Brandenburg's mom) are the only food creations specific to our branch.

Located in the charming sandy-pink enclave of Liberty Station (where Mark did boot camp, but which is now rapidly becoming a culinary center), the restaurant is a spacious high-ceilinged room with hardwood and tile floors, bare wooden tables made of wood recycled from a demolished barn, with wooden chairs, softer banquets, and huge cylindrical lamp shades. There's a pleasant heated patio in back if you'd rather escape the inevitable noise borne of such hard-edged decor.

You place your order at a booth a few feet from the entrance. Then you proceed past a long, glass-walled kitchen, working up an appetite at the sight of all the beautiful food, until you reach an open counter at the end, where as your order is assembled on cafeteria trays, you can add a beverage. Pay up, schlep your tray to the table of your choice. Staffers roam around to check, "Is everything all right?," furnish more water or napkins, and bring doggie

boxes when you're done. If you have a lot to go, ask for a bag, and you'll receive a capacious shopping tote made partly of recycled plastic, partly of biodegradable corn-based "plastic." (Now, there's a better use for corn than high-fructose corn syrup!)

We began with all three available soups, served in deep, wide cups. (If only you could add a piece of bread à la carte, any of these would make a fulfilling simple supper.) The "rustic chicken soup" is a work of art — yes, it really is better than Mom's, even if your mother is Jewish or Chinese. It's a greaseless, deeply chicken-flavored broth loaded with carrots, noodles, and plentiful chunks of tender fowl, which are faintly smoky from the mesquite-fueled grill. I didn't even miss the matzo balls (or the wontons). Roasted Roma tomato bread soup with basil oil was less satisfying. The thick purée was not just tangy but sour. The day's special soup, butternut squash, was rich, sweet, autumnal, hinting of the holidays to come.

Hans-Trevor had singled out the tuna Niçoise salad for praise. It wasn't the classic "composed salad" that any of us expected. It had all the standard elements of the dish, but they were awash in a sea of excellent but excessive "tender greenery" that, frankly, I'd like less of. Almost masked by all the foliage were slim green beans, halved cherry tomatoes, fingerling potatoes, and tiny

halved hard-boiled eggs, probably quail. The tuna was a slab of tender line-caught local albacore, cooked very rare to our order. It was the Lynne who confessed first: "You know, I really like Niçoise better with canned tuna." "Me, too," I admitted, "with really good canned tuna from Italy or Spain." "Packed in olive oil," said Inta, enthusiastically making a trio in the confessional.

"Oh, something else," I added. "I always drape a few anchovies over the tuna, and I miss them. The menu says there are supposed to be capers and oil-cured black olives. They'd have the big bold flavor hits that I'm missing, but I haven't run into a one of them." Indeed, they were all on the lam, hiding under the lettuces at the bottom of the bowl, undiscovered until I ravaged the doggie box two days later. By that time, the tuna had absorbed the sherry vinaigrette dressing and become much more complex and savory than when eaten fresh. It had changed from merely healthy to delectable — different from but equal to oily-yummy Ventresca belly-tuna from a can. The restaurant could speed the process along by providing a quarter of a lemon to squeeze on — or better yet, by marinating the fish in the dressing.

The Cobb, too, is not quite the traditional chopped salad but a huge green explosion that includes heaps of crisp romaine along with tons of grilled chicken chunks from a "Rocky

Junior," a pampered, semi-free-range Northern California bird, plus chunks of fine heritage bacon, hard-cooked egg, Point Reyes bleu cheese, a little avocado (more, please!), cherry tomatoes, and a creamy dressing. We all liked it a lot. Good bacon enchants anything it touches.

"I think that next time I'll get the grilled-veggie salad," said Lynne, who sometimes golfs on the nine-hole course here, so is likely to make many repeat visits. We'd eyed the seasonal grilled veggies through the kitchen's glass walls, and they were beautiful: eggplants, zucchini, mushrooms, and also small brussels sprouts (which Lynne likes). (Can you ask them to "hold the sprouts"?)

The entrée salads come with a small, grilled, herbed slab of ciabatta bread from Point Loma's Con Pane bakery. Once we'd tasted it, we wished we'd ordered at least one sandwich. Those come with your choice of proteins or grilled veggies, dressed with roasted red peppers and aioli on that very bread.

Instead, we tried a couple of "hot plates," which consist of your choice of grilled item, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, and your choice of a small salad. The Angus flank steak, beautifully rare (to order), was remarkably tender for a flank, but I thought it needed a sauce. "This isn't a well-marbled luxury-grade steak that can stand on its own," I said when Mark asked what I thought of it. "It's

just dead cow. I want a sauce — any sauce, even herbed butter." I passed him the plate and he agreed. We all approved the simple, honest mashed potatoes of Yukon Golds with cream and butter. But if I had to do it over again, I'd order the beef as a sandwich, to get some aioli and red peppers on it. We also tried a hot plate with the chicken, also simply done — a good chicken, grilled skin-on, albeit breast only, as far as I could tell. With mash and salad, if it were broiled instead of grilled, it would be my mom's most frequent entrée — the difference being that, like the chickens of my earliest pre-factory-farm childhood, the Rocky Junior might have taken a walk in the yard and snacked on a bug or two. It tastes like old-time chicken, not like factory-protein.

Hot entrées come with small salads of your choice. We had the butter lettuce with the steak, with a pleasant tarragon dressing, and the much more interesting baby spinach salad with the chicken. That one included goat cheese and toasted hazelnuts in a Cabernet dressing — a group of "grown-up" flavors, each with a touch of the Dark Side and, when combined, a treat.

Desserts, cooked by the mother of a local owner, break out of the chain straitjacket. She is good. The lemon cupcake is lovable. Mark nailed it when he noticed that the texture resembled cornbread — a little grainy

and coarse, with character. The lemon icing is really lemony and not disgustingly sweet. A special of cheesecake topped with caramelized apple slices resembled apple pie filling over cheesecake with a tender, crumbly graham crust. The cake was sensual, moist and custardy, the apples succulently semi-firm, the caramel very sweet. Mom's gone a bit decadent with this twist on apple pie, heading for the Dark Side as she beckons to you in her pink apron with a slightly wicked grin.

Judging by the Friday-night crowd, Tender Greens obviously has enormous appeal besides its price point. There was a constant influx of families with kids (especially the three-to-six set). The kids were all well behaved and must've liked the food, since we didn't see a single tantrum. (But then they hadn't yet turned into conformist school-age brats demanding McNuggets and fries.) And the food is not only wholesome but good-tasting. It takes no forethought (or reservations) to eat here, and portions are large enough to make potentially two meals, especially if you start with one of the soups. Hans-Trevor was right: This is high-quality food all the way, and quite amazing for the price — satisfying even if you've long since given up hope of ever shrinking to a size two. You need not be a rabbit — an omnivorous raccoon (or, dare I say it? a heritage hog) can enjoy it too. ■



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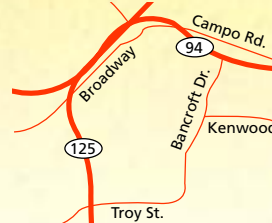
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# A Trillion Peaces

Page three of the menu. “How to eat Pho.”  
Uh, how to eat soup? That’s interesting.

It’s 6:30 in the morning. Loan (pronounced *lwan*), the beautiful, solemn-faced Vietnamese girl in the green smock, hands me the note. It’s from my lifeguard buddy.  
“Ed: Time and tide wait for no man. Off to Catalina. Rod.”

What? I stand here in front of a big, gold, laughing Buddha. Dag-gone it! That was gonna be a sail up the coast, free bunk, loadsa fun, on Rod’s old fixer yacht. Gawn, just because I missed the 5:00 a.m. bus. By a single red light at the crosswalk.

We’d talked last night. “Meet me at the Van Hoa pho restaurant tomorrow morning, next to the Vien Dong supermarket, six sharp,” Rod said. “I’m going to pick up a few sandwiches to eat on the way. Vietnamese sandwiches out on the ocean, man. The best!”

So the #7 bus got me here, what? Twenty minutes late?

I turn over the piece of paper Loan handed me. Huh. Rod scratched something on the other side. “Try the pho.”

Pho? That’s, like, the national dish of Vietnam, isn’t it? I look at Loan’s serious, but seriously beautiful face. Waiting to see if I’m going to order. “Okay,” I say. “I’ll have a pho.”

“A fur?” she says.

“No, a pho.”

“No, that’s how we say it. ‘Fur.’”

Oh, right. Rings a bell now. They say the word may have come from the French colonial types’ *pot au feu*, meaning a soupy beef stew.

“Which fur?” says Loan.

Uh-oh. They have a bunch of them.

“Which is best?” I ask.

Loan doesn’t hesitate a pho moment. She points to #14, Dac Biet. Says it means “special,” or “combo with everything.”

Hmm... It says, “Special combo with rare slices of steak, well-done steak, well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe, \$5.25. Served with bean sprouts, lemon, jalapeño, poke leaf, and basil.”

That’s interesting: rare *and* well-done steak meat, and all those leaves and sprouts. Of course, they have around 20 more phos, with micro-variations. Like, #20 includes rare steak, well-done flank steak, tripe; #25 is rare steak and tendon. But they branch out too, like, #30, meatballs, and #31, shrimp, all around the \$5–\$6 mark.

They also have appetizers such as *banh xeo*, Vietnamese crepe (\$5.25), *cha gio* (Vietnamese egg rolls), six for \$4.50, or those famous see-through spring rolls (two for \$2.95). Then rice or rice vermicelli plates priced at \$5–\$7, some stir-fried chow mein (most around \$6–\$7), and vegetarian dishes, \$2.50–\$6.50.

But I guess pho’s the real Vietnamese thing. So I order the Dac Biet and a Vietnamese iced coffee and sit back to soak in the early-morning atmosphere. It’s fresh and new-looking here, must say. An older woman comes out with a bunch of buns on a tray. Another follows with steaming soup bowls. “*Khai Trung Hong Phat*,” says a gold-on-red sign strung across the side wall.

“It’s Vietnamese. Means ‘Grand opening, lots of luck,’” says this youngish man, Hien, as he brings me a plate of green-leafed plants and bean sprouts. “We opened three years ago.” The name, Van Hoa, means “a trillion peaces,” he says. Behind him, Loan brings my big white china bowl of steaming soup with slices of pink steak meat and an undersea mountain of vermicelli noodles.

That’s when I notice the instructions. Page three of the menu. “How to Eat Pho.” Uh, how to eat soup? This is interesting. First, it says, gather the bean sprouts and plunk them in the broth so

they cook a little in the liquid’s heat and give it some of their flavor. Next, squeeze in most of the half-lemon that comes with the herbs, then break off the poke and the basil leaves from their stems, and, uh, poke them under too. I do. Ooh, the aromas. Basil, the pesto herb, smells a little like clove, a little like licorice, a little lemony. And poke? All I can think of is that song I’ve heard Elvis belt out, “Polk Salad Annie.” Guess I’m having that poke salad now. I keep stirring. Stir them all in underwater, inhaling as they add their flavors to the flavor of the slow-cooked, beef-bone broth.

Then, finally, you’re supposed to squirt in some of the plum-colored hoisin sauce (which I see is actually mostly soy beans, chili, and garlic) and some of the red Sriracha chili sauce they have at every table.

“And,” says Hien, “Vietnamese people often take some of the hoisin and chili sauce, put it on a side plate, squeeze the last of the lemon, and stir it into a little dipping sauce.”

So I do that too, then pick up my chopsticks in my right hand, grab one of a stack of ceramic-looking flat oriental spoons in the other, and go noodle ‘n’ beef huntin’. After each chew, I slurp a few spoonfuls of the soup. Have to say: what looked like a thin, watery broth when it first ar-



Hien

rived has turned into a rich, beefy, herby, and — maybe I put too much Sriracha in — tear-sprouting hot breakfast.

The sound system swells with one of those heart-rending Vietnamese love songs. They say many Vietnamese get sentimental over pho because it represents everything they love and miss about their homeland.

It suddenly hits me. I’m kinda glad I didn’t catch Rod. We’d’ve grabbed our sandwiches (most cost a couple of bucks and up) and run. I would never have learned how to eat pho. Or pronounce it. Guess you can pho all of the people some of the time. Hey, after this morning, you could pho me all of the time. ■

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**Bull and Bear Bar and Grill** 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077. "Bull" and "Bear," as in stock market moods. It's not surprising lots of soigné financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian prices. Of course the names kowtow to mighty Wall Street: the Broker Breakfast Burrito (eggs, bacon), Venture Capital Veggie Burrito, Bull Burger, Dow Jones Dog, Francheesie Dog. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Bottom line: it's a chew with a view. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily (bar open till 2 a.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Café Japengo** 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete

with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi-bar chefs aren't very friendly and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe (*tobiko*) are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe (*masago*), which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shiitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the *char su* duck salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; duck wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D.

**The French Gourmet** 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, rata-touille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at the French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouill-abaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M.

**Island Prime** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef

and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — N.W.

**Kono's** 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**The Mission Café and Coffee House** 3795 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

**Roy's** 8670 Genesee Avenue, University City, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same

dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* Kahana, or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

**Sadaf — La Jolla** 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**The Shores** 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. At this family-friendly resort on the oceanfront at La Jolla Shores, the hotel restaurant serves simple steak and seafood entrées, classic steakhouse appetizers, and sides. Friday evenings there's a seafood buffet. Although the legendary Bernard (the Marine Room) Guillas is officially in charge as executive chef, the food bears no sign of his involvement: It is thoroughly ordinary. Wines are mainly familiar top-shelf supermarket bottling, with few by the glass (reasonable corkage). Full bar. Validated parking (three hours) in underground garage. Resort-casual dress. Reasonably quiet. Three meals daily. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive "early bird" three-course dinners for \$20, two courses for \$15. — N.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

**La Casa del Mole** Aquiles Serdán #543, Baja, 664-682-9074. Colonia Libertad is where Tijuana's love affair with mole is said to have begun, around 1991. Herminia Amador dreamed of bringing the flavors of her native state of Puebla to Tijuana. That meant one thing: mole poblano, Mexico's major sauce statement. She opened this flower-filled restaurant, and then a second and a third. And all because Tijuana loves mole poblano, a complex, sweet, dark sauce combination of maybe 20 different spices, chiles, nuts, and chocolate. Sit down here, and your big question is: What's going under your mole? Thigh or breast of chicken? Pork? Perhaps enchiladas? Your call. Prices are so reasonable you can try several variations. Whichever, when you bite in for the first time, you're dialing direct back to the earliest days of the conquistadors in Aztec, Mexico. Start with mole poblano, learn its wine-like complexities, then move on to other moles, such as ranchero and *verde*. Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**La Petite Café** Avenida Constitución #720-Q, Baja, 664-688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Vegetarian upon request. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**El Rincon del Oso** Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Baja. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The

best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Vegetarian upon request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Salón Azteca** Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Baja, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Vegetarian upon request. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W.

**Super Antojitos** Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Baja, 664-685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called mole *poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada de mole, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. "Super antojitos" means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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## CENTRAL

**Aladdin's Café — Hillcrest** 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shaw-erma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Anthony's Fishette** 1360 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old-fashioned fish-and-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand-bat-

tered treasures" like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Asia Café** 4710 Market Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Laotian. Laotian dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Berta's Latin American Restaurant** 3928 Twiggs Street, Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's

lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland; spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru; earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew); aromatic beef curry from Trinidad; and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat- and fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Bondi Bar and Kitchen** 333 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-342-0212. What's loud, strange, and smart enough to catch the eye of every passerby? It's a huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub offering numerous Aussie brews — with urban Australian cuisine for ballast — plus a full bar (several of them) of well-chosen wines plus hard liquor. Prime seating is on the front patio and in large

straw fish-traps suspended from the ceiling in the front dining room. (Dining rooms in back are dim; bring a mini-flashlight to read the menu.) The food resembles California-fusion cuisine but is often spicier, made with home-country ingredients including grass-fed beef, South Pacific fish species, and herbs you've never heard of. There's great grazing on appetizers, including outstanding Pacific oysters on the half-shell, beef pies, tempura prawns, seafood pot stickers, and the fun of exploring cheeses from Oz. Mains are generally less exciting, with a tendency to overcook fish and meats. But it's a party. Dress code: Wear clothes. Three meals, seven days until 11 p.m., 2 a.m. on weekends. Mainly moderate, some entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

**Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar** 807 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them

ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy Short Board pupu plate and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy paella (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours' validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.*

**Crest Café** 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long,

hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy vegetable steam basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the fresh salmon burger, the OuiOui burger (aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted Jack cheese) or the wicked, spicy, butter burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Croce's** 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote —

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are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla-bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching, or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D.*

**D.Z. Akin's** 6930 Alvarado Road, Del Cerro, 619-265-0218. At arguably the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego (it's not Katz's, but it's here, and the service is nicer), you'll find a full range of European-Jewish specialties from wonderful soups to nuts, including delic meats and fabulous smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, traditional Jewish-American dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter), plus 110 different overstuffed sandwiches — among them the very popular corned beef. To start the day, there are American and Jewish breakfasts, including a fabled matzo brei. The knishes, latkes, and chopped liver are all fine. A few acceptable, affordable wines by the bottle (only plonk by the glass), plus fountain drinks, sodas, some domestic and imported beers. Loads for lacto-vegetarians, less for vegans. (This cuisine is big on sour cream.) Open daily except major holidays, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate, with kiddie plates available at all meals. — *N.W.*

**Dussini Mediterranean Bistro** 275 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It's still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant** 1157 Columbia Street, Downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his Hump Day meat loaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B.*

**Kazumi Sushi** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imag-

inative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, The Ultimate Boat (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Kebab Shop** 630 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-525-0055. Food is one area where the Middle East is definitely taking over the world. Turkish-style *döner* kebabs are already on every street corner in Europe, and they're heading our way. Why? It's fast, flavorful, fresh food. The kebab's "meat" is usually lamb, chicken, or falafel, wrapped in a flatbread. The menu here specializes in all kinds of kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef *kofte* (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, Iskender, honoring Alexander the Great (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Try also minted zucchini, curried eggs, and Algerian eggplant. The ultimate compliment? Lots of Turkish San Diegans eat here. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Laurel Restaurant** 505 Laurel Street, Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222. Business-class watering hole where for seven dollars per item — food or drink — on the bar menu, we can at least taste how the Other Half lives and dines. The drinks range from Dragon's Blood sangria (a combo of Bordeaux wine, port, fruit and Calvados brandy) to Road Dog Stout (from Colorado's Flying Dog Brewery). As for the munchies, think lamby joes (luscious mini-burgers made of ground lamb); Mediterranean

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**Magnolias** 342 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul-food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Takeouts accepted. Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli** 4237 Alabama Street, University Heights, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush (sweet daddy eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawarma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**The Mission — Downtown** 1250 J Street, Downtown, 619-232-7662. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast-beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, postindustrial, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Neighborhood** 777 G Street, Downtown, 619-446-0002. Chefs from the Gaslamp drop in after work here for hits of simple comfort-cooking in a proletarian-chic no-frills atmosphere. The hip gastropub's menu centers on half-pound burgers made of premium beef with serious sauces and garnishes (and no ketchup, ever!). Starters and sides include honest steak tartare, tasty sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac'n'cheese and big, interesting salads. (No kiddie menu, but the bill of fare is G-rated.) To drink? Local microbrews and an interesting, affordable choice of international wines. Service is sweet and food comes fast — but be prepared for serious noise, compounded of loud rock and louder talk. Open daily 4 p.m. - midnight. Inexpensive to very low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro** 141 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Or-

tega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W.*

**Patty's Fruitland** 1789 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Red Pearl Kitchen** 440 J Street, Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short



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**SoleLuna Café** 702 Ash Street, Downtown, 619-232-0436. Put your climbing boots on. This place sits on the shoulder of the El Cortez hill, a sleek cave peeping out from under the historic hotel with an umbrella-strewn front terrace that's great for people watching. Its Italian roots show from the excellent coffee and the menu. Many items come straight from the streets of Milano, such as the breakfast croissant with prosciutto ham, smoked mozzarella cheese, and fruit or salad; or the Rustico Panino (with prosciutto, goat cheese, olive pâté); or *bresaola* (cured sliced beef); or the Siciliana salad (spinach, tuna, boiled eggs, capers, mozzarella). Other dishes include their homemade eggplant parmigiano and lasagna. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Tioli's Crazy Burger** 4201 30th Street, North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce,

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**Urban Solace** 3823 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-6464. Your solace at this bustling neighborhood eatery is pleasing American comfort food with a faint Southern accent. Among the choices are house-made biscuits, moist and tasty sweet potato fries, or a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and that can be rare — reasonably safe with this well-raised beef). Sunday brunches, with a live bluegrass band, offer a flawless portobello Benedict, fine butter-pecan French toast, and creamy, smooth grits. But some servers are neither from Mars or Venus but Uranus, apparently, and at busy times (always) they need a strict traffic cop to remind them to record your order and bring your food and beverages to Earth. No reservations, call aheads accepted. Wine and a fine beer list (no hard liquor, despite brunch menu's mention of mojitos). Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Vagabond** 2310 30th Street, South Park, 619-255-1035. Seasonal world food filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually standing room only, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano** 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat

jobber does a better job, providing succulent veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

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**Hernandez' Hide-Away** 19320 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday

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**India Princess — San Marcos** 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7599. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikka masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an un princely sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B.*

**Nijiya Market** 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

**Pampas Argentine Grill** 8690 Aero Drive, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971.

The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Shanghai City Restaurant** 3860 Convoy Street #105, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in — this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 10 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Jimbo's, Naturally!** 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheatgrass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — *E.B.*

**Kim's Restaurant** 745 First Street #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**A Little Moore Coffee Shop** 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could

be out of an early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: The Billy is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). The Cindy is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is The Pablo. It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Nobu Japanese Restaurant** 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, L.A., and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish pâté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W.*

**Samurai Japanese Restaurant** 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of something extra — e.g., not just free edamame to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of 4 to 14, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki*

and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W.*

**Spices Thai Café — Del Mar** 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Swami's Café** 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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**The Barbecue Pit** 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Bino's European Coffees and Crepes** 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the post office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double-cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through



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**MZM Seacoast Bistro** 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Primavera Ristorante** 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambience early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Rhinoceros** 1166 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Zorba's Family Restaurant** 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try di-

viding your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## EAST COUNTY

**Chef Axel European Bistro** 7097 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-421-8844. Chef Axel is a real chef with classic European training, bringing his expertise and high standards to this neighborhood German restaurant. Currently, he's offering only a set-price Sunday brunch plus occasional special dinners, along with catering on or off site. The food is made-from-scratch home-style cooking, including hearty soups, Bavarian veal sausage, rich noon-

dle gratin, perfect schnitzel, and a Hungarian goulash that "really gets it" about Hungary's spirited flavors. The brunch buffet includes a wide sampling of these dishes. — *N.W.*

**Elaine's Coffee Shoppe** 1212 South 43rd Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean War and Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom "hunter" omelet. Lunch: the pork-chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — *E.B.*

**Kountry Kitchen** 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank good-

ness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory** 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits

aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of house-made fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Pablito's of the Desert** 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and

great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

## User Reviews — RESTAURANTS

*Best user comments from Reader website*

### Chateau Orleans, Pacific Beach

I just went to this place for Sunday Brunch. I love Cajun food, so I was very much looking forward to their Cajun buffet. What a disappointment! What they are calling a Louisiana Gumbo is far from it; isn't a gumbo suppose to be in a roux? I'd call it either Louisiana Soup or Pacific Beach Gumbo. It's not that it was bad, it's just that it wasn't GUMBO. And their implementation of a beignet needs more attention; they are suppose to be light & crisp little doughnuts, not rocky boulders with a haphazard sprinkling of powdered sugar. Can anybody in SD make a good red beans and rice meal at a beans and rice price? By **pilote** 3:32 p.m., Oct. 6

### Philly Grill, North Park

Ok, I admit it...I struggle with food addiction. Thought I had it under control until The Philly Grill went and opened up in North Park and ruined my sobriety. Now thanks to them I'm seriously addicted to their philly sandwiches. And the super friendly owner, Suzanne, claims ZERO responsibility for her blatant enabling behavior, just becuz she's got this big sign in her front window that says WARNING:HABIT FORMING. Well, with all her "hauty tauty" reviews plastered all over the window I couldn't even see the damn sign! So it took like four days for me to punch up the "buy 10/get one free sandwich card". On top of that, I was the first one to reach 10 and can you believe the phony baloney owner wouldn't even put my lousy picture on the wall in recognition of my achievement!?

So now I go in (usually shaking in need of my fix), sit down and scarf down my sandwich which is piled high with meat and peppers and melted cheese while I listen to the owner, Suzanne, ask me in her little girl voice "do I want a doggie bag?" knowing full well that I'm not going to leave a lousy crumb.

So like I never write letters to magazines but I felt I needed to warn people about this place over at Alabama and University. Don't be fooled just because the food tastes great, and it's friendly, fun and clean. Take it from me, it's a dangerous place.

Dan Vaci

By **danvaci** 10:02 a.m., Oct. 9

### Krakatoa, Golden Hill

Krakatoa is a hidden little jewel that is well worth seeking out. I was working in the area last week with my boss and fortunately had the opportunity to dine there for our lunch break. The casual, earthy atmosphere inside the "house" where the menu, order counter, glass food display case, and internet friendly tables as well as cushy furniture are found, exhibits a cool bohemian charm. The traitor's head sandwich was our selection for the meal which ocnists of sliced lean beef with a mild horse radish creamy spread, cheese, tomatoes and onions sandwiched inside a torta like roll. The sandwich is complimented with a unique and delicious homemade potato salad. Many other sides are available if desired. On cool days, inside seating is preferred which also invites one of many specialty coffee/tea beverages offered. However, in nicer weather, the wooden deck nestled in lush greenery is the ticket. I knew I'd scored points with my boss when I witnessed him pocketing a sample menu before leaving this appealing local eatery.

By **btincup** 6:11 p.m., Oct 11

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## Deeper Mystery

*Chabrol, as a one-time game plan, draws a veil over the most private matters.*

**T**he preponderance of Claude Chabrol's fifty-some films fit under the umbrella of "thriller," and no matter how tepid the temperature of his more recent ones — *The Bridesmaid*, *Flower of Evil*, and presumably the one unreleased hereabouts, *Comedy of Power* — the expectation persists. To head off disappointment, it would be prudent to announce that his latest effort, *A Girl Cut in Two*, though it by and by works its way around to a crime of passion, is really not a thriller, is really an affairs-of-the-heart type of thing. (That doesn't stop the trailer from trying: "From France's Master of Suspense," etc.) Many a narrative, needless to say, works its way around to a crime of passion — *The Great Gatsby*, *Lolita*, *Othello*, *Medea* — without anyone confusing them with thrillers.

The bisected title character — a condition made rather pedantically literal in the magic act at the curtain — is torn between two men. Or from another point of view, two men are tugging at her. One of these, who takes himself too seriously to crack a smile, is a literary lion twice her age (François Berléand), luxuriously settled in a glass

house outside Lyon, with a loyal long-time wife ("I live with a saint" is his practiced refrain) who looks almost indistinguishable from his agent, a pair of mature brunettes (Valeria Cavalli, Mathilda May).

The title character, by startling contrast, is a dewy bottle-blonde (Ludivine Sagnier) employed as a ruby-lipped weathergirl in front of an electric-lime backdrop at the TV station where the writer has grudgingly come to be interviewed ("I lead a nun-like existence"). She immediately catches his eye there, but he doesn't take up pursuit until a book signing at a shop serendipitously owned by her mother (Marie Bunel), an event she deigns to attend despite her airy declaration that she herself never reads books.

The other man is more her own age, a pampered pharmaceuticals heir (Benoît Magimel) with frosted hair, a dandy's wardrobe, and a puffed-up chest that threatens to tip him over backwards in mid-swagger. He also has an abiding personal animosity toward the writer, never fully examined, and a streak of hot-headed violence. Unexpectedly, perhaps inexplicably, the older man is the first one to get

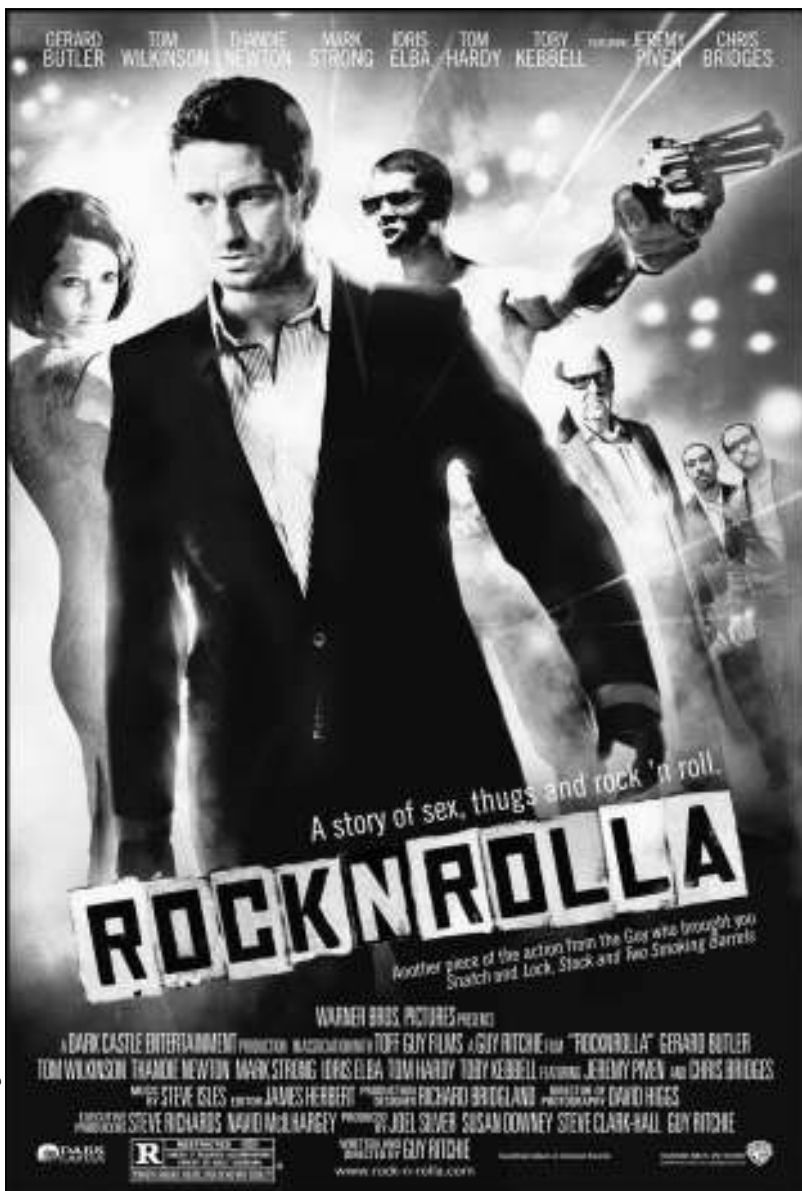


*A Girl Cut in Two*

past first base and all the way home — "Sexuality," he muses, "is one of the great mysteries of humanity" — and the girl, by all appearances, offers her heart to him completely. But he is not without cruelty of his own, and the young popinjay, defying the snobbery of his ice-queen mother (Caroline Sihol), isn't giving up: "I'm used to getting what I want, honey."

Things change; the situation remains fluid and unpredictable; and Chabrol is there to follow developments, or more accurately, anticipate them, without any wasted motion or added agitation. His assurance is our assurance: we're in good hands. And although the movie lacks the hallmarks of a thriller, it nonetheless has the mystery of personalities and relationships,

and it has the tension of classes and generations, and it has several points of intrigue: the aforementioned animosity of the young man toward the older (what's behind it?); the young one's silent companion-cum-lackey-cum-bodyguard (who, or what, is this guy?); the hinted-at kinkiness of the bedroom activities; the enigmatic gentlemen's club with the unexplored upstairs.



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Some of that, we might feel, could have been better illuminated. This is clearly, however, a matter of choice rather than negligence. Chabrol, not as a general principle but at least as a one-time game plan, draws a veil over the most private matters, even when these become scandalously public. The citizens of Lyon learn more in some areas than we do. It's as though Chabrol loses interest when the secrets turn into news. Mere facts, he insinuates, cannot dispel the mysteries. And his uniformly excellent cast, well-blended, discreet, inward, refuses to oversimplify things. If *A Girl Cut in Two*, at the Ken Cinema for the following week, is less of a thriller than usual, it is more of a movie.

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The film at the Ken through Thursday the 16th is worth making an effort to see, *Trouble the Water*, a tight-focussed yet eye-widening documentary on Hurricane Katrina, its approach ("Who's scared of water?") and its sludgy aftermath. The extensive home-video footage, scrappily shot by a would-be rap artist calling herself Black Kold Medina, supplies firsthand testimony. Meanwhile, the San Diego Italian Film Festival, or to be strict, the San Diego Italian DVD Festival, continues through Sunday at the Museum of Photographic Arts, wrapping up with a film I missed when it played earlier this year at the Hillcrest, and a film I haven't got around to watching on the DVD screener sent to me at the time, *My Brother Is an Only Child*. And the October entry in the Cinema en Tu Idioma series, a Mexican-Chilean co-production entitled *El Brindis*, will be at the UltraStar Mission Valley starting Friday and ending Thursday. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SDRReader.com.

**Appaloosa** — Unpretentious, un-epic Western, adapted from a novel by the hard-boiled mystery writer Robert B. Parker. 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. We have again 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. (In *Warlock* it was actually two women.) And we even have a recognizable replay, on a reduced scale, and nowhere near movie's end, of the show-down at the O.K. Corral. But we don't have, among other things, any clear distinction, and thus any palpable tension, between the two peacekeeping partners. (There's nothing inherently wrong with that, but their complete compatibility disqualifies the movie 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 movie, even while it would not compare favorably to its antecedent, can rest comfortably on the tight-jawed interplay between these men,

and on its brisk and efficient action scenes, and finally, lingeringly, on the climactic act of friendship of the sidekick for his love-struck partner. That has some real nobility to it, and some subtlety, some irony. With Renée Zellweger, Jeremy Irons, Timothy Spall, Lance Henriksen, Ariadna Gil. 2008. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; 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)

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# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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## CENTRAL

### CLAIREMONT

**Town Square 14**  
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)  
**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); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13); **Quarantine** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Sex Drive** (); **W.** (PG-13)

### DOWNTOWN

**Gaslamp 15**  
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**Appaloosa** (R); **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Blindness** (R); **Body of Lies** (R); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Miracle at St. Anna** (R); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Sex Drive** (); **W.** (PG-13); **The Weather Underground** (Not Rated)

**Horton Plaza 14**  
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
**An American Carol** (PG-13) Fri. (4:35) 6:50, 9:10 Sat.-Sun. (3:40) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; **Burn after Reading** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Cirque du Soleil DELIRIUM** (NR) Sat.-Sun. 12:00a.m.; **City of Ember** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:30) 8:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 3:10) 6:30, 9:45; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **The Express** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 1:40, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 12:50, 3:30) 7:10, 10:00; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri. (1:35, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:20) 6:40, 9:25; **How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:15) 6:50, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 6:35, 9:05; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:40) 6:45, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:35, 5:50) 8:05, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:20) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **Quarantine** (R) Fri. (1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:50, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:30, 9:50; **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:50) 6:55, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; **The Women** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:25) 7:15, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 6:45, 9:20

### LA JOLLA

**La Jolla 12**  
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**Appaloosa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 7:40, 10:25; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **City of Ember** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:50p.m.; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:20; **The Express** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:25; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; **Morning Light** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25 Sun. 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Quarantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15; **Sex Drive** () Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; **What Just Happened** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30

**La Jolla Village**  
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**The Duchess** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **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. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

### MIRA MESA

**Mira Mesa 18**  
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)  
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### MISSION HILLS

**Cinema Under the Stars**  
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)  
**The Birds** (Not Rated)

### MISSION VALLEY

**Fashion Valley 18**  
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)  
**Appaloosa** (R); **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Body of Lies** (R); **Burn after Reading** (R); **City of Ember** (PG); **Eagle Eye** (PG-13); **Ghost Town** (PG-13); **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13); **The Little Red Truck** (PG); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **My Best Friend's Girl** (R); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13); **Quarantine** (R); **Righteous Kill** (R); **Sex Drive** (); **W.** (PG-13); **What Just Happened** (R)

**Mission Valley 7**  
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



**W.** (PG) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Max Payne** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Sex Drive** (R) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Body of Lies** (R) (10:00 1:00) 4:00 7:00 10:00; **Call & Response** (G) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **El Brindis** (N/R) 11:30 1:45 4:00 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.  
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**Mission Valley 20**  
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)  
**An American Carol** (PG-13); **Appaloosa** (R); **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Body of Lies** (R); **Burn after Reading** (R); **City of Ember** (PG); **Eagle Eye** (PG-13); **The Express** (PG); **Fireproof** (PG); **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13); **Quarantine** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Sex Drive** (); **W.** (PG-13); **What Just Happened** (R)

### STATE UNIVERSITY

**Ken**  
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Girl Cut in Two** (NR) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

### UPTOWN

**Hillcrest Cinemas**  
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Choke** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:15, 6:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50; **The Duchess** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **Morning Light** (PG) Fri. 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Rachel Getting Married** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Religulous** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:35, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:05, 9:55

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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)  
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### 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); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13); **Quarantine** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **W.** (PG-13)

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Rancho San Diego 15**  
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)  
**An American Carol** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 9:30; **Appaloosa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:55) 7:50, 10:40; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:25, 10:25; **City of Ember** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 6:55; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:50) 7:45, 10:30; **The Express** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:40) 7:15, 10:15; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 6:45; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 12:45, 3:00, 3:30) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 6:50, 9:35; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 4:50) 7:55, 10:20; **Quarantine** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 10:05; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 7:10, 10:00; **Sex Drive** () Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:55) 7:05, 9:45; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 7:40, 10:35

### 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.; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun.

## SOUTH BAY

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**Chula Vista 10**  
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**The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) ((11:30 2:00) 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Max Payne** (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Sex Drive** (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **San Diego Asian Film Festival Encore** Call 619-338-4214 or visit theater for titles and showtimes; **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) (11:15 2:15) 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) (12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:15; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:45 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)  
**Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Body of Lies** (R); **City of Ember** (PG); **The Duchess** (PG-13); **Eagle Eye** (PG-13); **The Express** (PG); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13); **Quarantine** (R); **Sex Drive** (); **W.** (PG-13)

**Palm Promenade 24**  
770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)  
**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**

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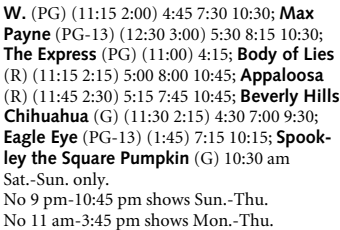
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**3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)**  
**Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG); Body of Lies (R); City of Ember (PG); The Duchess (PG-13); Eagle Eye (PG-13); The Express (PG); Lakeview Terrace (PG-13); Max Payne (PG-13); Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13); Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13); Quarantine (R); The Secret Life of Bees (PG-13); Sex Drive ( ); What Just Happened (R)**

**Carmel Mountain 14**  
 11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)  
**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); Ghost Town (PG-13);**  
**Max Payne (PG-13); Nick and Norah's Infi-**  
**nite Playlist (PG-13); Quarantine (R); The**  
**Secret Life of Bees (PG-13); Sex Drive ( ); W.**  
**(PG-13)**

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13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



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*1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old*  
*California Walk (760-471-3711)*  
**An American Carol** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:30, 4:45) 6:50, 9:35 **Sat.-Sun.** (12:20, 2:30) 4:45, 6:50, 9:35; **Appaloosa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:40) 6:35, 9:20; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:05, 4:30) 7:40, 10:10 **Sat.-Sun.** (11:40, 2:05) 4:30, 7:40, 10:10; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55, 10:25

**Appaloosa** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:30, 10:10; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:15, 2:05, 2:45, 4:25, 5:10) 7:00, 9:25; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:35, 10:25; **Cirque du Soleil DELIRIUM** (NR) Sat.-Sun. (12:00p.m.); **City of Ember** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25); **The Duchess** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:35, 10:10; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:30; **The Express** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:40, 4:35) 7:25, 10:20; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 12:35, 2:20, 3:05, 4:50, 5:35) 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30; **Morning Light** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:20, 3:50) 7:20, 9:55; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (2:25, 4:50) 7:10, 9:35; **Quarantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:05, 5:30) 7:50, 10:15; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:45; **Sex Drive** (V) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:25

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★★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/16 THROUGH 18, 7:30 P.M.)

**Blindness** — Serious-minded science fiction, allegorical as you like, about an epi-

demic 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 pigpen 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 possessor 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-



City of God

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.  
★ (GASLAMP 15)

**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-booo 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.  
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**El Brindis** — Comedy-drama of father-daughter reconciliation, with Ana Serradilla and José Soriano, directed by Shai Agosin. (MISSION VALLEY 7, 10/17 THROUGH 23)

**Burn after Reading** — The Coen brothers revisit their favored stupidity theme: *Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski* (that one above all), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the secondhand *Ladykillers*, at least the Llewellyn Moss protagonist in *No Country for Old Men*. Back to the well once more. The placement of this timeless theme within the Washington, D.C., intelligence community is, however, highly strategic, calculating, revitalizing, resonating, and, well, intelligent. (The memorable line from the original *Manchurian Candidate* swims up from the depths: “Intelligence officer! Stupidity officer is more like it.”) The central theme has been interlaced with secondary themes of deception, discontentment, self-delusion, double lives, so that while the film is unmistakably a comedy, it’s a pretty deep one. And regardless how repetitive the theme, there is no slacking off in technique and execution. The fast hour and a half is consistently, unisistently funny, with only a rare lapse in taste (a homemade marital aid, a couple of splashes of Scorsese-esque gore) and never really a lapse in tone. And although the regular and reliable Roger Deakins has been replaced with Emmanuel Lubezki (*Children of Men*, most noteworthy), the cinematography doesn’t suffer, with its crystal-clear air, its fine-line focus, and its scythe-like camerawork, angling slightly upwards, attacking from all sides, intermittently cutting a path in a spurt of purposeful fluidity. George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, John Malkovich, Richard Jenkins, David Rasche, J.K. Simmons. 2008.  
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**Choke** — Black comedy, a bit too openly pleased with itself, a bit too hell-bent on quirkiness, revolving around a confessed sex addict and his demented mother, played (respectively) by Sam Rockwell and Anjelica Huston. The broadest smiles, the nearest things to audible laughs, are apt to be elicited by the tourist-trap Colonial Village where our protagonist works as an “historical interpreter,” especially by the earnest efforts of his overbearing boss (Clark Gregg, who also is making his directorial debut) to stay at all times, and under all provocations, in character: “Where dost thou go?” Rockwell, sounding disturbingly like Owen Wilson, acts more as a smile-suppressant. The general level of facetiousness is right up his, or for that matter Wilson’s, alley, but it’s a very narrow alley. Kelly Macdonald, Brad William Henke, Bijou Phillips. 2008.  
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**City of Ember** — Post-apocalyptic children’s film, sufficiently dark for any full-bloom pessimist, about the remnants of humanity in a run-down underground city, and the two teenagers in search of an exit. Impressive physical production (Terry Gilliam at his greediest could not have asked for more), though the escape route gets a bit theme-parky. With Saoirse Ronan, Harry Treadaway, Tim Robbins, Martin Landau, Bill Murray, and Toby Jones; directed by Gil Kenan. 2008.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Duchess** — Fine costume piece. Well, the costumes anyhow are fine. The piece as a whole is only fairish, a predigested potage of 18th-century sexism, blue-blood cold-bloodedness, paramours, bastards, the mandatory male heir, all of it “based on a true story.” Rachel Portman’s music, much more than Saul Dibb’s direction, creates the frequent illusion of something better than fairish. And Keira Knightley, unshadowingly surrounded by Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper, Hayley Atwell, Simon McBurney, and Charlotte Rampling, commands the screen with force and nuance and bone structure. The camera, as they say, loves her. 2008.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Eagle Eye** — Political paranoia thriller so utterly preposterous that it has the opposite effect and reassures us we have nothing to worry about. (And so pell-mell in presentation that we can barely follow it.) Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan, as ordinary citizens under the eye, thumb, and puppet-strings of Big Brother, are ordinarily likable, or in these circumstances, pitiable. With Billy Bob Thornton, Rosario Dawson, and Michael Chiklis; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2008.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 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)

**The Express** — Grind-it-out sports bio over 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.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Ghost Town** — Director David Koepp 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 star-

ring role, a bit more constraining than his self-fashioned TV roles in *The Office* and *Extras*, but still permitting his patented blend of the crusty and the crumbling, the tetchy and the touching, and also permitting a spot of romance. Roly-polies have feelings, too. The second thing, even steadier in influence, is the warm lighting and wide palette of cinematographer Fred Murphy, a name you can trust. With Greg Kinnear, Téa Leoni, and Billy Campbell. 2008.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18)

**A Girl Cut in Two** — Reviewed this issue. With Ludvine Sagnier, François Berléand, Benoît Magimel, and Mathilda May; directed by Claude Chabrol.  
★★★ (KEN, 10/17 THROUGH 23)

**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 lisping, switch-pulling assistant. The backdrops are sufficiently Gothic, but the figures are ghastly, and not in a good way. With the voices of John Cusack, Steve Buscemi, Sean Hayes, Molly Shannon, Eddie Izzard, Jennifer Coolidge, and Jay Leno; directed by Tony Leondis. 2008.  
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 hos-

ing-down. 2008.  
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)  
**Max Payne** — Action film with Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis, Beau Bridges, and Ludacris, directed by John Moore. (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

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**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)

**Morning Light** — Documentary on a team of novice sailboat racers, directed by Paul Crowder.  
(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA CINEMAS; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/17)

**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



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drunken girl fishing her cellphone and a wad of chewing gum out of the public toilet 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, tool-

ing 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 poor 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 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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.  
● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Quarantine** — Fright film with Jennifer Carpenter, Steve Harris, and Jay Hernandez, directed by John Erick Dowdle.  
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**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 Ir-

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### Burn After Reading 2008

I saw the movie and thought that they should have named it *Forget After Watching*.  
By **asbestos** 7:50 a.m., Oct. 9, 2008

### Burn After Reading 2008

Duncan, the only explanation I can think of for your four-star review of this movie is that you'd been to the dentist that day and the nitrous hadn't worn off yet. This wasn't even really a movie; it was a cartoon made with "real" people. It wasn't "about" stupidity; it was stupid. I think it would have been much improved if they had just dubbed the voices using Disney characters. Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand would be Mickey and Minnie Mouse. George Clooney, Goofy, of course. It's an incredible comment when you have to admit that John Malkovich was the sanest person in the film. That's got to be a first. From the beginning, this story was a Kafkaesque nightmare for his character. Okay..my date's comment on leaving was, "Well, I guess they had a contractual obligation to get another movie out right away." At least we had great sex later, so the the evening wasn't a total loss.

By **Challen** 9:59 a.m., Oct. 9, 2008

### The Fall 2008

I went to go see this film last night and WOW. It is a stunning, beautiful, and entertaining film. All the visuals are just astounding, from the B&W train/bridge montage, to the island/palace in the middle of the ocean, to the rice paddy tribal land, and more. It almost seems like the director included a lot of the scenery near the Seven Wonders of the World. Plotwise, it could've been simple, but it contained various little details and plot changes that it stayed entertaining throughout. The film pretty much jumped between the story and the ongoing at a hospital (especially during the lives of the little girl and the bedridden man). In terms of acting, I think everyone did pretty well. Lee Pace had just enough of the "he looks nice" and "hidden agenda" stigma to his character, which was perfectly leveled out by the young girl; at first, her accent throws you off but soon ends up adorable. This certainly has become my favorite film of the year, so if you're able to see it, I'd highly recommend it.  
By **coolinout1** 6:52 p.m., Oct. 9, 2008

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**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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Secret Life of Bees** — The place is South Carolina, the time is 1964, right when LBJ has signed the Civil Rights Act ("Nothin' but a piece of paper"). An abused white teenage runaway and her fugitive black maid find refuge at a honey farm of "cultured" black sisters named after months of the year, August, June, and May (twin of the deceased April). Sticky sentimentality, by way of the Sue Monk Kidd novel, but Queen Latifah brings some real strength to it, and Dakota Fanning (apparently unspoilied in early adolescence) some real vulnerability. With Jennifer Hudson, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo, and Paul Bettany; written and directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; FROM 10/17)

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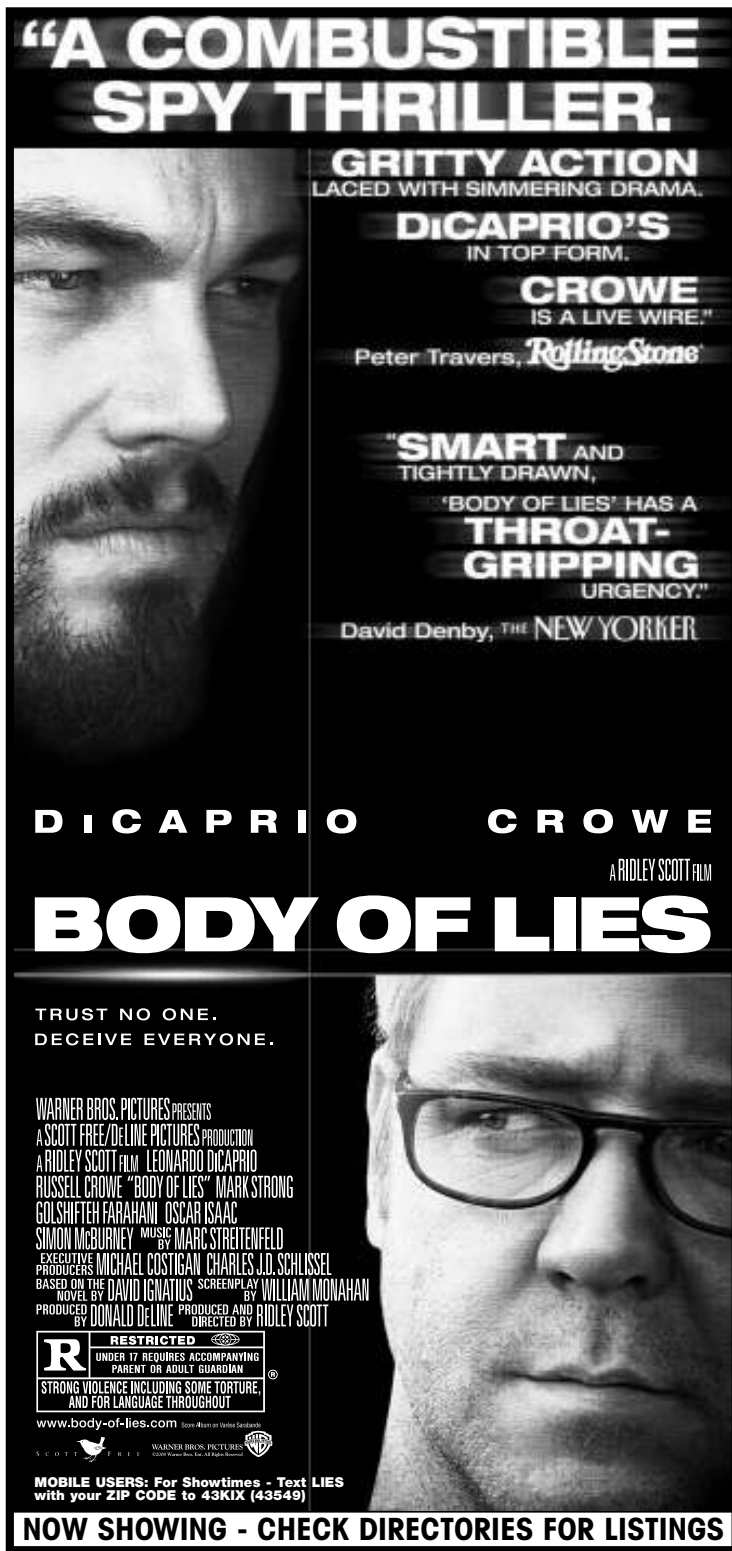
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# Blood and Fire and War

*“He would take his life as coolly as he would eat his breakfast.”*

**P**ROGRAM NOTES: *Moxie Theatre* invited me to dramaturge its latest production. My notes for the program grew beyond its confines, so I decided to present them here.

Kate Walat’s *Bleeding Kansas* begins in 1855, the year Walt Whitman wrote, “Democracy is a great word whose history...remains unwritten because that history has yet to be enacted.”

The play’s set in one of our country’s most tempestuous periods: the Kansas Territory between 1855 and 1856. Abolitionists, Free Staters, and proslavery forces took up arms. It’s a story, writes historian Thomas Goodrich, about “blood and fire and war and how Americans learned to hate and kill each other.”

In 1855, the Kansas Territory was headed for statehood. But which kind? Free or proslavery? Kansas had become a free territory on March 6, 1820.

Southern states demanded “popular sovereignty.” But in order to take hold in Kansas, they had to settle there (and in Nebraska) to qualify as voters. In 1855 proslavery “Border Ruffians” from Missouri and elsewhere began infiltrating the territory. They threatened to rig the ballot box and remain “as long as the whiskey lasts.”

Fearing Kansas could become a slave state, Abolitionists from New England migrated to the region. Fiercely religious, they took intolerant, uncompromising stands against evil. Many brought two kinds of Bibles: the Good Book and “Beecher’s Bibles” — Sharps rifles, in boxes marked “books,” donated by the famous minister Henry Ward Beecher.

Caught in the middle: Free Staters from the North who came to start new lives. Most were against slavery. But many were also racist, not wanting blacks in Kansas.

Free Staters called the Border Ruffians “pukes” but also thought most Abolitionists were, in the words of Thomas Frank, “the kind of folks who, were they alive today, would set the *Wall Street*

*Journal* howling about political correctness, threats to the Constitution, and elitist, know-it-all meddling in the affairs of others.”

A pro-slaver called Abolitionists “people who keep turning over rocks and making everyone else look at what’s under there or, worse, smell it and touch it. Westerners hate *that*.”

At stake: Kansas would cast the deciding vote for America.

“This is the summit of the mountain,” a reporter wrote for the *New York Herald*. “The water will fall one way or the other. If it falls to the south, then in a generation or two there will be slaves in Massachusetts, and free labor will be everywhere driven out. If it falls to the north, then the south will be free in the same period of time. But it all depends on Kansas.”

As more and more Abolitionists came to Lawrence, a pro-slaver wrote to the *Squatter Sovereign*, “Wherever you meet a few men collected together you are sure to hear such expressions as: ‘War to the knife and to the hilt,’ and ‘Let the watchword be extermination, total and complete.’”

Sara Robinson, an Abolitionist who had a home on a hill west of Lawrence, wrote: “[It’s] difficult to feel that destruction is sworn against our homes and a price set upon the heads of some dear to us,” including her husband Charles, leader of the Free State movement. “Will they dare, in this nineteenth century, in this boasted land of freedom, to make a raid upon us, crying ‘Extermination and no quarter?’”

On November 21, 1855, a Ruffian shot Charles Dow, a Free Stater. Threats roared, small armies amassed. John Brown and other Free Staters erected barricades in Lawrence. Then winter set in. Everyone went home, and the brief Wakarusa War ceased.

On May 21, 1856, silhouettes of Border Ruffians rimmed the hills around Lawrence. They stormed “Yankeetown,” smashed two printing presses, and demolished the fortresslike Free State Hotel. Then they set homes — even crops — on fire.

## NOTES

JEFF SMITH



Jo Anne Glover, David Humphrey in *Bleeding Kansas*

The next day, Charles Sumner of Massachusetts gave an impassioned speech on the Senate floor: “[For] the first time in history has an American town been besieged by Americans.”

South Carolina’s Preston Brooks assaulted Sumner with a gutta-percha walking cane. Brooks beat him with such ferocity, Sumner couldn’t return to his senate post for three years.

John Brown was wrapped so tight, people said, the 56-year-old made no sound when he laughed; he just trembled. Incensed at Sumner’s treatment, Old Brown led an attack on a proslavery settlement at Pottawatomie Creek, murdering and then mutilating five men with broadswords.

Henry Pate, whom Brown later took prisoner, said if a man stood “between [Brown] and what he considered right, he would take his life as coolly as he would eat his breakfast.” Brown swore to push his antislavery crusade “to Africa” if necessary.

After the attack at Pottawatomie, Kansas lost

a safety zone. You were either Free State or proslavery: no choice — or place to hide.

Southerners had a simple test: where do you stand on the “goose question”? In Jane Smiley’s novel, *The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton*, a character says: “The goose question is slavery. If you are a proslavery man, then you are sound on the goose. [If not] you got to sound like you [are] or sussss-pisshhhuns WILL be aroused.”

Thousands of Southerners marched into Kansas. John Brown’s forces battled them, often with guerilla tactics. The territory became, wrote Horace Greeley, “Bleeding Kansas.”

“Here it seems like anything is a reason to kill you,” wrote a correspondent, “disagreement on the slavery question is one thing, but just how you talk or how you look is another, or, maybe just how the killer feels at that moment.”

Even if there were no war, the region itself was hostile. Wanting to populate the territory

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with Free State voters, Eastern newspapers promised weather that rivaled Eden. Newly arrived Easterners became shocked by the furnace/iceberg extremes and the tornadoes and straight-line winds that could level structures without warning. "Though slavery and violence made the headlines," writes Thomas Goodrich, "it was the mundane that weighed most on the minds of Kansans."

Few built adequate homes. The holes between boards (sometimes stuffed with newspapers) let in rattlesnakes during summer and freezing temperatures in winter. At the first cold spell, newcomers left their tents, lean-tos, and mud-walled cabins and sought shelter. "Except for a few small hotels," writes Goodrich, "accommodations in the territory were virtually nonexistent." And of those available, lodging was "of the most primitive kind." One "hotel" was just an A-frame hut.

Strangers became housemates for the winter. "Our bill of fare is limited," wrote Miriam Colt, who arrived that summer "wide-eyed" with hope: "Over and over again hominy, Johnny cake, Graham pudding, some white bread... Disappointment has darkened every brow. We are as much shut out from the world here as though we were on some lonely island in the oceans."

Diseases festered. Many died from cholera. Huddled in tight quarters, the new Kansans feared they wouldn't last the winter. And if they did, come spring they faced devastation.

In this environment, gossip became viral. "One thing I learned," a woman wrote home, "in K.T. [Kansas Territory] four of every five rumors are true." It was said a person could believe something one minute and the opposite the next.

Allegiances changed with the weather. In the play *Bleeding Kansas*, five people with diverse beliefs come to the territory. Strangers become neighbors. Then, caught in the cauldron of history, they hurtle to extremes.

"K.T. was already old with conflicts," writes Jane Smiley, "that was the sharpest lesson... It was as if a bride and groom turned to one another at the altar, each expecting the other to be new and young and strong and beautiful, and found instead old age, old acquaintance, old battles, old hatreds. Where else in the whole United States had there been no honeymoon at all, no short space of good feeling? Nowhere else but K.T."

Smiley has an observation that illuminates Walat's play. In the novel, a woman complains that K.T. had "coarsened" her. The change wasn't all that bad, replies Lidie Newton. "In my opinion, K.T. made you see the world as it was. Your actions followed that." ■

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## THEATER LISTINGS

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### Arsenic and Old Lace

The Avo Playhouse stages the popular farce about octogenarian serial killers. Randall Hickman directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA. 760-724-2110. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 25.

### 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



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### 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 innocuously you wonder where it's headed. The titles, however — "Iphigenia in Orem," "Medea Redux," and "A Gaggle 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.

### Bleeding Kansas

Moxie Theatre stages Kathryn Walat's unflinching portrayal of the Kansas Territory in 1855-56, when Abolitionists, Free-Soilers, and pro-slavery advocates fought to control the future state's — and

this country's — future. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 2.

### 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). Obviously the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to 1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of "name that tune" in fast-forward. Boomers in the audience gulp "oh's" of recognition when a musical fragment triggers memories. One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie's Aretha-strong voice do all of "Respect" or Keith Jefferson all of "I Heard It Through the Grapevine"). One could also wish that the characters weren't so one-note (Bill Doyle's hippie must express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads's direction and the four-piece backup band. You won't learn why the pump don't work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you're of a certain era, *Boomers* will time-machine you back in a lively manner. 619-437-0600.

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### Caliban's Island

Talent to aMuse Theatre Company presents a comical adaptation of Shakespeare's *Tempest* for "those who are Shakespeare resistant." After what was supposed to be a three-hour tour, the Castaways end up on Caliban's Island. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

### 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 as-

signment: how to play a character who's neutron bombed emotionally? Christy Yael has moments where she flattens Kelly out too much, but for the most part she succeeds as a woman cast adrift. Sean Cox plays both brothers and convinces as the tough Spec 4 Craig. Director Fran Gercke and Sean Cox have avoided giving Peter stereotypical gay gestures. But Cox needs to ratchet up his subtextual menace. The Baghdad Correctional Facility isn't the only place where torturers ply their trade.

### Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

### Everything Will Be Different

Lynx Performance Theatre presents the West Coast premiere of Mark Schultz's journey into the inner world of Charlotte. Her mother died, or did she? And if she did, what could bring her back? Al Germani directed. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE, 2653 ARIANE DRIVE, CLAIREMONT. 619-889-3190. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 9 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 23.

### Fool for Love

Sam Shepard prefaces his 80-minute emotional blitz with words from Archbishop Anthony Bloom: "The proper response to love is to accept it. There is nothing to *do*." An inspiring, Hallmark-card sentiment. But what if the "love" is between a half-brother (Eddie) and his sister (May)? And between their father and two women? The play, now in a capable production at New Village Arts, takes place in a run-down motel on the edge of the Mojave (the moldy, lime-colored walls for NVA's set look as if they've got the flu). Eddie drives 2480 miles to see May; theirs is a 15-year-long attraction/repulsion — brought on, like Greek tragedy, by the sins of the father? *Fool for Love* should move like a spontaneous, extended tantrum ("relentlessly," Shepard's stage note reads, "without a break"). NVA's opening-night performance, with doors slamming and fists pounding the walls, hit that note more often than not (and showed every sign that it 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.

### The House of Bernarda 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.

### In a Dark Dark House

Neil LaBute's tough, unflinching drama creates a postshow entanglement. You leave the theater with a reasonably secure explanation for a case of horrific child abuse. But 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 (his house is valued at \$1.8), while Terry's an ex-con who moves from job to job. As the estranged brothers probe deeper into the past, the play opens like a geological dig. Every time one gets ready to exit (and they do so often it becomes annoying), the other says, in effect, "No no; there's more." *Dark Dark* is one of LaBute's most carefully crafted, internal, and realistic works. Ion Theatre and director Glenn Paris have given it a precise, scrape-to-the-heart staging. Claudio Raygoza's put-upon Terry; Rachael VanWormer's subtle, 16-year-old Jennifer; and especially Jeffrey Jones's volcanic Terry perform as if probing a field for mines — and exploding some by accident.

### Worth a try.

ION THEATRE COMPANY, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. 619-374-6894. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 2.

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### The Light in the Piazza

At a time when the light at the end of the tunnel must be an oncoming train, Lamb's Players is staging Adam Guettel and Craig Lucas's harbinger of hope. Based on Elizabeth Spencer's novella (1960), the musical tells the gentle story of star-crossed lovers, beneath which lurks a fierce, combative spirit waging war on negativity. Your trouble, you can hear the musical insist, is you're too rational. You don't believe the impossible can happen. And, the musical pushes hardest here, can *continue* to happen. It's 1953. Margaret Johnson and her daughter Clara vacation in Italy. Clara falls for young Fabrizio. But she shouldn't. She fell off a horse 14 years ago and has the mental development of a 12-year-old. Should they fall in love? Would it last? The Lamb's 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. She's setting free. She sings three songs — "Dividing Day," "The Beauty Is," and "Fable" — so effectively that, sure you say, errant straw hats, like Clara's, will always find the proper hands, and maybe someone out there seeks your heart. And maybe there is hope after all, some — at least while the musical lasts.

### Worth a try.

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

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mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an off-shoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play “Emotional Sympathy,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

**Worth a try.**

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**Tartuffe**

Grossmont College presents Molière’s comedy of hypocritical manners, which he wrote for King Louis XIV. 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. 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.

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The La Jolla Playhouse stages Jack Kirkland’s dramatization of the Er-

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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 encouraged actors to steal each other’s choices). For the Globe, Darko Tresnjak’s version’s much

more balanced. The upper-class Manhattanites still gossip and connive, but Tresnjak prefers farce to fury; no one’s really hurt, or hurt for long. And looking glamorous trumps everything (this is, first and foremost, a style show, and the style smooths things over). Tresnjak offers a humane take on an anti-humane comedy. The ensemble cast functions so smoothly it’s hard to single out individuals, though red-haired Nancy Anderson (who croons to beat the band before acts 1 and 2) comes closest to Luce’s vitriol.

**Worth a try.**

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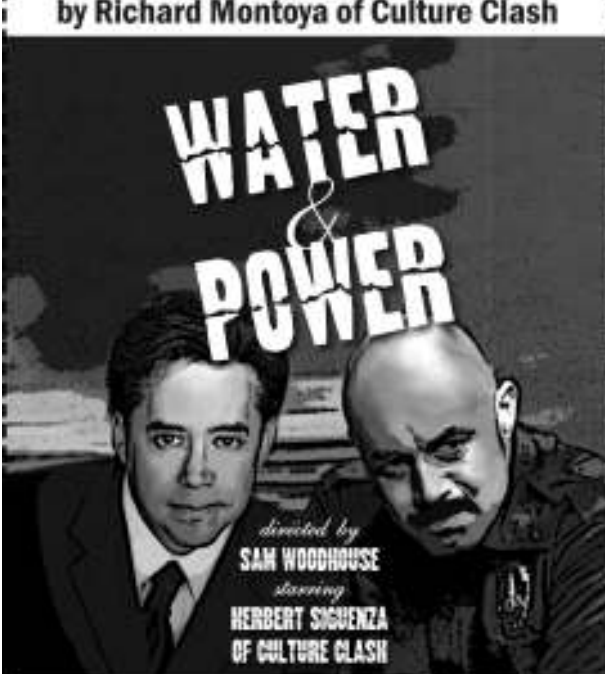
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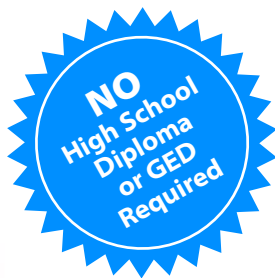
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# Reader Pop Quiz

## This week's questions

1. What brand of diapers are the goats Gomez and Lurch known to wear inside the home of Scott Carhart and Helen Flaster?
2. One brand of cheese puffs "grossed out" Eve Kelly and her friends and was declared "nasty...crap." What brand?
3. What New Mexico rock group, on Barnaby Monk's calendar for October 20, made news last year by banning military recruiters from their shows?
4. David, Barbarella's husband, once created a drinking game that included a bottle of 160-proof rum and videotapes of what show?
5. Lightning hitting a railroad track would send a charge approximately how far down the line, sez Matthew Alice?
6. A "busking" road trip across the USA in Sept. 1999 was the inspiration for what song by Cathryn Beeks?
7. In 1850s Kansas, New England Abolitionists arrived with boxes marked "books," according to Jeff Smith. What did they actually contain?
8. Local music veteran Gregory Page appears on the soundtrack of what new film? (See "Blurt.")
9. What job did Beat Farmer Joey Harris pursue that "sucked just as bad as I sucked at it"?
10. The visual portion of the music video for "Everybody Daylight" by Brightblack Morning Light was taken from what, according to Will Crain?

## Last Week's Answers

1. Eddie Vedder. (p. 82)
2. An electric car. (p. 67)
3. Etorki. (p. 108)
4. "White of egg!" (p. 167)
5. "Non rompere le mie palle." (p. 23)
6. The Guild (theater). (p. 111)
7. Outdoor heaters. (p. 20)
8. Chinese. (p. 32 and p. 38)
9. "Now is I am happiness." (p. 130)
10. The jitterbug. (p. 106)

Last week's winners:

Elena Serros, Armin Moths, Miguel Miranda, Jr., Sue Brunkow, Karli Kent-Hochner

**Rules** Pop Quiz answers must include page numbers from the *Reader* print edition on which the answers are found. First five entrants to deliver correct sets of answers win Reader T-shirts or \$25 (indicate preference). Answers must be submitted by Monday at 7 a.m. after the issue in question. Only one winner per household or email address per month. Multiple entries will be disregarded. Mail answers to: Reader Pop Quiz, SD Reader, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186; or fax to 619-231-0489; or email to [Quiz@sdreader.com](mailto:Quiz@sdreader.com); or deliver to 1703 India Street in Little Italy (we have an after-hours mail slot).

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**Charles Elster (San Diego) \$60**

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**Karelyn Kimokeo (El Cajon) \$30**

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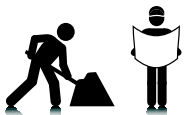
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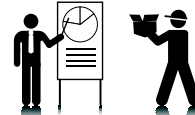
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2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great opportunity for you to give a shout out to your mom, or toot your own horn! Each time you submit a new puzzle, you may submit a new message.  
3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.  
4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy.  
5) Wow! Now we're giving away 15 Reader T-shirts each week to contenders chosen randomly!  
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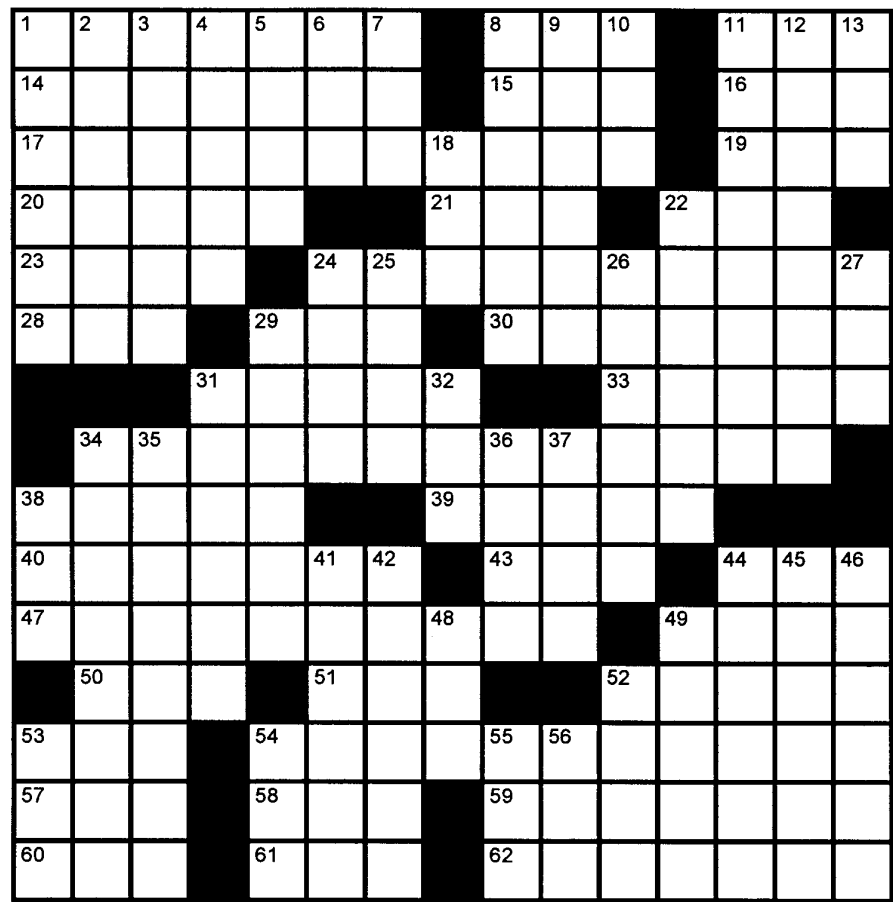
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- Toll rd.
- Hit HBO series set in Baltimore
- Tic-tac-toe win
- "\_\_\_\_\_ you satisfied?"
- Term used to describe medicines that are developed to treat uncommon illnesses
- Family
- Suffix meaning "city"
- Music for a matador's ears
- Director Anderson

- Latin 101 verb
- It lasted in China for about 400 years
- Hamilton's bill
- Charged particle
- "To reiterate ..."
- Helpers: Abbr.
- Spots for goatees
- "Philadelphia" director
- "Gonna Fly Now" composer Bill
- Best Supporting Actor of 1986 and 1999
- 2005 George Clooney film
- U-turn from SSW
- Cabinet inits. since 1947
- Precarious
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Only Just Begun" (Carpenters hit)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enterprise
- PBS program since 1988
- Sasha Obama's sister
- Fire proof?
- Like sections of 17-, 24-, 34- and 47-Across
- Ginger \_\_\_\_\_
- See 18-Down
- Tangy quencher
- Cries of regret
- "I wonder ..."
- "To be great is to be misunderstood" writer

### Down

- Pay a visit to
- Car trim
- Map out anew
- In the least
- Zadora and Lindstrom
- Suffix with east, north, south or west
- White alternative

- "\_\_\_\_\_, woulda, shoulda"
- Doesn't quite par
- Desperate call
- Prepares for firing
- Untouched
- Novelist Kesey
- With 58-Across, Tarzan's portrayer
- Message written on a dirty car
- Ball thrower
- Literary collection: Abbr.
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- QB's gains
- Old Testament prophet
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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

**Lil Wagner, Clairemont, 18.** "Please call me Lil."  
**Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 17.** "Happy birthday Dad! Happy birthday Grandpa! We love you."  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 17.** "My bike got me here."  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 17.** "If only life were as easy as The Reader puzzle."  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 17.** "Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand."  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 17.** "Borrow 700 billion from and entity already 6 trillion in debt? Smart!"  
**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 16.** "What is your major malfunction, Numb Nuts?"  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 16.** "Thanks Carol and Marie for a great birthday!"  
**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 16.**  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 16.** "The light at the end of the tunnel burned out."

**Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 15.** "Makeover - you need to be run over!"  
**Janet Goff, Cardiff, 15.** "Nice puzzle."  
**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 15.** ☛ **Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 15.** "www.paintwithdan.com"  
**Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 15.** "Sometimes it pays to max bet!"  
☛ **Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 15.** "Go to bed girls, it's late!"  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 15.** "Licha family: Thank you for sharing your Sukkah. Shanna...Tovah!"  
☛ **Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 15.** "Go to bed girls, it's late!"  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 15.** "Licha family: Thank you for sharing your Sukkah. Shanna...Tovah!"  
**Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 15.** "Thank you friends and neighbors! You made Oktoberfest 2008 Gemultlich!"  
**Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 14.** "Pepe, Kevin and I say, Go Obama! Peace."  
☛ **Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 14.**  
**Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 14.** "I wish the media really were liberal."  
**Jim Odell, Vista, 14.** "Lopstick on your online pog."

**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 14.** "Nog: 1) A holiday drink. 2) Neighbors of Gus."  
**Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 13.** "Dow Jones meets Davy Jones."  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 13.** "Go Chargers!"  
**Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 13.** "Thanks, Terry for the help (for once)."  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 13.**  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 13.** "I'm back."  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 13.**  
**Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 13.** "Let there be rain, rain, and more rain."  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 13.** "Buy low, sell high."  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 12.** "Happy birthday David."  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 12.**  
**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 12.** "Sarah (Barbie doll) winks shamelessly, just like W used to do!"  
**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 12.** "Witness collaborates testimony but judge rules: irrelevant."  
**Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 12.**  
**Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 12.** "Hi Do!"  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 12.**

**Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 12.** "I love the shirt, can I get another?"  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 12.** "Go Kiera! Go Palomar!"  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 12.**  
**Marie Turock, North Park, 12.**  
**Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 12.**  
**Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 12.** "Anyone remeber Wichitatata? DL Wilk, you rock."  
**Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 11.**  
**Shirley E. Bolden, College Area, 11.** "Obama for prez."  
**Leslie Chase, Campo, 11.** "One more win for the orange glow team."  
**Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 11.** "We're on vacation! It's about time!"  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 11.** "Sorry, I was gone last week. Dega."  
**Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 11.**  
**Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 11.** "I'm voting for that one '08."  
**Barry Newman, Escondido, 11.**  
**Jeff Smith, University City, 11.**  
**Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 11.**  
**Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 10.** "I still listen to AM radio!"

**Jim Koziol, UTC, 10.** "Lukie, do your homework!"  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 10.** "Jest of the West: The Dahlia Loma."  
**Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 10.** "A single letter brought defeat but now I'm double digit sweet!"  
**Tom Somich, Clairemont, 10.** "Get well soon, Mom."  
**Eddie Spaghetio, Coronado, 10.** "143UNIT15! Would have been dandier with you by my side! CIUM21"  
☛ **Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 10.** "P-town 4 life."  
**Sheila Agahan-Price, Ocean-side, 9.** "This one's for Bekah, Adolfo, and Baby Ortiz."  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 9.** "I is for juggling jellybeans!"  
**A. T. Certik, Bonita, 9.**  
**Maria Coda, Oceanside, 9.** "Hi All!"  
**Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 9.** "Sorry Cub fans. See you in another 100 years."  
**Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 9.**  
**Anne Hinton, , 9.**  
**Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 9.** "Religion out of government novus ordo seclorum 1776."  
**Nathan Petty, Santee, 9.**

**Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 9.** "Guess Santee took the week off..."  
**Diane Sengir, Downtown, 9.** "We will miss you Ragna. Welcome Roy!"  
**Shirley Stafford, Carlsbad, 9.**  
**Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 9.**  
**Tom White, University City, 9.** ☛ **Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 9.**  
**Ivan Yanev, Santee, 9.**  
**Bud Anderson, Santee, 8.**  
**Carl Bennett, Escondido, 8.**  
**Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 8.**  
**Neal Brown, Santee, 8.**  
**Margaret Buckner, Santee, 8.**  
**John Bullock, Santee, 8.**  
**Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 8.** "Kisses for all my babies, xxx."  
**Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 8.**  
**Ed Edwards, Santee, 8.**  
**Rand Feura, Santee, 8.** "Chargers make hamburger of patties."  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 8.** "96 days and counting."  
**Gary Kuske, Santee, 8.**  
**Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 8.**  
**Rick Marin, Santee, 8.**  
**Kevin McNearney, Santee, 8.**  
**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 8.** "Somebody check the mail slot on India Street."



THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

**Heber Moore, Santee, 8.**  
**Kevin Moreau, Santee, 8.**  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 8.**  
*"Crisis of confidence."*  
**Eugene Padua, Santee, 8.**  
**Melissa Rubbo, Escondido, 8.**  
*"Just got married! Last name changed. Make sure this one counts!"*  
**Dan Abernathy, Santee, 7.**  
**Jerry S. Anders, Scripps Ranch, 7.** *"From 107 down to 4? What happened Santee?"*  
**Rick Austin, Santee, 7.**  
**Roy Bailey, Santee, 7.**  
**Bruce Bell, South Park, 7.**  
**Derek Besand, Santee, 7.**  
**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 7.** *"OB and TB are meant to be. T is the bestest in OB."*  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 7.**  
*"Hey my mamacita, how about a kiss?"*  
**Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 7.**  
**Dave Capehart, Santee, 7.**  
**Jill Dickens, Santee, 7.**  
**Mike Downey, Santee, 7.**  
**Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 7.**

**Eduardo Emett, Santee, 7.**  
**Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 7.**  
**Emma Friemuth, Santee, 7.**  
**Marie Grace, College Area, 7.**  
*"McMurphy's Pub rocks!"*  
**Mike Gross, Santee, 7.**  
**Ward Harrington, Santee, 7.**  
**Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 7.**  
**Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 7.** *"To do or not to do, that is the clue."*  
**LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 7.**  
**Edward C "Horbett, Jr.", Crown Point, 7.** *"Hiromi rocks Billy."*  
**Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 7.**  
*"Thx."*  
**Eric Jespersion, Santee, 7.**  
**Sara Khwaja, Poway, 7.**  
**Troy Knapp, Santee, 7.**  
**David Kuntze, El Cajon, 7.** *"It might help if we all got along."*  
**Eben Maat, Santee, 7.**  
**Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 7.**  
**Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 7.**  
*"Don't give McCain the football!"*  
**Donald Millsberg, Santee, 7.**  
**Ken Milne, Santee, 7.**

**Claudia Nordquest, Carmel Mtn., 7.** *"Have a heart - vote yes on Prop. 2."*  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 7.** *"7th Eleven."*  
**Bill Pischke, Ramona, 7.** *"A poem begins in delight and ends in orange glow."*  
**Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 7.**  
**Richard Rose, Santee, 7.**  
**John Shultz, Santee, 7.**  
**Nathan Squire, Santee, 7.**  
**Edward J. Swain, Downtown, 7.** *"Facta non verba."*  
**Matt Taylor, Santee, 7.**  
**Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 7.**  
☛ **Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 7.**  
**Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 7.**  
**Sue Worthen, Santee, 7.**  
**Ken A., Ocean Beach, 6.**  
**Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 6.**  
**Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 6.**  
**Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 6.**  
*"Goodbye to a dear friend: Jim, you will be missed."*  
**Billy Horton, Santee, 6.**  
**Phil Nichols, Escondido, 6.** *"See you at Tamarack, Pat."*

**Steve Jenks, Santee, 6.**  
**Kathy Law, La Mesa, 6.** *"I made the first page - yeah me. Love to Bill."*  
**David Papworth, Santee, 6.**  
**Glen Patricio, Mira Mesa, 6.**  
*"Happy 50th anniversary Mom and Pop!"*  
**Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 6.**  
*"Republicans are mean."*  
**A. C. Alvarez, Chula Vista, 5.**  
*"Let them eat cake."*  
**Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 5.**  
*"Impeach Bush and Cheney; put them on trial for murder!"*  
**Chicago Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 5.**  
*"Who is Craven Morehead? I am Craven Morehead!"*  
**Gail Kotner, University Hts, 5.**  
*"Sparkle up your life - adopt a pet."*  
☛ **Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 5.**  
**Jeff Smith, Santee, 5.**  
**Steve and Dawn, North Park, 4.** *"Oh boy! Friends and fame!"*  
**Mike and Karen, North Park, 4.** *"You will believe a cat can fly. acatnamedturtle.com."*  
☛ **Ed Heffernan, La Mesa, 4.**  
**Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 3.** *"Good and evil lay side by side - JH."*  
**Diane Hutchings, Santee, 3.**

**John Prince, Serra Mesa, 3.**  
*"Remember Encino Ave. Park - summer 1967-May 1995. Live green!"*  
**Denis Rees, Alpine, 3.**  
**Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 3.**  
**Ken Smith, San Carlos, 3.** *"My first threesome."*  
**D. Tarantino, Hillcrest, 3.** *"I too have guilt by association with Bill Ayers."*  
**Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 3.** *"It's Grandpa."*  
**Michael Williams, Downtown, 3.** *"Hey Scott. Speedy just asked, Just who is Tony Madrid?"*  
**Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 2.**  
**Marv Brown, Kearny Mesa, 2.**  
**Liadom Dervalen, La Mesa, 2.** *"We are the shizzle!"*  
**Todd Gleed, Del Mar, 2.** *"Witty remark."*  
☛ **Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 2.** *"Wishing I was still with you."*  
**Aleksa Mendive, College Area, 2.**  
**Steve Murawka, San Diego, 2.**  
*"I'm not too worried about it."*  
**Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbad, 2.** *"It's my birthday, where's my T-shirt?"*

☛ **Jennifer Underwood, University Heights, 2.** *"Yay for me! #2! Offensive line - protect Philip!"*  
**Westie, San Diego, 2.**  
☛ **Mairin Bailey, La Jolla, 1.** *"I didn't even cheat! But thanks for the help, Laura!"*  
☛ **Jenna Anna Finnegan, San Diego, 1.** *"Life is good! Waste face go girls!"*  
**Sondra Frisch, Del Mar, 1.** *"Joe - forever!"*  
☛ **Joseph Gold, San Diego, 1.** *"It's Howdy Doody time, dude! Cowabunga!"*  
☛ **Dan Grenier, Escondido, 1.** *"How now, down Dow?"*  
☛ **Kelley Hamon, Ocean Beach, 1.** *"Gil-roy!"*  
**Larry Hartpence, Santee, 1.** *"A doctor might predict pains of the day!"*  
**David Kepler, Oceanside, 1.** *"She dragged me upstairs by my lower lip."*  
**Robert Mackey, San Diego, 1.**  
**E.A. McLean, El Cajon, 1.** *"Brian Wisniewski is in The Reader!"*  
**G.R. Morse, San Diego, 1.** *"Sweet Caroline."*

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Age: 29

Occupation: Firefighter

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Neil Salunga recounts the experience of getting attacked by a shark:

“A year ago, I was surfing at Ocean Beach, in San Francisco. I was paddling out into the lineup, and I felt something graze my board. A few seconds later, I saw the fin. I knew it was a shark, but I didn’t know how big. I thought it swam away, and I continued surfing.

“About an hour later, I got knocked off my board by a wave and pulled under. My leash snapped, and I was disoriented. I saw this dark shadow swimming at me, and I felt teeth hit my shoulder. I knew it was the shark. I tried to surface, but it came at me again....

“I balled up my fist and swung. It didn’t have much power behind it, but I hit the shark near its nose.



I surfaced, and another surfer helped me in. My wetsuit had been bitten through, and I had a few shallow cuts. I’m lucky it wasn’t worse.”

Neil says he has been to “almost every major beach in America” and has never had

any other threatening encounters with ocean life. He’s been surfing since age nine and admits that he is a bit of an adrenaline junkie. At work, Neil fights fires; in his spare time, he hang-glides, explores caves, and surfs.

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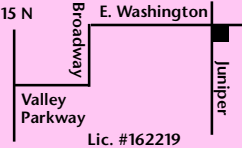
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My nickname was given to me when I played in an adult kick-ball league. Everyone in the league had nicknames. We didn't even know each other's real names. Even if we went out drinking after the games, we'd call each other by the nickname. And that was a bit more awkward for me since my nickname was "Tits." Maybe they gave me that name because I have a great personality.



Myranda McGuire

Sales and Marketing

Pacific Beach

I hated my nickname. It was back in high school, and people started calling me "the Joker." It's because my mouth curls up like Jack Nicholson's did in *Batman*. The worst was when a guy I liked started calling me that. It was so embarrassing. People have joked about my name and "Miranda rights," but no nicknames from that.



Lauren O'Brien

Waitress

Solana Beach

I've had the nickname "L. Boogie" for about eight years now. It's from a Lauryn Hill song, and a few of my friends started calling me that. For a while, my nickname was "Obes," which was an abbreviation. When I was younger, my family called me "Monkfish." My mom said it was because I had puffy cheeks like that fish. But I found out later they were mistaken and had nicknamed me after the wrong fish.



Jack Carver

Carpenter

Ramona

I was called "Jump Rope Jack" in elementary school. I could jump rope really fast, the way boxers do. When I surfed, I was called "Bong Hit." I didn't smoke pot; it was because I always wore board shorts that said Billabong. I've also had nicknames, or pet names, that girlfriends gave me. Some I don't remember. Others are too embarrassing to say.



Alisha Donovan

Teacher

San Diego

I don't even want to think about all the nicknames that students probably give me behind my back. As a kid, I would hear "Barbie" once in a while because of my blond hair. Oh, I ran track. And my coach always had a nickname for each of us. They were often Olympians that had run track and field. I can't remember mine, though. I do remember one girl mentioned the fact that the athlete she was named after wasn't the same race.

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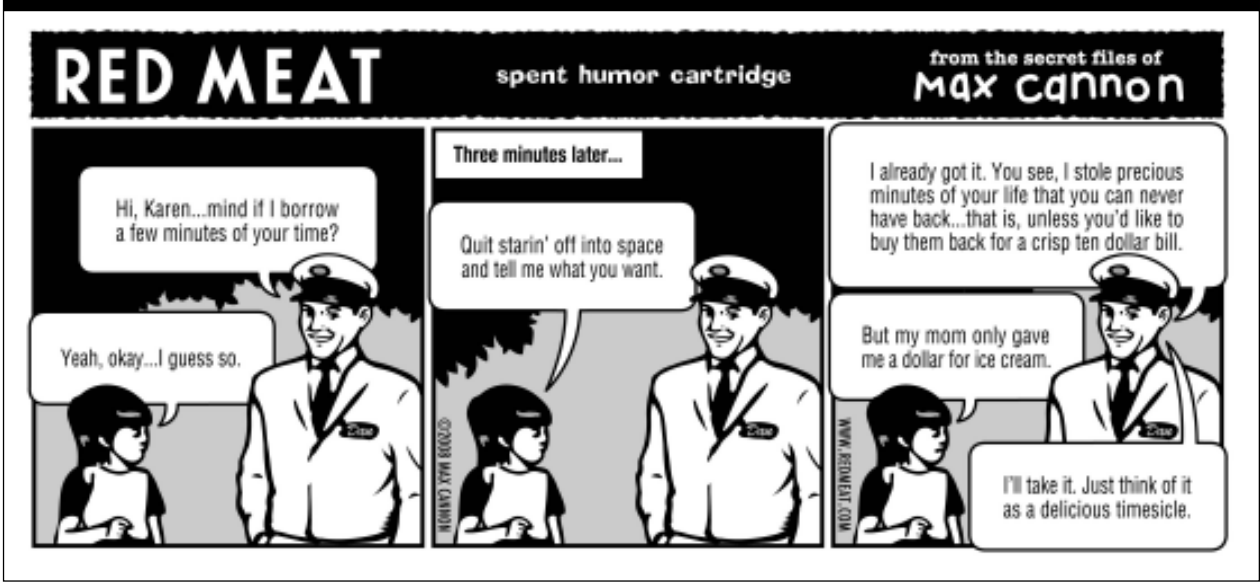
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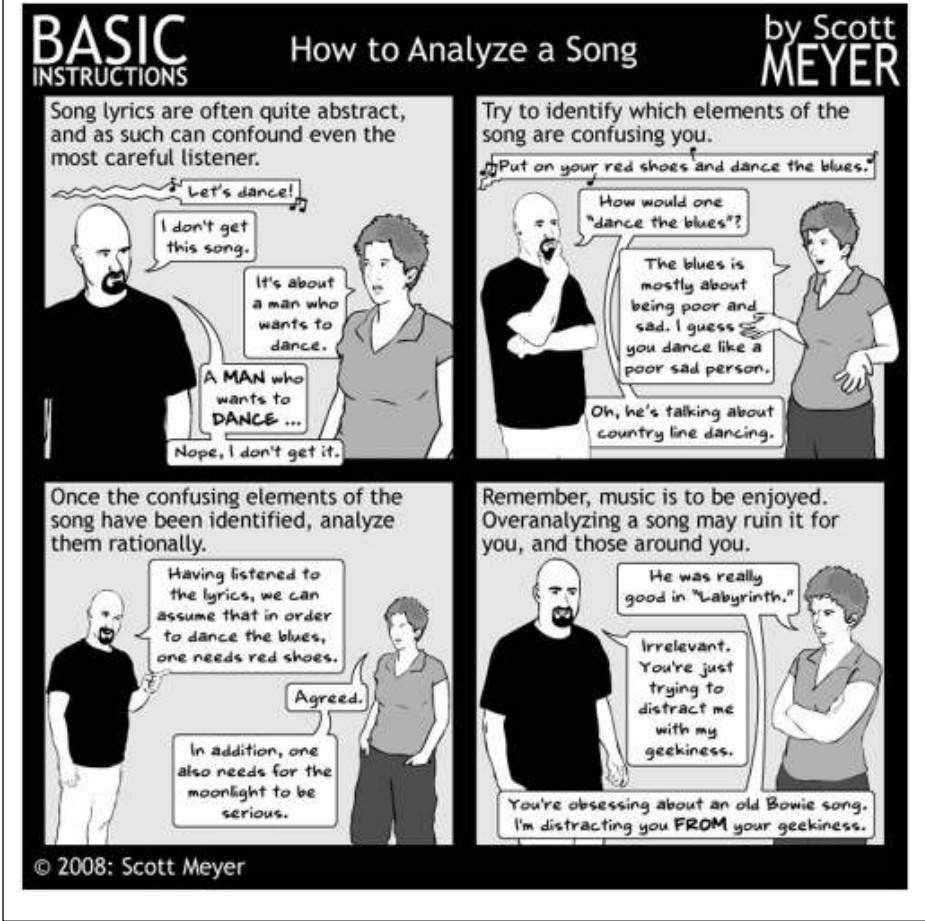
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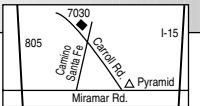
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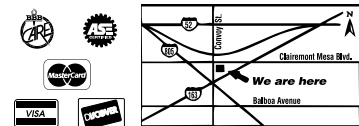
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**LEAD STORY**

— The world’s most extensive array of animal “rights” took effect in Switzerland in September. Dog owners must take, at their own expense, classes in pet care (and anglers must take a class in humane treatment of fish). Animals listed as “social” (including goldfish, hamsters, sheep, goats, yaks) must be kept with or near another of their species. Goldfish must have some “privacy,” e.g., no completely transparent tanks, and can only be killed humanely (never flushed alive). Even mud-loving pigs are entitled to showers. Yet, Swiss animal-rights activists complained that the country still permits trading in cat fur (supposedly a pain-reliever for rheumatism) and that some new protections (for example, for rhinoceroses) are still inadequate.

**Better Sex Lives Than Yours**

— In August, two British couples were given sanctions by local councils because their loud, long sex sessions disturbed neighbors. Steve and Caroline Cartwright were issued a noise-abatement order by the Sunderland City Council (Caro-

line: “I do admit I scream and make lots of noise”), and Kerry Norris was fined by the Brighton and Hove City Council for violating a previous sex-noise order with her boyfriend Adam Hinton (a neighbor said their headboard bangs against the wall until 6 a.m.).  
— Officers responding to a neighbor’s report of domestic violence in a subdivision near Payson, Ariz., in September decided that the “fight” the neighbor heard was the high-pitched mating scream of a male elk. And an August police search near Linz, Germany, was called off after the “bloodcurdling” screams reported as a woman in distress were actually the mating cries of a badger. And officials at the Bristol Zoo in England promised neighbors they would temporarily house gibbons inside during the night because of their loud mating duets.

**Family Values**

— Wealthy advertising executive Robert Schwartz died in 1997 and left a sizable estate, including a special “party trust” for his relatives, but with one condition: they must all celebrate Schwartz’s

birthday every August for at least ten years at a posh party in Naples, Fla., with all expenses paid, and people missing two straight, or two in five years, would forfeit their inheritances. The *Naples Daily News* reported in September that each adult relative would receive up to \$2500 per party attended, and a final party-trust accounting is now in the hands of a judge.  
— David Norris never knew his father, who left home when Norris was 5 months old. Now 22, Norris is serving a minimum-12-year sentence for killing a man after an earlier rape conviction and is housed in Peterhead prison, which is the primary lockup for Scotland’s sex criminals. Soon after arrival, according to a Scottish *Daily Record* report, Norris ran into David Gilles, 39, serving life for the kidnapping and sexual torture of a young woman, and realized that Gilles is his dad.  
— Michelle Cossey pleaded guilty to one count of child endangerment in September in Norristown, Pa., admitting that she had bought her son Dillon, 14, a rifle and gunpowder (which prosecutors say Dillon was planning to use in a Columbine-style attack on former classmates).

Michelle said she had no idea of his plans, but only wanted to help boost Dillon’s “self-esteem” because he is severely overweight and had left school after the seventh-grade because of bullying.

**Bright Ideas**

— Wendy Brown, 33, was charged with identity theft in Green Bay, Wis., in September after she enrolled at Ashwaubenon High School, pretending to be her 15-year-old daughter (who actually lives in Nevada). Though Brown has a “history” of identify-theft issues (according to a school official who spoke with Brown’s mother), her motive in this case was to fulfill a dream of becoming a cheerleader. Brown had been attending practices and made the squad, according to school officials, even though some people had noticed that she looked a little older than the other girls.

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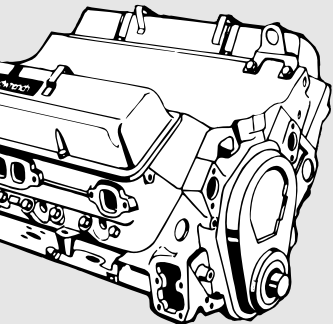
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# BACK WHEN

## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

I would like to reply to the letter “A Moron Lovely As A Tree,” October 5.

First of all, you should pay no attention to such low-grade and unintelligent criticism. I think your headlines are great, one of my favorite things about the *Reader*.

Secondly, we who write in to the Personals are neither morons nor children. If paper is wasted, it's wasted on stupid letters from Charles A. Rogers and people like him.

—LETTERS: **“MORE ON MORON,”** *Suzanne McGlone, Princess Leia of the Reader Personals, October 19, 1978*

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

“We're running out of names familiar to English-speaking people,” bemoans Bob Kausch, the city's current coordinator of street names, who rejected the recently proposed Caminito Nabisco and Caminito Catamaran. “Not being Spanish words, these secondary name designations were inconsistent with *caminito* [little road or highway],” says Kausch. But in Clairemont, Caminito de Oi Vay managed to slip through.

—**“CRAZY NAMES,”** *Sue Garson, October 20, 1983*

### Twenty Years Ago

The commercialization of surfing started out innocently enough. The way ex-world-cham-

pion surfer Mike Doyle recalls it, it began in the summer of 1966, with the Catalina Swimwear promo tour.

Before the mid '60s, Catalina Swimwear had always been the kind of company that specialized in selling golf pants to the “I Like Ike” crowd and popsicle-colored muumuus to their wives. But times were changing, and Catalina was beginning to understand that the future of retailing was in catering to a new generation of teenagers.

—**“THE SPORT OF SURFING IS: 1) EPIC 2) FORMERLY BITCHIN' 3) AN EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY,”** *Steve Sorensen, October 20, 1988*

### Fifteen Years Ago

Coronado millionaire M. Larry Lawrence has been bumped from *Forbes* magazine's latest list of the 400 richest individuals in the United States. This year, the cutoff point was a net worth of \$300 million; according to the magazine, the “slumping San Diego real estate and hotel markets sent [Lawrence's] Hotel del Coronado equity south of this year's minimum.” *San Diego Union-Tribune* publisher Helen Copley is still on the list, with a net worth of \$650 million, up from last year's \$620 million.

—CITY LIGHTS: **“SO THAT'S WHY HE'S NOT AMBASSADOR,”** *Thomas K. Arnold, October 21, 1993*

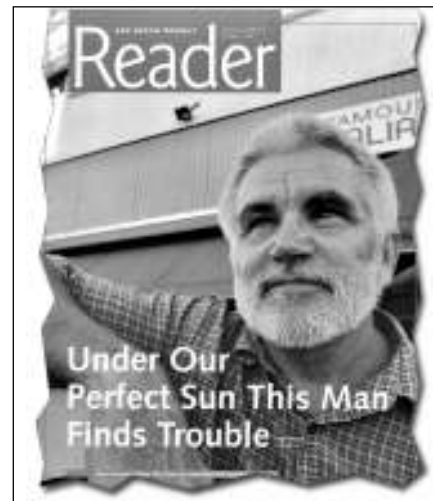
### Ten Years Ago

When the Chargers went to the Super Bowl in 1995, Mayor Susan Golding grabbed a free seat to Miami on the plane of owner Alex Spanos. Later, when a reporter started asking questions, then—city manager Jack McGrory asked Spanos to bill taxpayers for a \$1000 first-class fare. This Monday, Golding returned from the World Series in New York, accompanied by Padres bigwigs on a chartered jet. The mayor's office was mum on how she paid for the junket.

—CITY LIGHTS: **“HITCHING A RIDE,”** *Matt Potter, October 22, 1998*

### Five Years Ago

It's an August midafternoon in El Cajon. It's 100 degrees, and the sane people are in the shade. Not Mike Davis. For an hour, the most famous social historian of Southern California has been walking me through Bostonia, a two-square-mile enclave just north of El Cajon, where he grew up in the '50s and '60s. With hat and sunglasses, I'm burning up; head and eyes uncovered, Davis beads a lone ball of sweat. Having lived in Los Angeles, London, New York, and Hawaii, he has again settled in San Diego. Though he's fidgety about being back, he seems at home in East County, especially since he's been writing



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about the place that made him. The author of *City of Quartz* and other books about L.A.'s past and future woes has, with two local authors, written a new book, *Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See*. It's a history of local sleaze, in “the most corrupt city on the West Coast.”

—**“UNDER OUR PERFECT SUN THIS MAN FINDS TROUBLE,”** *Thomas Larson, October 16, 2003*

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**LA JOLLA.** Moving sale. Saturday, October 18. 9am-1pm. Quality items, no junk. Chairs, lamps, linens, kitchenware, de-

signer purses, gift items. 5622 Linda Rosa (near Forward).

**LA MESA.** Huge garage sale. Collectables, antiques, you name it. 7am-2pm, Saturday/Sunday, 10/18/08, 10/19/08. 5039 Keeny Street, one block East of 73rd/El Cajon Boulevard.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Annual rummage sale. Plaza condos, over 500 units. Household goods, furniture, clothes and more. 1801 Diamond Street. Saturday, October 18, 8AM-NOON.

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First, what you want to do is unplug your refrigerator. That thing runs all day and all night, costing you hard-earned pesos. Keep your moose meat (that you've shot and butchered) in a snow bank behind your house, like Sarah Palin does. With my California public education math skills, I've figured out that this alone can save you...hang on (carry the one...divide the remainder by five...sprinkle with unicorn kisses and voila!). At the end of each month, you'll be entitled to 345,739.87 Turkish Lira, which in today's market will buy a lot of moose marinade.

Next, what you want to do is only cook your food halfway through. I like my chicken a nice medium rare. Pork chops you can rub between your hands really quick and they'll be done. Shellfish need a little more preparation, so those clams and mussels you found in the park have to be placed inside a foil-lined boot and set in the alley for five minutes. Or just run them through your coffee maker.

Hobos love a good bargain! Sell that gas-guzzling SUV and wrangle yourself a sturdy hobo. You might have to pay a little extra for a decent saddle, bridle, and riding crop, but the savings on gas will make up for the original expense within the first 16 and a half lunar months, according to the Mayan calendar. Ride your hobo to Target to pick out Pop-Tarts; he'll smell the savings and you only have to hang on (squeeze tight with your knees). You really don't want to scrimp on Pop-Tarts; you want to pay the full price because those Kmart "toaster pastries" that your mom made you eat are laced with Chinese milk products, kerosene-soaked sawdust, and high-fructose corn syrup. They're kind of like Gobots when all you really want are Transformers. That's not family-healthy!

To really pile on the savings, rent a copy of *Beyond Thunderdome* or wait until it plays on the USA Network. Take notes. Okay. First, you're going to need a pig-fart processing plant. Think of the energy savings! Next, get a dimwitted child with super strength and an ambitious midget.

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**SURVIVOR GABON**

**CBS 8:00 P.M.**

After the coming revolution I'll install

myself in a nice supply job — something to do with rice and Band-Aids. Really, it's our only option. We'll say my exterior is "doughy," wholly unsuitable for any kind of exploration, and most of my interactions with insects end with me shrieking, "EEEEEE! It came really close to my face!"

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**CRUSOE**

**NBC 8:00 P.M.**

On the other side of this economic crash, we'll have to go back to sailing wooden ships, eating monkeys, and you better be handy with a sword. You'll also have to carve your own wooden legs, craft ceramic teeth, and wear those weird sailor shirts with the little cape behind the neck and the thick horizontal red stripes. I'm wearing that outfit right now, and I'm shifting my eyes left to right, scanning this coffee

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#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

MY OWN WORST ENEMY

NBC 9:00 P.M.

Starting now, anyone involved in cliché spy dramas involving secret operatives with split personalities will automatically be volunteered to work in the salt mines. "You get

in that bucket, Christian Slater. I'll lower you down into the hole, and you chip salt off the walls. GET IN THAT BUCKET, CHRISTIAN SLATER!"

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Anyone involved in makeover shows will be dragged into the cobblestone streets and beaten with leftover lengths of rubber hose. See? The second Great Depression won't be all bad.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

TERMINATOR: THE SARAH CONNOR CHRONICLES

FOX 8:00 P.M.

With any luck, a nuclear blast will irradiate the population and give us superpowers. Obviously, the girl in this show who was in *Firefly* and *Serenity* will be given the power to

communicate with undersea creatures through her giant sonar dome forehead. Her and Christina Ricci will be forever locked in a battle for supremacy somewhere along the Mariana's Trench.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

DANCING WITH THE STARS

ABC 9:00 P.M.

As future governor of the Free Republic of United Territories of North Park San Diego, I'll need a maid for my gubernatorial mansion. I call dibs on that rich girl with the huge butt who used to be on this show.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

KNIGHT RIDER

NBC 8:00 P.M.

If '80s television has taught me nothing else, it's that cars can really do anything: fly, talk, boondoggle local sheriff's deputies and their bas-set hounds, be tacitly racist. I'm out-



My Own Worst Enemy

fitting my truck with rockets, wings, and a gin distillery. I'm going to spin donuts on the mayor's lawn while I sip a martini. (Really, this paragraph has nothing to do with the coming economic times; it just sounds like fun.)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

KATH AND KIM

NBC 8:30 P.M.

I'm going to need leather bandoliers, buttless chaps, and a hockey mask if I'm expected to properly pillage the suburbs. All househusbands will be called into duty as dune-buggy drivers, and all chainsaws and baseball bats will be confiscated for my personal collection. ONWARD, MY ARMY OF PASTY, EYEGLASS-WEARING WEIRDOS! EXCELSIOR!

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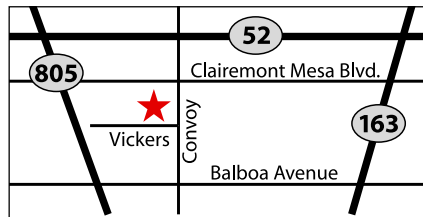
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# T.G.I.F.

If a man turns to cough medicine in these times and you prick him, does he not bleed?

By John Brizzolara

I am, I guess you could say, a bit of a cutup. It's true. I'm known for my wry sense of humor in certain circles, and more than once, believe me, I have left fans or admirers at, say, awards dinners for me, just stricken, helpless with mirth. They often beg me to stop — oh, if I had a dollar for every time that happened! But the darn thing is, lately everything seems all Donny-down-in-the-dumps, if you know what I mean. I'm the last guy to be a Gloomy Gus (as you know if you've read "TGIIIIIIIF!!!" a few times, and who hasn't?); but I've gotta say, people seem to keep dying and getting strokes and things left and right just when the economy is getting rescued, we're beating the Arabs and whoever, and the air is fresher and cooler than ever, thanks to people thinking green and whatnot.

I'm sorry to say, but yeah, it's true: two old friends up and died on me recently, and another good friend for a few years, just as he got a bit of his book published with my humble and magnanimous help, had a stroke right in the middle of Ralphs! I kid you not. He went completely blind, like he was sightless or something, and his kidneys shut down, and he was overcome with a kind of 'itis or infection known, apparently, as endocard—. Does that prefix speak volumes?

Well, there you go. It's as if things are coming up roses and then they're not. Don't write that down, though, because as we all know, the greasy wheel and the silk lining save more than just stitches and teary whining. That you can write down! My mom says you're welcome to it, all you sons of bitches and rat bastards! Whoops, she's leaking again. Talk about incorrigible.

It's times like this that I think about Mom, I guess. The way she passed that February day in the assisted-living facility on Clark Street in Chicago, face down on the floor, some 300 pounds mushed against that Key-lime carpet and just inches away from the phone and that "I've fallen and I can't get up" device that, in the end, recorded only her last two words as she addressed the ages to come, "Rotten fuckers."

Getting back to this dying and illness thing that's going around, this strikes me as defeatist stuff in the worst possible way — or worse, even. I take note of these things for the book I've been compiling since my 20s, called *Why Dwell on It?* But, in keeping with my own advice, I am proud to say I have as yet recorded nothing.

Can I ask, really? Why all the negativity? Isn't athlete's foot, psoriasis, herpes (or it could be just a flare-up of testicular pimples again) enough? Are we gluttons for punishment? I don't think so, and I don't think you do either. We're going to have a woman president pretty soon, and as we all know, women are far more like human beings than other people, and she seems really nice. Come on, doesn't she?

Now maybe this sounds Pollyanna-ish. Fine. I'd rather be considered a glass-half-full-to-the-brim type of guy than die a smartass. So sue me. At least I'm not like that guy who recently wrote in about my stricken friend's book calling me an idiot because we got the First World War dates wrong when, with a little thought, it is clear that we — I'm sorry — had almost nothing to do with when they started or finished that stuff.

Can we buck up, for cripe's sake? I mean, really, when it's the ninth down and 100 yards to go at the top of the third and the down is on the flag with no men on and the team is counting on you to bring them home. (Yes, that's right, just like the hostages — and what day is this of the crisis and/or do you hear me mewling about it? I think not. Thank you.) Can we not infer then a greater good if for only one child, and I think you know who I mean...hmm? And, if

a man turns to cough medicine in these times and you prick him, does he not bleed and yet say nothing of possibly, say, hemorrhoidal discomfort? I'll say.

Which reminds me. I seem to have a lot of friends in 12-step recovery groups for mostly alcohol and drugs who have remained abstinent for years yet cannot shake the same damned cold that seems to have been going around the rooms for decades and for which only Nyquil seems effective in constant doses.

Can we not also find suitable alternatives for dependency on foreign substances? Not to be political, but may we not take a page from Senator McCain's book when he suggests, "Stay the course" or "This will not stand," and so much like my own mother, I find it uncanny, pointing not the finger at either rotten bastards or sons of bitches but at "evildoers," can we ask, as we burst into the light of a new day, what our country cannot do for one but WE? I think that is little enough in my unimportant but gracious opinion.



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