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#### Are the surgeons Refractive Surgery Specialists?

The independent surgeons affiliated with some centers may or may not be Refractive Surgery Specialists.

#### How long have they been established in San Diego?

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#### Is your surgeon always available before and after your surgery?

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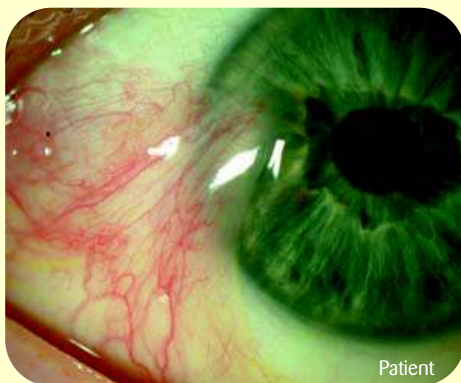
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## BREAKING NEWS

**Trash talking** Allied Waste Services, the national waste hauler that operates the City of



Todd Gloria

San Diego's Sycamore Land-fill off State Route 52 at Mast Boulevard near Santee, is ramping up its campaign to expand the facility. Neighbors oppose plans favored by Allied to grow the already supersized dump into the county's biggest land-fill, with Santee officials leading the charge. They complain that more than doubling the trash capacity from 71 million cubic yards to 157 million cubic yards would have unacceptable impacts on the community.

On July 30, Allied filed a lobbyist registration statement with the San Diego city clerk's office; it lists a team of three employees, led by **Johnnie Perkins**, the company's director of municipal sales and marketing. According to the disclosure, during the second quarter of this year Perkins and his cohorts contacted councilwoman **Toni Atkins** as well as two employees of the City's Development Services Department and two others from Environmental Services. During the same period, the Allied lobbyists gave a total of \$620 in campaign contributions to **Todd Gloria**, an aide to Democratic congresswoman **Susan Davis**, who is seeking to replace Atkins in the Third District. Allied's **Bud Chase** gave \$100 to **Jerry Sanders**. Campaign-contribution reports show that from December 2007 through June of this year, various Allied employees have chipped in a total of \$1000 to council candidate **Carl DeMaio**, who was elected to the council's Fifth District in the primary; \$420 to Seventh District candidate **April Boling**; and \$620 to Boling's opponent **Marti Emerald**. This fall, four company workers gave a total of \$965 more to Boling.

**Love and money** **Rana Sampson**, an ex-cop, law-enforcement consultant, and wife



Rana Sampson

of San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**, has given \$1000 to the campaign against Proposition 8, the measure to outlaw gay marriage in California. Last year, the mayor endorsed the gay-marriage cause during a tearful news conference in which he discussed the sexual orientation

of his gay daughter **Lisa** by first wife **Kerrill**, whose divorce from the former chief of police was sealed from prying eyes. Among other prominent San Diegans giving to the anti-8 effort last week: **Peter Janopaul**, former port commissioner and developer embroiled in the El Cortez condo controversy, who contributed \$1000, and **Grace Cherashore**, of the Evans hotel family, who kicked in \$500. Builder **Yehudi Gaffen** of Gafcon gave \$250. Cell-phone giant Qualcomm, Inc., came up with \$5000 for the anti-Prop 8 side and **Torrey Modic**, executive assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral, gave \$1000. On the other end of the issue was Salvatore Cordileone, Roman Catholic auxiliary bishop, who gave \$2000 in support of Prop 8.... Chargers owner

**Alex Spanos** has dropped his efforts to mount a referendum campaign against his hometown of Stockton over its settlement with state attorney general **Jerry Brown**. Spanos was upset that the Stockton City Council had consented to implementing so-called green building standards and other environmental concessions in exchange for Brown's agreeing to back off a lawsuit he'd threatened to file. The football mogul—who wants to build thousands of new houses and commercial buildings in the Stockton suburbs—set up a committee called the Alliance for Responsible Planning, which announced it had gathered 25,000 signatures against what the Spanos family said was the city's "secret deal" with Brown. The referendum effort was ended after the Stockton City Council sent a letter saying compliance with the terms of the Brown settlement would be "flexible."

**Up from Sudan** Speculation abounds about whether or not **John Moores** will have



John Moores

to unload at least a part of his San Diego Padres baseball team in order to come up with enough scratch for a multi-million-dollar divorce settlement. Meanwhile, his soon-to-be-ex-wife **Becky** has gone on a real estate buying binge in a downscale part of East San Diego. On August 26, county records show, Mrs. Moores snapped up four small condos in the Santa Fe Terrace complex near the corner of Fairmount and Home Avenues. The average cost of each was about \$150,000, nothing to compete with the sprawling Moores estate in Rancho Santa Fe where the couple used to cohabit. Among other interests of Mrs. Moores is helping African immigrants adjust to life in America. According to a May 2007 filing with the Internal Revenue Service, the Moores Foundation for New Americans was set up two years ago with the objective of educating Sudanese refugees. Through the middle of 2006, Moores had given it \$100,000; her daughter **Jennifer** contributed \$50,000....La Jolla's **Blue Brothers** have lost the final round in their years-long battle with the citizenry of Telluride, Colorado, where the brothers wanted to build a residential and shopping complex on 570 acres of the pristine valley floor. **Linden** and **Neal Blue**'s San Miguel Valley Corporation lost its legal battle against the town's condemnation suit in June; they were paid \$50 million for the property. But the brothers wanted the taxpayers to ante up an additional \$527,000 in legal fees incurred during the brothers' failed appeal. Earlier this month, an appeals court turned them down.



Linden Blue

— Matt Potter

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## Weak Times Here

By Don Bauder

**S**an Diego's fourth-largest industry, tourism, looks as though it will take a hit in the current (fourth) quarter, and

the pain will persist well into next year. This will hurt the ailing economy because the industry represents 11.4 percent of the county's economic output and employs one out of nine workers. Tourism jobs

ifornia Employment Development Department. But September tourism jobs were down 1.8 percent from July.

The local visitor industry mainly attracts consumers, called leisure travelers, "and

recession. The three San Diego industries that are larger than tourism — manufacturing, military/defense, and tech research/services — are not as consumer-oriented.

In San Diego, both leisure and business travel are suddenly being hit. Cutbacks "are coming from all segments: leisure, corporate, commercial, conventions," says Jack Giacomini, whose company operates the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Hanalei, in Mission Valley) and the Hawthorn Suites (also in Mission Val-



Crowne Plaza in Mission Valley

expanded for a long stretch; in September, they were up 1.3 percent from the previous year, according to the Cal-

consumers are cutting back across the board, and that doesn't speak well for tourism," says Kelly Cunningham, economist for the San Diego Institute for Policy Research. San Diegans always used to brag that most visitors were consumers — unlike San Francisco, which depends so heavily on volatile business travel. That was supposed to give San Diego stability. But this is shaping up as a consumer

ley). "The only segment that is not off too much is government. That seems to be holding up pretty well." (However, state and local governments are in deep trouble, particularly in California, so that strength might not last.)

For the first 28 days of September, including Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend, San Diego hotel occupancy was down 6.4 per-

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## Neal Obermeyer





## Where Are We?

By Matt Potter

**A** week ago Saturday, as President George W. Bush and other federal officials hastened to bail out the U.S. economy, Democratic San Diego city attorney Mike Aguirre, facing his own uphill battle against his better-financed GOP opponent Jan Goldsmith, sat down to lend perspective to the sell-off on Wall Street and to how it might affect traditionally Republican San Diego. He also reflected on some radi-



Diann Shipione



Donna Frye



Jerry Sanders

cal moves—including putting the City's pension fund into bankruptcy—that he insists the City will eventually have to make in the face of the predicted long-term financial squeeze besetting the world.

*In terms of the global financial meltdown, what do you think about the future of property and sales taxes here? Is that going to be a problem?*

Well, I think it's a problem because we've allowed

ing property taxes and the shrinking sales taxes and the shrinking hotel taxes and the increasing liabilities of the pension plan and the backlog of infrastructure, we have a combination of the worst factors, which, you know, many people have been concerned about, been warning about—such as myself and Diann Shipione and Pat Shea. And now the City finds itself in that situation, and they've

contributions to levels that are proportional to the ratio of assets to liabilities *now*. 'Cause what's happening, as with all Ponzi schemes—and there's no question the pension plan is a Ponzi scheme, because of the 50,000 years of credit that were created with no funding—you're moving new money in to pay for the old liabilities, and pushing off the amortization into future years, and then reamortizing every

stuck their head in the sand. No one wants to get the information out. Even people that are with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and Lehman Brothers and Bear Stearns, they recognized the crisis that they were in—because they'd gone long on debt—and they took action.

Here in San Diego, we're doing nothing. We're just letting the situation get further and further out of hand. That's one of the reasons that I've asked that a full accounting be made, right now, of exactly where we are with the pension deficits and then the plan be adopted to reduce the distri-

year the losses.

We need to really look at whether we have to put the pension plan into reorganization. That needs to be done now, while there's still good assets there. The pension is paying out about \$400 million a year now. And that is a cash drain that has been paid for with money that should have gone to streets and roads and bridges and securing water supplies, having to be able to put out fires, and things of that sort. All the things that the government does to empower people have been curtailed, all the things the government does to protect people have been curtailed, except when it comes to the pension plan. And there we've built a Taj Mahal of pension benefits.

*Since the market meltdown, does anybody have an idea what the pension fund is worth now?*

Well, we know that *supposedly* as of September 30, it was \$4.3 billion, which would be about a \$700 million loss from the year before, if not more. And now, you know, since there's been such a substantial drop since September the 30th, it's probably *under* \$4 billion. The liabilities are more than \$7 billion. They were \$7 billion last year, and the liabilities have been increasing every single year. That's called the present value of future benefits. We know there's a substantial gap, 'cause it started off as a \$1.2 billion deficit.

The thing that I asked the mayor to do and Jay Goldstone to do last week, which they're resisting doing, is to actually report where we are as of today. And then to make reasonable forecasts of where we're going to be next year. And then, you know, it's clear that our annual required contribution is going to have to be closer to \$300 million, and if that's the case—this year it was \$160 million—there's literally no fiscal way to keep the City moving forward with essential services. So that means that we're going to have to get the debt down. And that makes it even more important to get rid of the billion-dollar illegal pension benefits, the 50,000 years we're giving away.

But beyond that, it may



Mike Aguirre

very well mean that the pension plan has to go to reorganization. It's a trust, and it may have to go into reorganization. There may be a requirement that only so many cents on the dollar actually will be paid out. Because what you don't want is, you don't want hundreds of millions of dollars being drained from the pension, assuming there's 100 cents on the dollar. And so you're draining out the assets on one hand, and then on the other end, the assets that you have in the stock market are plummeting, and that puts us in a situation where the pension plan could be broke.

What normally is done under those circumstances, and what was done with all the various reorganizations with Freddie Mac and the rest of it, is that there's some kind of percentage reduction. With the reworking of the loans with IndyMac that

FDIC has done, and with the other subprime loans with Countrywide, what they've announced is that they're going to rework the loans at lower levels, lower values more commensurate with what actually is affordable. That principle is what keeps—and will keep—vast numbers of the loans viable. Same is true with the pension plan. There has to be a reworking of the liabilities. You simply cannot keep paying out \$10,000 and \$15,000 a month to people assuming that you have 100 cents on the dollar when you know there simply isn't the cash flow over the time horizon that would be needed to sustain that.

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## Weak times here

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cent, according to Smith Travel Research. Other recreational destinations were also down: Orange County was off 5.7 percent, Los Angeles 6.7, Orlando 9.2, and Oahu 9.5. "These are disturbing numbers," says La Jolla-based hotel-industry guru Jerry Morrison. "I expect occupancies to drop for the rest of 2008 and into 2009. Remember that the lodging industry follows the economy," and the freezing up of the financial system this fall is certain to pitch the national and local economies more deeply into recession, despite plans that would effectively nationalize financial industries worldwide. Businesses need short-term loans to meet payrolls and take care of ordinary expenses; when they can't get those loans, these

businesses have to cut back. Consumers are already cutting back, and they account for more than 70 percent of the U.S. and San Diego economies.

The San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau has statistics through August, and they show the overall industry up 3.9 percent year to date, but up only 1.1 percent in July. However, the number of total visitors was off 0.4 percent for the year through August, and attendance at attractions was down 0.5 percent.

August tourism was reasonably good, despite the job loss from July to August, but then the U.S. financial system went into the deep freeze. Explains Robert Rauch, local tourism expert, "The first eight months of 2008 were good." But in August, the number of domestic visitors landing at San Diego International Airport was down 3.9 percent,

and international visitors were down 12.8 percent. That was a tip-off of what was coming. "We're aware of the challenges that face airlines," says airport spokesman Steve Shultz. He is not willing to predict what the fourth quarter will bring, although "we are certainly aware of difficult economic times."

Rauch thinks San Diego tourism will be down 6 percent in this year's fourth quarter, "and 2009 is going to be soft. It won't be better than 2008," but there might not be a 6 percent fall for the full year. He owns the Homewood Suites by Hilton San Diego/Del Mar and the Hilton Garden Inn San Diego/Del Mar at Torrey Pines. The former is enjoying 80 percent occupancy, and the latter, open only six months, is at 70 percent. "But we have to be very aggressive in marketing. We are spending more and working harder" to achieve those occupancy rates.

Rauch, who teaches hospitality at San Diego State

University, says that as recently as last year, companies "used to book two to four weeks out. Now it's two to four days out. In the last five weeks, in some cases, there has been a one-day notice on business travel." The reason: "economic uncertainty."

Skip Hull, vice president of CIC Research, specializes in travel statistics. He looks for a 4 to 6 percent drop in overnight visitation for the fourth quarter. "Next year does not look good — maybe a 2 to 4 percent drop on the year," he says.

San Diego normally gets almost 70 percent of its tourists from the so-called drive market. People bring their cars here. In an economic downturn or a period of high gas prices, Californians and Arizonaans cancel longer vacations and drive to San Diego. "We'll get a little more in-state Southern California travel," says Hull. San Diego gets 43 percent of its overnight visitors from California and 13 percent from Arizona, and

both states are in tough recessions, notes Cunningham. "The person coming down from L.A. may be driving down for the day but not staying in hotels. The price of gas has come down, but that factor is being overwhelmed by the economic downturn," says Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego. Gin agrees with the others: "Given the bad economic news we have had, I would expect tourism fallout — people are more gloomy."

One big question is whether or not the hotels and motels will cut prices in this sinking environment. "At some point, the pricing would have to be affected," says Hull. "Restaurants have already seen a drop in demand," and some have dropped prices.

Rate-cutting "is what always happens," says Morrison. "Today there are young, inexperienced managers who haven't seen an economic downturn before. Nobody remembers the crises of the 1980s and the early 1990s. So

the first thing they do is drop rates."

"At my hotels, that is a last resort," says Giacomini, "but if the competition starts to cut prices drastically, then we have no recourse but to follow suit. I think we will see spot discounting. It won't be across the board. Hotel operators will have unique valleys and will try to fill rooms with discounted room rates. It will be a bit of a poker match [among hotel operators]."

"Most of us will have rate integrity," says Rauch, "but there will be some price-cutting. I am expecting flat rates for the next three years." In days of yore, hoteliers figured that if occupancy dropped below 65 percent, the facility went into the red. Now that cutoff is between 55 and 60 percent, says Rauch, because owners have found ways to economize.

With lower attendance will come rate-cutting, and that will be followed by cost-cutting, and that will result in jobs being slashed. ■

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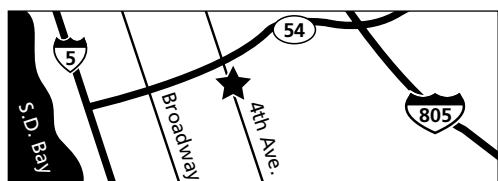
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Encinitas short-term vacation rentals under three units already must pay a \$150-per-year permitting fee, while hotels and motels

aren't subject to this charge.

Importantly, we have too much sand now and are out of balance. The finger reefs are being filled in; the kelp is dying. Surfing conditions are being adversely affected. The California Coastal Coalition is financed by Encinitas and other cities and government entities, as well as private property owners. The sand is used to armor the bluffs to protect private property owners who aren't allowed seawalls, except in emergency circumstances, according to the Coastal Commission.

The ultimate goal, as expressed by Steve Aceti, head lobbyist of the Coastal Coalition, not to be confused with the California Coastal Commission, is to have artificial reefs. That would further destroy the surf!

Vote no on K, please!

Lynn Braun Marr  
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### Write On

Re "Off Broadway" (Feature Story, October 9). Someone let Bryan Varela bum another smoke and let him keep writing! Loved it!

Dennis Horton  
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Re “Un-American Check-points” (Letters, October 16).

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than five minutes. But by acting as though you had something to hide, you only created more suspicion. Who the heck cares if you’re a paid-up member of the ACLU or AAA? What the hell does that have to do with it? It doesn’t matter if you quote the Fourth Amendment or Hundredth Amendment. After the tragedy of 9/11, the Border Patrol is stepping up to help protect our country, and it’s obvious that on that “sunny Saturday afternoon,” by acting on “prin-

ciple,” you stupidly created your own nightmare. Consequently, I am pleased to hear that the Border Patrol, who obviously deemed your reluctance to open your trunk as suspicious behavior, acted appropriately and wisely.

To ensure the safety of America and Americans alike, each and every airport security team pulls people aside for further investigation and yes, even *with U.S. passports*. Sometimes it is because they have aroused suspicion and other times randomly. I say, good for them, and good for any government or other ser-

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

*Heymatt:*

*If I replaced the fluorescent bulbs five feet above my head at work with bulbs from a tanning bed, would I give myself a nice year-round tan or a bad case of cancer?*

— Some guero, Poway

Well, as one guero to another, here's how it shakes out. We'll ignore the fact that you couldn't easily swap your fluorescents for tanning bulbs. Although they look the same in general, the tanners need a different hookup. But suppose you figure out how to get a couple of tanning bulbs shining down on you eight hours a day. Can you say skull cancer? Unless you regularly work supine on your desk, of course, your dome (and maybe your nose and hands) would be the only parts to benefit from the rays. Considering that the maximum time anyone spends in a tanning bed is about 20 minutes a session, with at most one or two sessions a week, you'd be a slab of burned bacon after eight hours, five days a week, in spite of the fact that the bulbs are five feet away. And you might consider wearing a bathing suit to work, since the temperature around your desk will be in the high 90s.

Tanning bulbs tweak the ratio of UVA and UVB rays as compared to the sun. UVAs penetrate deep into the skin and oxidize the melanin granules in the cells and turn them brown. As they rise to the surface, you look tan. Considered "safer" than UVB rays, tanning bulbs emit about 90 percent UVA, three times the relative amount cranked out by the sun. UVBs work mainly on the skin surface and are generally to blame for sunburns and broken capillaries. Most bulbs emit only 40 percent of the UVB generated by the sun. Ergo, tanning beds are safe and sound, claims the tanning community. You've all been out in the sun too long, say physicians.

Based on considerable research into tanning beds, UVA is now considered as responsible for skin cancer as is UVB. Tanning in general certainly damages the elastic tissue in your body and promotes wrinkling and "aging" skin. It also can damage your eyes and immune system. The general opinion of the medical community is that there is no such thing as a safe tan. But what do doctors know?

So go ahead with this plan if you want a dark brown, wrinkly dome, sweat stains all over your paperwork, and no future with the company, I'd guess. Instead, how about a spray-tan session with the Olly Girls — a little sticky but safe. And entertaining to boot.

*Heymatt:*

*My friend is a big beer nut. My preferred quaff is ice-cold Pepsi. I'm trying to convince Friend to quit drinking since it's not doing him any good. Can you back me up in my fight for sobriety?*

— Stone Cold Max, via email

I'm afraid there's no easy answer to your friend's beer nuttiness. He's got to get sick of it himself and want to stop. But let's look at the situation a different way. When Friend downs a beer and you slug a Pepsi, who's better off? Unfortunately, all the smart money is on your friend. Nutritionally, Pepsi is a desert. Water and a heap o' sugar. Look at the nutrition chart on the back of the can. See all those zeroes? Actually, the sugar content should probably read minus eight or so, not a measly zero. Promotes obesity, tooth decay big time, and fills you up so you don't much want any food, some of which might be healthier than the fizzy stuff. Childhood obesity? Too many sodas.

Beer, on the other hand, is water and grains and hops. Now we're talking. The grains contribute B vitamins and some minerals. The hops donate antioxidants, which help prevent heart disease. And even physicians will say that people who drink a moderate 12 ounces of beer a day are more protected from heart attacks and strokes than their teetotaling friends.

I gather that Beer Nut is just warming up, getting his molars wet with a mere 12 ounces. The only thing we learn from this is that when he finally wraps his car around a eucalyptus along the freeway, he'll be nutritionally more sound than you.

*Hey, Matt:*

*I'm stumped! I've done my research but came up with no intelligent or believable answers.... I'm sure just about everyone has seen or heard the term "420," but where did the reference originate? [People] try to disguise it into various paraphernalia, tattoos, etc. It takes a semi-trained eye to spot it sometimes, but I've even found it in unexpected places, like the beadwork hanging from Grandma's rearview mirror. Who would have ever guessed!*

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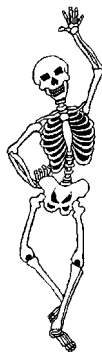
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- 2. Some 70,200 cubic feet per second of water gushed through Mission Valley in what month of what year?
- 3. Weeks before dying of liver cancer in 2003, local Goth deejay Marc Brueland made a "holy pilgrimage" to see his favorite rock group's U.S. debut. Who was it, and where did they play?

See all 10 quiz questions on page 150

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What Goes There? Part One

I ask, "How do you track and what do you track?"

"You track by sign. The easiest sign is a print, whether it's a bird on the ground or a coyote or bobcat. A lot of track training is spent teaching people how to tell the difference between a house cat and a bobcat or a dog and a coyote track, because they're similar."

I've got Mike Kelly, 64, on the phone. He's volunteer coordinator and conservation chair at Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Reserve, located on Black Mountain Road.

"Another way you track is by a 'browse,' looking at what's being eaten along an animal path, see whether a deer or a rabbit chewed it. They eat differently. One chops so you get a clean break in the plant stem, and the other bites and pulls, so you tend to get some shredding.

"You can also tell by scat," Kelly says. "Quite a bit of attention is paid to scat. Each animal has a different size and shape. You can tell, pretty readily, a coyote from a bobcat from a fox. Sometimes it can be tough to tell a large bobcat from a small mountain lion; they're similar, but that's part of the training."

Kelly has been volunteering at Friends since 1985. The outfit does Peñasquitos Canyon dogood stuff: they lead interpretive walks, replant native plants, provide owl boxes, restore trails, and more. But, what got my attention is tracking. They've had a tracking team since 1993. The club offers tracking classes from beginner to intermediate to advanced to "Tracking Intensive." Free or dirt cheap. I ask if a tracker can tell how many deer range in one area.

"Not by track and sign," Kelly says. "We just finished helping out a San Diego State study to see how many different deer there were in a particular area and what wildlife corridors they were using. They used DNA analysis of scat. They've gotten good enough now that not only can you say it's a deer versus a mountain goat, but you can say it's deer #141 versus deer #125."

Just a little bit creepy. "How would a civilian learn to track?"

Kelly says, "Well, this morning there is a training going on. It's open to the public. It's free. People come for five or six hours on a Saturday, get an introduction, some classroom time, some

dirt time, and then they pair up with an experienced tracker on a survey. They go into the field using a standardized form and protocols."

"Okay, I take the class, now I'm on a survey. What can I expect?"

"You would be going to a particular transect [a specific path trackers walk]. It might be a half mile long, it might be a mile. If it's in Peñasquitos Canyon it could be one of the truck trails. Wildlife, like you and I, often take the easiest trail. We pair an experienced tracker with new people. It's pretty slow. There are certain protocols. For instance, you don't record every step the deer takes. You might have to discuss it — whether it's a coyote versus a dog, for instance. That can take some time to tease out the difference."

I say, "I'm walking along the trail for a mile. How many deer signs could I expect to find?"

"Each time is different. These roads are also used by people. You have to get there before the early bikers and joggers. You might follow the same deer for a quarter mile, but you record it just once. Or, it might be one deer crossing the trail. Eight feet of trail and it's off into the bushes and then you go another 100 yards and there's another trail. You would record that. You don't know if it's the same deer or not, but you record it.

"You're not getting a count; you're getting the presence or absence of certain species. For instance, we don't find weasel tracks very much — they're fairly rare, especially in coastal areas. We may only find one set of tracks in a year. Mountain lions are the same way. They're so small in number and they have such a big territory — maybe 100 square miles — you may go two or three years without finding tracks or sign of a mountain lion.

"Whereas you're going to find a lot of deer track, a lot of skunk track, a lot of raccoon track. Possum tracks are very common. Mice and rats, of course. We don't record all of them. Bobcat, they're fairly common. Coyote are even more common. Mule deer. Badger. I don't think anybody has found track or sign of badger for at least ten or twelve years."

More next week. Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Reserve can be found at penasquitos.org or call Mike Kelly at 858-342-8856.

The Vegas Line

NFL – Week 8 (Home Team in CAPS)

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<u>Sunday</u>			
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San Diego	3	46	NEW ORLEANS
N.Y. JETS	12 ½	38	Kansas City
Buffalo	1 ½	42	MIAMI
DALLAS	3 ½	NL	Tampa Bay
PHILADELPHIA	8 ½	45 ½	Atlanta
NEW ENGLAND	7	43 ½	St. Louis
CAROLINA	4 ½	43 ½	Arizona
Washington	8	43 ½	DETROIT
JACKSONVILLE	7	41	Cleveland
PITTSBURGH	2 ½	43	N.Y. Giants
SAN FRANCISCO	4 ½	42 ½	Seattle
HOUSTON	10	44	Cincinnati
<u>Monday</u>			
TENNESSEE	4	42	Indianapolis

Bye week: Chicago, Denver, Green Bay, Minnesota



## Lincoln at Cathedral Catholic

Posted October 18, 2008, 7:43 p.m.

When Lincoln took on Cathedral Catholic Friday night, the halftime score resembled that of a high school basketball game.



Pirates wide receiver  
Demario Coleman

"They were up 18-14 and then we got some stops and got a couple touchdowns. I don't even know what the halftime score was. I think we were up by a few," said Cathedral Catholic head coach Sean Doyle.

The halftime score was 42-24. That lead was enough for Cathedral Catholic to cruise in the second half to a 58-32 win and remain unbeaten.

"It was brutal," Dons running back Tyler Gaffney said. "I felt like it was the end of the game — I looked up and it was only the first half.

With the win in their Eastern League opener, Cathedral Catholic improves to 6-0 this season. Were it not for Oceanside, the Dons would be the best team in the county; some even think they are right now.

## Oceanside at Westview

Posted October 18, 2008, 2:15 a.m.

Oceanside has big-game experience; Westview doesn't. That fact showed as the Pirates blew out the Wolverines 49-7 on their home field Friday night.



Westview's band performs before  
game against Oceanside

Oceanside's offense needed only three minutes to drive 80 yards for the game's opening score, a Jake Fely one-yard touchdown run. The Pirates added a pair of touchdowns before the first quarter was up, and had a commanding 35-0 lead at the half.

While Oceanside's offense continued to roll on Friday, Westview's West Coast attack was slowed down considerably by the Pirates defense. Wolverines quarterback Tommy Hansen was intercepted four times and Steven Sousa was held to only four receptions for 27 yards. Westview's only score of the game came late in the fourth quarter.

With the win at Westview, Oceanside has now won 18 straight games dating back to last season. And they are playing their best football of the season right now — which is bad news for Valley League foes.

## Top 10 games Mavericks MUST schedule

By ryanmettee26 | Posted October 18, 2008, 3:32 p.m.

Its been well documented that La Costa Canyon coach Darrin Brown is not afraid to schedule the best teams in the nation. Brown's scheduling philosophy is simple — in order to be the best, you must beat the best — and we're not just talking best in San Diego County.

Brown and the Maverick program want more. La Costa Canyon may have not won a San Diego Section CIF championship yet, but that will probably all change this year. Why stop at a section championship? Why not shoot for a Division 1 state title, and then more? Why not shoot for a national championship? Why not turn La Costa Canyon into a premier national prep powerhouse? There's nothing stopping them.

If this year's Mission Viejo team can be ranked top 50 in the nation (ranked #10 in the West and top 50 as of 10/17), La Costa definitely has the ability to at least match that. Let's remember that La Costa basically dominated Mission Viejo in the first quarter and a half of this year's game between the two teams. The score should have been 21-7 at halftime. I'll take that as a vote of confidence that La Costa Canyon has the talent pool, coaching ability, and and fan support to be a premier national team.

Since Brown became coach in 2000, the Mavericks have challenged traditionally powerful out-of-section teams, including De La Salle, Mission Viejo, Lakewood, Santa Monica, and Dixie... Playing De La Salle at home in 2003 was probably the most exciting football experience in my entire life.

With that said, here are the top 10 teams that I would love to see Coach Brown schedule:

10. Centennial, Corona, CA
9. St. Bonaventure, Ventura, CA
8. Southlake Carroll, TX
7. St. Xavier, Cincinnati, OH
6. North Penn, Landale, PA
5. Mater Dei, Santa Ana, CA
4. Katy, TX
3. Long Beach Poly, Long Beach, CA
2. Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, NJ
1. De La Salle, Concord, CA

## Vaqueros and Foothillers kick off league play

By highschoolmvp | Posted October 16, 2008, 2:38 p.m.

An intriguing match up between the El Capitan Vaqueros and Grossmont Foothillers will kick off Friday night in a traditional East County backyard brawl. This might be a surprise to some, but Grossmont has the edge over the last seven years going 5-1-1 against El Capitan. That will not be the case this week, as El Capitan, although suffering a loss last week played undefeated Valhalla to the wire, and the game did nothing but raise the confidence of the Vaqueros.

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## SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

“Mystery School” ([westernmysticism.org](http://westernmysticism.org)) ran a full-page ad in the *Reader*: “Stars transform into great explosions of light, scattering particles across the universe. We are all made of stars. Imagine what we can become.”

The line stretched along the sidewalk in front of the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art. The internationally tinged crowd was mostly dressed and pressed, middle-aged and younger — though there were exceptions: an older Indian woman in a sari, a big man with a white pony-tail curling back from his balding head. A youngster in a fedora complained to his companion about Catherine Zeta-Jones: “I can’t stand her accent. It seems fake.” I paid my five dollars and headed inside.

A laminated sign hung on the door: “The Mystery School teachings are being provided solely for the purpose of shining light and wisdom. There is no intention to suggest...membership in any group. Everyone must be responsible for his or her own choices, and we advise each person to approach self-discovery with some caution.”

Bach’s Cello Suites filled the auditorium. The stage was empty, save for an upholstered, chocolate-brown chair, a round table draped in cloth of the same color, and a golden-brown Japanese screen behind. A vase stood on the table, filled with white lilies and callas. When Kundalini came on stage, her clothes matched the upholstery — chocolate-brown tunic and flowing brown pants. Her lipstick offered only a hint of red against her dusky complexion and curtain of dark hair.

We began by meditating. People shifted in their seats, sat up straighter. “Meditate on your heart chakra. Find it by pointing to yourself and saying, ‘me.’ Clear the day.” She took her seat, donned sunglasses, and moved her hands as she meditated — now hands raised, middle finger to thumb; now palms out and sideways; now palms up. A slight smile on her face. A man in the audience mimicked her motions.

Before she meditated, she had picked up her iPod and started the music: intense, loud, pulsing, beat-driven, building and building, full of chants both Eastern and Western. I thought of scenes from supernatural dramas. When the music ended, she placed her hands in her lap, held for a moment, then put her hands together in front of her and bowed to the crowd. The crowd bowed back — a sign of humility and respect. The session was one of several, each varying slightly in focus and music.

“How did that go?” she asked after one session. “I noticed my hands started clenching,” said a woman. “That will stop — hopefully, before you get arthritis,” replied Kundalini. “Don’t get frustrated. This is why nobody attains enlightenment: it’s really fucking hard. The energy wants to dissipate. You’ll feel all kinds of strange things.” One man’s sensation of his eyes floating was “probably an energetic obstruction from, like, ten lifetimes ago.”

At the intermission, there was water and there were cookies. The Mystery School offered books and CDs as well as T-shirts and hats that read “Meditation Rocks!”

Kundalini praised meditation as a way to stop the churning of life — starting with the cessation of thought. Music was an aid, she said,

because it helped us to screen out chatter and vibrations from other people, “so that you’re just dealing with your own mind.” Chant, too, was helpful — “The vibration of the words acts as a purification. Try ‘Om mani padme hum.’ You can use English, but it’s not as vibrationally pure as Sanskrit.” Sitting on the ground helped in the grounding of the root chakra, but it was important that it not be a heavily trafficked piece of ground. “It’s a sacred space; it needs to be vibrationally clean. It’s where you connect with eternity.”

“Meditation is the most beautiful thing there is,” she attested. “I don’t care how in love you’ve ever been. I don’t know why everybody isn’t tearing home at the end of the day to sit on a mat. Waves of light, tears streaming down your face — it’s so beautiful. Everything’s okay, always was, always will be. In love with all eternity, forever. Why wouldn’t you give everything up to have that? Nothing else fills that hole — no matter how rich you are, how much sex

you’ve had with how many hot people. We’ll get you meditating — and if we don’t, there’s always porno videos.” The crowd tittered.

Kundalini advocated detachment — the kind that allowed you to see the world and your own thoughts without becoming overly invested in them and so losing your peace. This was opposed to simple withdrawal — in fact, she all but insisted that practitioners of her brand of meditation eat meat because “it’s the animal food that will ground you in the world, so that you’re not totally

spaced out. You need that if you’re dealing with this kind of energy. It’s really powerful — like rocket fuel up the ass. The pressure on the body is so intense that you may have to do things you don’t want to do. I regard meat as medicinal.”

An attendee said he had begun wondering if there was “something out there” and was looking for a “Hollywood moment.” She told him, “The thing about the world of light is it’s Hollywood all the time. You just can’t see it. You have to attune yourself. The world is so much more magical than everyone thinks it is. Anything’s possible. People get caught up with these gory details, and there’s a rainbow of experience out there.”

Other concerns were earthier. A woman was seeking relief from chronic pain. “It’s karmic. It’s something you’re working out. The part that really hurts is the resistance. If you meditate, maybe you can get to the point where you understand the pain. Make it part of the practice instead of an obstacle. When you work out the karma, it will stop, [though], maybe not in this incarnation.” She also recommended treating the pain with Western medicine.

“Okay,” she concluded at session’s end. “So, um, there it is. So many questions, so little time. So much enlightenment — and you have forever.” As we left, Bob Marley sang: “Don’t worry...’bout a thing/’Cause every little thing...is gonna be all right.”

— Matthew Lickona



LINING UP FOR MYSTERY SCHOOL

### The Mystery School

*“Nothing else fills that hole — no matter how rich you are, how much sex you’ve had with how many hot people.”*

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# Why we need Proposition 4

## **K.'s story**

A Santa Clara 39-year-old impregnated his 13-year-old stepdaughter, forced her to undergo a late-term abortion, then continued to molest her for another seven months until the child's mother discovered the abuse and contacted police.

This real-life case illustrates why Proposition 4 is so desperately needed in California.

Had Proposition 4 been in place, the victim's mother would have learned of the pregnancy and been there for her daughter, sparing the girl months of abuse.

## **Pregnant by abuser**

The child, identified in court records as "K.," told her abuser in August 2002 that she might be pregnant. In September, her suspicion was confirmed by a positive pregnancy test at Planned Parenthood, where the predator had taken her.

## **Taken to clinic**

In December 2002, after K.'s mother commented on K.'s weight gain, the abuser took the girl back to Planned Parenthood for an abortion. Because she was five and a half months pregnant, the clinic referred her to San Francisco General Hospital.

The abortion required a two-day surgical procedure. Each day, without her mother's knowledge, the abuser kept K. out of school to take her to the hospital.

## **Abuse resumed**

After the abortion, the predator resumed sexual activity with K. for five months – until July 9, 2003, when her mother came across documents relating to the abortion.

The next day, K. reported the sexual molestation to police, who arrested the predator.

## **Read the court decision:**

This case came to light when the *L.A. Times* reported the decision by the state supreme court in late August 2008:  
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I've had crud in my sinus cavity for three days," griped my husband Patrick. "When I blow my nose, I'm seeing colors that I normally associate with zombies."

"Well, thanks for sharing," I replied. "Maybe it's because you've been binging on cheese crunchies ever since we did our taste test last week. When it comes to junk food, you wax and wane like the moon — binge and fast, no middle ground. And now your body is letting you know about it."

Patrick cooed up to me. "Help me change my ways, sweetie. Give me the natural high I crave — a little orange sunshine."

In days gone by, when I was less busy, I used to buy oranges and juice them myself whenever Patrick started to come down with a cold. Now I'm ready to just keep a jug in the fridge, even if it is relatively expensive. It's still better than cheese crunchies. I sailed around the city gathering up freshly squeezed candidates, and to help out in our search for the finest orange fix on the market, I called my friend Cherie. "I may be biased going into this," she warned. "I grew up in Arizona, amid citrus groves, so I may be a bit of a snob. Fresh-squeezed orange juice is just what we had every day, and I think Arizona oranges have the best flavor. They don't get as much water as the California oranges, and the flavor is more concentrated. But I'm happy to give my two cents."

We started with the flash-pasteurized OJ from Trader Joe's (\$4.69 for 64 oz.). "This won't do," sighed Patrick. "The taste is flat, and it lacks body at its core. I just don't much like pasteurized juice; it always has a sort of dairy tang at the end."

"I find it a bit thin," added Cherie.

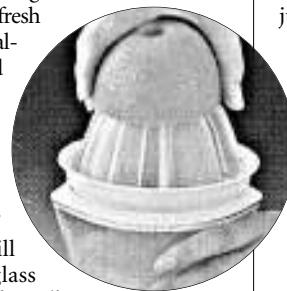
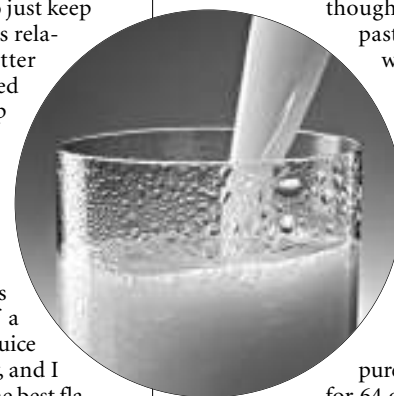
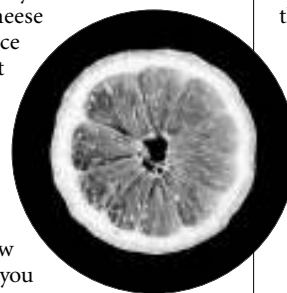
The unpasteurized version from Trader Joe's (\$5.49 for 64 oz.) fared far better. "Much pulpier," I noted, "and I love the way it pops on my tongue."

"This is classic fresh

OJ," said Cherie. "Balanced acidity and sweetness. It's just lovely."

"Much higher acidity than the flash-pasteurized, but still not tart," said Patrick. "I'd kill my mother for a glass of this. Well, my friend's mother."

We decided to placate Patrick by sticking with the unpasteurized offerings. I poured out a cup of OJ squeezed and bought at Jamba Juice a few hours earlier (\$2.95 for 12 oz.). "Oh, this is it," smiled Patrick. "It's like eating a really ripe orange. It's holistic — the most integrated orange experience. The sweetness, acid, and pulp are disparate elements in the Trader Joe's — which was still really good — but here, I get them all intertwined." I let Patrick know that there was no way we could afford \$.25 an ounce for



"Give me the natural high I crave — a little orange sunshine."

OJ but agreed that it was amazing. "I just want to keep it on my tongue and keep tasting it." Cherie, on the other hand, preferred the higher acidity of the Trader Joe's.

Next up was the Evolution unpasteurized organic OJ from O.B. People's Co-Op (\$5.29 for 32 oz.). "This is a juice of extremes," commented Patrick. "It has the most acid — almost like lemon acid — and yet it's so sweet. It's all elbows and ankles."

Cherie agreed. "I like the high acid, but it's too sweet — not balanced."

"I dunno," I countered. "I think if it ran into a cold, it would get into a fistfight and win. It's the fittest OJ, in the Darwinian sense."

Evolution also offered a nonorganic version (\$8.69 for 64 oz. at Whole Foods). Cherie was not impressed. "It's thinner, not nearly as concentrated. Even though it's not marked as

pasteurized, it has that

wan quality that pasteurization gives to food. You know, it tastes less alive."

We agreed. And then we moved on to two more juices that were pasteurized. I told Cherie to keep an open mind.

First up: Odwalla pure squeezed OJ (\$9.99 for 64 oz. at Ralphs). "Ew!"

blurted Cherie. "This tastes like the stuff from the can, the frozen stuff."

"Does 'pure squeezed' even mean the same thing as 'fresh squeezed'?" asked Patrick. "I mean, it'd be fine if it was all you drank, but if you have it after some fresh, unpasteurized juice, it's just a little sad. I grew up on the East Coast drinking Minute Maid from concentrate. This is better than that, and it's even better than not-from-concentrate juice from the carton. I mean, it's recognizably from an orange. You grow up drinking the juice from concentrate, and you never stop to think just how different the flavor is from an actual orange. It's just the way orange juice tastes. Then you come to California, and the scales fall from your eyes. You think you're back in Eden — orange juice can taste like oranges. Imagine!"

That was enough from Patrick.

We opened the Naked Fresh orange juice (\$3.69 for 15.2 oz. at Vons). "This is just a better version of juice from concentrate," frowned Patrick. "I mean, it's on that side of the continuum."

"Well, it doesn't make me say 'ew,'" offered Cherie, "but it's too thin, both in body and flavor. If I didn't know better, I'd say they cut it with water."

Overall best buy — quality and price — was Trader Joe's unpasteurized. Patrick and I gave top flavor marks to the Jamba, while Cherie stuck with Trader Joe's. Everyone agreed that Evolution Organic landed in third.

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by Barbarella

*Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution.*

— Mae West

**T**he rain fell in big droplets on the centuries-old cobblestones in Barcelona's Gothic Quarter. As we searched for shelter, I questioned the wisdom of our decision to ignore all those umbrella-peddlers we'd seen earlier in the day. When the drops turned cold and began to pelt David's unprotected head, we increased our pace, winding our way through the narrow maze between medieval stone buildings until we came upon an open area. At one end of the plaza was a cathedral, complete with beggars at every entrance, old women in

headscarves who count on Catholic guilt to make their living. David and I were not drawn to the church with its cool blue tones, dank appearance, and hushed, reverent echoes, but to the wine bar at the opposite end of the square, from which emanated golden light and a din of joviality.

Since we had come to learn that seats in Spanish bars were few and far between, David and I were

content just to have a warm spot, out of the rain, in which to stand with *copas de vino tintos* in hand. Sipping our Rioja red, we gazed out through the open doors of the cozy, smoke-filled bar onto the gray dreariness of the empty square.

We were in the midst of our silent reverie when an unmistakably American accent referencing "Napa" cut through the Babel of foreign tongues. David's eyes met mine, confirming we'd both heard correctly. We glanced toward the bar, where a brunette in hip glasses was speaking animatedly to a man dressed like the "Don't" page in our Barcelona handbook: T-shirt, shorts, white socks, and sneakers.

"What do you think," I said. "Want to make new friends? It could prove

entertaining, and we don't have much else going on tonight. Then again, other people tend to complicate things." David shrugged his assent. "Are you sure?" I asked. David nodded. Our desire for entertainment clearly outweighed our trepidation. "Okay, then, let's do it," I said, and led the way toward the bar.

I approached the couple and interjected myself into their conversation, "Did I hear you say Napa?" It was that simple. Catching the sound of familiar diction in a foreign city is like discovering a grilled-cheese sandwich on an escargot- and foie-gras-laden menu. Within minutes of chatting, we'd all set down our empty glasses and agreed to go in on a bottle together.

Their names were Theresa and Chris, and they'd gotten hitched in a big-ass ceremony (350 guests) less than a month earlier. They were on a five-week honeymoon, the first three of which they'd spent in Ireland, the last two of which they would spend meandering around Spain before they were scheduled to fly home from Madrid.

Right off the bat, I noticed marked differences between us. As Theresa explained the drama of her wedding (from the impositions of uninvited guests to all the stress and frustration that accompany such an immoderate undertaking), I thought of my relaxed, unceremonious elopement with David, which consisted of 20 minutes at the county courthouse between errands on a Wednesday. As Chris relayed a story with the volume and exuberance of a rabid foot-

ball fan on Super Bowl Sunday, I noticed David nervously looking about, gauging the discomfort of the bar's more reserved patrons.

Several hours and six bottles of wine later, we left the bar in search of food. The rain had let up, so we walked to Chris and Theresa's funky futuristic hotel — where Chris changed into jeans and a button-down shirt — and then grabbed a cab to the opposite end of town. After waiting in line for 20 minutes at a small, laudable place called Cal Pep that David had read about on *Chowhound.com*, we were seated on the four stools at the end of the bar.

The restaurant had no menu — people order by "meat, fish, vegetable, or other." When faced with four blabbering and obviously confused Americans, Xavier, the man behind the bar, quickly decided that someone needed to grab the reins. Without consultation, he scrawled theatrically in illegible handwriting that hinted at a career as a doctor in a previous life. We were relieved, as the waiter's boldness had lifted from our minds the burden of thought. As we transferred our binge from booze to food, David and I continued to get to know, and like, our companions.

After dinner, we agreed to check out Opium, a popular club that Chris and Theresa had heard about from their hotel concierge, who promised to get them on "the list." As soon as we entered the joint, Chris, who in my estimation had already replaced all the blood in his thick 6-foot, 4-

**A brunette in hip glasses was speaking animatedly to a man dressed like the "Don't" page in our Barcelona handbook.**

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inch body with alcohol, ordered two comically expensive mojitos. David asked for a splash of bourbon, straight up. Beginning to feel the onset of our hangovers, Theresa and I were over it — we opted for comically expensive water.

At 2 a.m., I announced that we'd reached the point of diminishing returns; the night had been milked for all it was worth. Theresa agreed, after which a slurping Chris accused us both of being jealous of the other seven women in the bar. "Oh, no he didn't," said Theresa, sounding genuinely peeved.

"He's just kidding," I said. "Like we have any need to be jealous." David, who'd been admiring a pair of stiletto boots, had missed the whole exchange and did not understand why Theresa was stomping away or why I was running after her.

"You're not really leaving, are you?" I said when I caught up with Theresa on a furnished landing between sets of stairs leading from the bar to the exit. "Come on, let's sit here for a minute," I coaxed. "They can't see us, but we can see them, and I bet you in a minute, they'll put down their drinks and come after us, and then we can all leave together." She complied, and the two of us watched and waited. And waited.

Theresa was pissed, yet resigned in the way of a woman accustomed to disappointment but determined not to let it get to her. I was tired and increasingly disturbed.

"Trust me, I know David," I said. "I can read him like a Kindle. He's wondering where the hell I am right now, and it's killing him. But what I don't get is why isn't he coming to look for me? What the freak is with that?"

When the men relocated to a seated area 30 feet from the bar, I found myself repeating Theresa's sentiment: "Oh, no he didn't." I thought I knew my man. I tried working myself into a hissy by tossing up a hypothetical: "What if I'd gone back to where we were at the bar and couldn't find him? What then?" Theresa shook her head, an inherently female gesture meaning, "Men." "That's it," I said, literally putting my foot down as I stood. "I'm going over there."

Despite my mask of indignation, my irritation was unable to penetrate the indestructible barrier of trust that runs deeper than my five senses. Regardless of how things may have seemed, I was absolutely certain of two things: 1, neither David nor I would leave without the other, and 2, we both understood number one as a fact of life. Therefore, I concluded, it must be the case that David had a good reason for sticking by that guy's side. Still, I read him the riot act while Theresa confronted her nascent hubby. Despite my rambling about "courtesy" and "thoughtfulness," I knew David's intentions, whatever they were, would vindicate him in the end.

Even as I was laying into him, the look on David's face was one of immense relief, and its

effect of melting my resolve was complete. Before he had a chance to respond, I noticed Theresa running off again, and I bolted after her. David followed me. I'm not sure what had been said between the newlyweds, but by the time I caught up with Theresa, she was already outside, fast-walking away from the club. When she said she was over it, I inherently knew she meant more than this evening — that for whatever reason, her honeymoon thus far had not been as she'd imagined it

would be.

Without a second thought about Chris, whom we knew would be okay because he had his wallet and spoke Spanish, David and I escorted Theresa back to her hotel. Once we were finally on our own again, winding our way back through the narrow streets to our hotel, David and I shared what had happened while we were apart. I told him about watching him from the landing, and he

explained why he didn't go looking for me. "Chris is really, really drunk; he's doing the kind of stupid things that people often regret. And they're on their honeymoon, so I wanted to help. I was talking about how we are and how he needs to be a lot less 'me' and a lot more 'us.' You know, like you and me." David smiled and held my hand as we continued walking.

"Damn, I knew it," I said. "The whole time I

was sitting up there, appalled that you weren't thinking enough about me, when in fact you were down there talking about me." As we continued along, I couldn't help but muse that to anyone watching, we must have looked like the ones who'd just gotten married. ■

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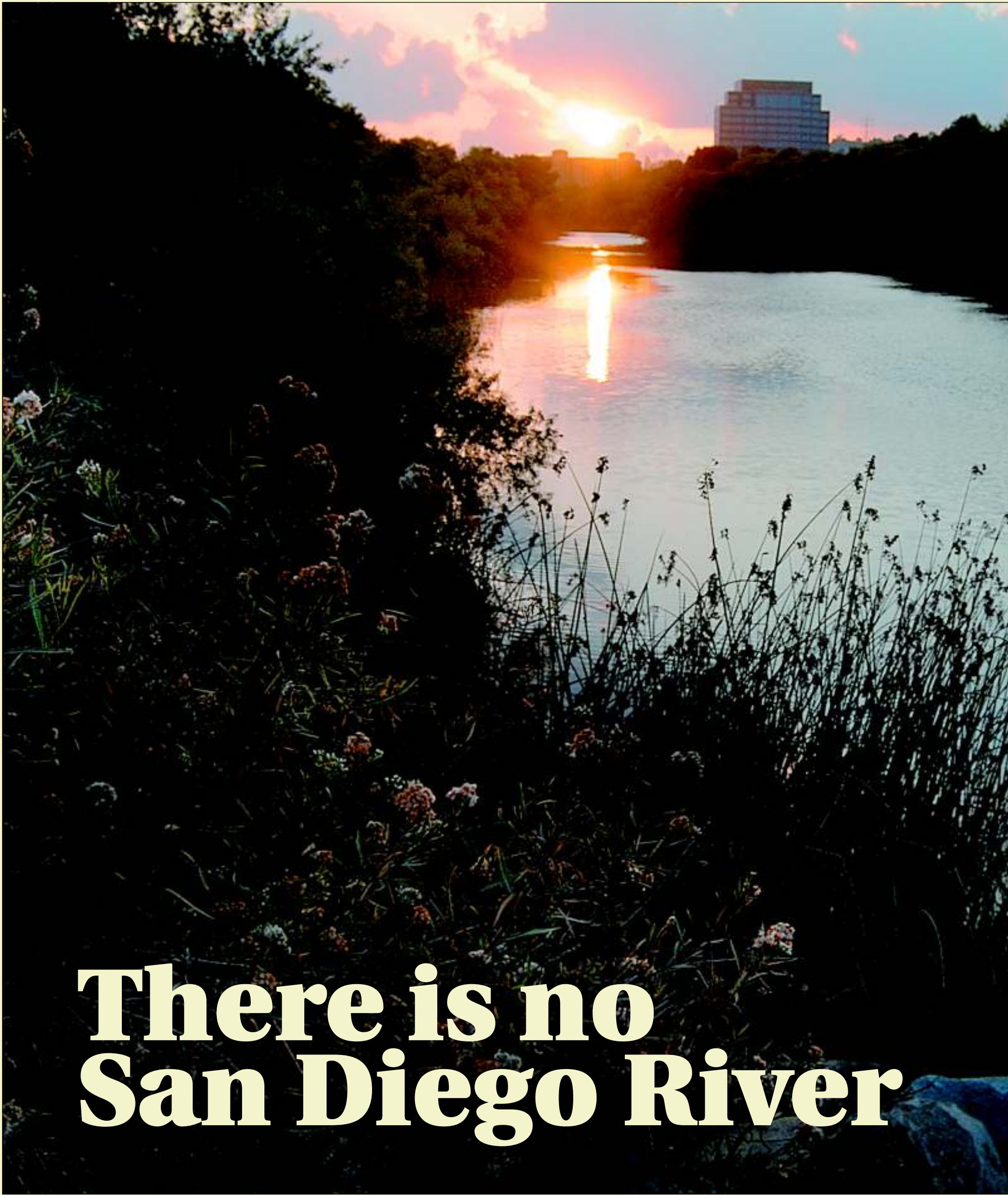


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# There is no San Diego River





*“Rivers  
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**SAN DIEGO RIVER?** “There *is* no San Diego River,” says Pete Cuthbert. “What you’re dangling your toes in is the Colorado River, the Sacramento River, the Feather River — but not the San Diego River.”

“Not the San Diego River...?”

“No. This San Diego river water is basically runoff from the lawns and cisterns and radiators and factories and gas stations of San Diego, via polluted tributaries like Forester Creek in El Cajon. And we get most of that water from Northern California. Without runoff there would be no river, period. Not at this time of year.”

Pete and I are sitting at an idyllic pond above the Old Mission Dam. It’s a June morning. The day is just warming up. Around us the trees and scrub grow wild and messy, pretty much as they did in Kumeyaay times, I’m guessing. Ten yards to our left, a blue heron stands statue-still on a spit of sand, looking for fish movement. Wouldn’t mind tossing in a line myself. This fresh morning, you feel a bit like Huck Finn heading out for an adventure up the river.

And, actually, that's what we're having. We're setting out to see if this 52-mile-long ribbon of life still has life in it. Or if it has been dammed and developed and poisoned to death by us — the three million people who've come here to a

semi-desert and expect water whenever we turn the taps on.

Because, come on: mentality-wise, San Diego is a beach town, right? Not a river town. We're not talking Paris and the Seine (accor-dions, please), London

and the Thames, Baghdad and the Euphrates, Cairo and the Nile. Why worry about this little local "upside-down river," as the Kumeyaay called it in summer when the water disappeared and flowed underground? We have

water from the north. The mighty Colorado is just a couple of hundred miles east. This local river has no spectacular rapids. It's no Moon River, "wider than a mile." It's just something that floods Fashion Valley every winter, a wasteland where you toss your old mattress when nobody's looking. Yard fences back onto it. Heck, it only gives us five percent of the water we need. It takes up valuable shopping space in beautiful Mission Valley, and it could be piped or sluiced through unseen concrete pipes to get out to sea. Especially if Pete's right — that it's kind of like the Salton Sea, just a collection point for pesticide/fertilizer/oil-laden runoff that you wouldn't push your mother-in-law into. After all, L.A.'s done it, T.J.'s done it: laid a concrete bed, got rid

of the messy riverbank ecology with its bushes where homeless hide out and West Nile virus mosquitoes breed, and just turned it into a pragmatic ditch. Why should you have to deal with the gritty water, the flooding, the bridges... Guess the problem

sticks to see which will drift to the little waterfall first (you have read your Winnie the Pooh — A.A. Milne's *House at Pooh Corner* — haven't you?), as if we were kids, dragonflies darting, unknown birds squeaking — least Bell's vireos? — unseen in the

*In 1916, the river flooded up to the fifth step of the mission.*

with that is, well, think Twain: *Huck Finn*. Think Grahame: *The Wind in the Willows*; or Renoir: *Luncheon of the Boating Party*; or Andy Williams crooning "Moon River"... River culture is so damned seductive. The feeling that life is born here. This moment. Sitting by a pool of brownish but clear water, tossing Pooh

trees, and the rustle of...snakes? No. Cheeky lizards. This is the other Diego. In the culture of beach, desert, and free-ways, this green, cool, slow, secret world has been left out of the picture. But now I'm in it, it's growing on me. It's an eerie feeling, here among the trees, contemplating the river.

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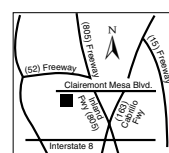
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Europeans have been here, what? Two hundred years. The Kumeyaay, 2000 years. The river, 2,000,000 years. This is not "our" river. We're temporary shapers of its way. But it will have its way in the end.

## There are at least 68 related groups working to save the San Diego River.

Which is what Mr. Cuthbert is trying to show me too. He has been fighting to save San Diego's modest river (its watershed — the area it draws its real waters from — is 400 square miles — compare that with the Tijuana River's 1700 square miles) for half a century. He has walked most of its

length. He's compiling a book on the "Native Plants of the San Diego River Basin." The man's a walking watercourse encyclopedia. He wants to show me why this is worth saving from its abusers, from gravel-pit diggers, garbage

dumpers, recklessly near-the-bank condo developers, levee builders, from a general attitude of disrespect and neglect. Twenty-five years ago, Cuthbert was the City's park planner and project manager for a comprehensive "Preliminary Master Plan" for what was then called the "San Diego River

Project." The plan took years to work up. It went into all the problems and ended up, of course, on a dusty shelf. Cuthbert has what is probably the sole remaining copy.

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which is now part of the City's underappreciated Mission Trails Regional Park, their Kumeyaay converts recommended a place for a dam with a flume to run the water down to the mission. They used kilns here to make a mortar of lime and seashells to cement rocks together, a method brought directly from Rome. Then they built

(formerly Collins) Lake, 300 yards of potable (at least then), fishable, irrigation-capable water. In the years following, during the early 19th Century, the padres were said to have accumulated 20,000 sheep, 10,000 cattle, and 1,200 horses on their lands. All because back in 1774, they had elbowed aside the Kumeyaay village of

*"The sewage ended up in the river. Nobody cared."*

the six-mile cobblestone flume lined with ceramic tile (also shaped and baked here), placed like upside-down roof tiles.

It was one of those miracles that made the padres realize they could stay and make a go of it here after all. The water backing up behind the dam formed Kumeyaay

Nipaguay and moved their mission from Old Town's Presidio up to near today's Qualcomm Stadium. It proved a good site: Above the waters (the 1916 super-flood came up to the fifth step of the mission's front staircase), yet accessible to fresh water, thanks to the flume.

Pete and I walk through flat areas that he says were occupied, back in 1774, by a Kumeyaay village. We look for some of the tiles that lined the flume. We find evidence of sleeping circles, circles of stone where Kumeyaay men, or women, slept. "Watch for those gopher holes," Pete says. "Snakes often use them." He hadn't wanted to do this earlier in the day because rattlesnakes and their young often emerge from dens early to warm up. By now, they're seeking shade under rocks. But we come around one bend to see a red-and-cream snake, maybe five feet long, sunning itself on the gravel road. It sees us and sidewinds off into the bushes. "Red racer," says Pete. "Not poisonous. But when I was climbing this riverbed on my own, I

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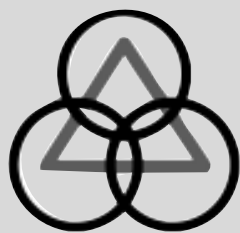
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**ARE YOU OR AN ADOLESCENT YOU KNOW**

- SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION
- ARE BETWEEN 12 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE
- HAVE HAD SYMPTOMS FOR GREATER THAN 2 MONTHS

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brought a snake kit with me, just in case I surprised a rattler."

What strikes me, as we drive up through Mission Trails Park, is how healthy and pristine the river looks. "Appearances can be deceiving," Pete says. "The only reason fish survive in many of these patches of river is that the fertilizers from lawns promote plant growth, and even though that strangles the river, it provides oxygen for the fish to breathe in what would otherwise be dead water." He drives me past admirable floodplain parks such as El Monte, a green, treed oasis among piles of sand and gravel, then

onto a dirt road and through a valley busy with horse ranchettes. We're headed for El Capitan, the dam that stops the San Diego River, and its fish, in their tracks. Finally, we turn right to cross the river — and drive over dry dirt.

"That was the river?" I ask.

"That was the river. Underground today."

I think of the old Kumeyaay phrase, "upside-down river." This is what they were talking about.

#### Rivers Need to Have a Life

And yet, farther up, near the river's exit from El Capitan Reservoir, here it is gurgling again. We

stop beside a gang of orange-jumpsuited female prisoners hauling beds and mattresses and lamps and garbage up from the side of the river and onto a truck's flatbed.

"Would you drink this river water here?" I

*"There used to be a fire a week down here."*

ask Pete.

He shakes his head.

"Look, the health of the river is directly proportional to the amount of water that flows down it," he says.

"Today, what we have in the San Diego River below this dam is largely what it gets from

Forester Creek, which drains the El Cajon Valley, meaning runoff from people watering their front yards, draining their radiators, cleaning their roof gutters, and so on. The quality of Forester Creek is not good at all. And

then we have other little creeks that come into the San Diego River, and they all contribute to its unhealthy state. And the groundwater is very poor quality. San Diego still has wells in Santee; they have wells in the Grantville area, but they don't use them. The

quality is bad. Very bad. It's definitely polluted. If we have a good rainy season, that helps reduce the salinity in the underground water. It also helps clean up the rivers. But I would say today that the river's not very healthy. There are a few reasons why: the bulrushes, the Arundo donax, cattails, nonnatives. The river can't sluice them out. The dams are holding back the normal flow of water. You'd probably have a year-round flow if it wasn't for the dams. The dams help our water supply. We're taking more than half of the river's water above El Capitan and San Vicente dams. But that's only five to ten percent

of the water San Diego needs."

With dams, he says, natural processes grind to a halt. The fish can't swim up to spawn, the floodwaters are held back so the river can't clean itself out, then when there's a really big flood, the dams spill, and it becomes very damaging.

"Rivers need to have a life," he says.

And people get a false sense of security downstream. The sand and gravel companies dig big holes, which change the dynamics and temperature of the river flow. Developers build nearer to the river bottom (land right next to the bank). Cities build levees to stop

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### Research participants needed for a study of Families with Schizophrenia Has one of your family members been diagnosed with Schizophrenia?

Medical researchers at UCSD are conducting a clinical research study to evaluate whether an investigational medication alters patterns of brain activity in RELATIVES of individuals with schizophrenia. The study drug is taken once and is compared to the effects of a placebo.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age, and have a brother, sister, parent or child with schizophrenia who is available to be interviewed. Certain medical conditions or medications may make you ineligible for this study.

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flood waters spreading out. Result? Water, river denizens, and good fertile silt race out to sea.

#### **So what happened to Cuthbert's grand 1983 plan for the river...**

...which he and the consulting company, Wirth Associates, submitted to the county?

"I prepared [a report] for the approval of the Board of Supervisors," Cuthbert says. "We were going to hire a consultant to come up with a plan. A \$300,000 plan. What to do with the river, recreationally and [financially, etc]. It was going to be a river-park plan. So then I came up with a large plan that I presented to the Board of Supervisors."

Cuthbert and the consultants advocated habitat restoration and the transformation of much river bottomland into parks, aiming for riverside walkways "from the ocean to the mountains."

"I garnered the best talent I could find," he says. "And we had a pretty good relationship with the Bureau of Land Management and other agencies, because they're already acquainted with the project. It can be a juggling act, especially with 300 property owners, some of whom were irate. We had to convince them that we were not trying to take their property away, and in reality, we're probably going to help improve their property values. I also tried to get funding for lower Mission Valley, and state funding, but it lost by one vote of a particular committee."

Maybe that was because the writing was already on the wall: Intensive commercial development for Mission Valley had long since trumped the river's health and flooding concerns. When the city allowed the Town and Country Hotel to come

in, they knew they were opening a Pandora's box.

"[By 1983] Mission Valley was the geographic center of metropolitan San Diego," Pete

says. "Development came in faster than they expected, and that's been sort of typical of the City of San Diego. They are always having to react, rather than

plan ahead. They say, 'Oh, gee, we have this developer who's coming in with this beautiful project. What should we do?' In most cases they say, 'Okay. We'll give

them the rubber stamp' because they don't have any advance planning to know whether that project is a good project or not. That has historically been a problem for

the City of San Diego, in the Planning Department."

Since 1983, he says, not much has happened. "There was a little activity in the Lakeside area.

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People there borrowed my reports and exerted a little bit of pressure. They have done some work in developing park space. Santee has done some work, but nothing extensive, utilizing river bottomland. As far as I know, [since] this plan died on the shelf, there have been no efforts to acquire land or set aside land or zone it for open space or anything like that. In the lower San Diego River, they have. But not in the upper San Diego River. [In the lower San Diego River area] they have the City of San Diego behind them. Its planning department is [aiming] for walkways, some greenbelts, green space, but it's virtually minimal. Adjacent property owners do not want to give up that land. I mean, it's worth hundreds of thousands of dollars an acre. And so they look at it from that pragmatic point of view. They don't look at it from the aesthetics at all.

"For instance, there are big-mouth bass there, bluegills. They live for the floods, so to speak, and they take advantage of the ponds around there. There are portions of the San Diego River, like around Grantville, that are fairly deep, and they hunker down and wait for the rains to come. But that would be the only area that would have any fish, the Grantville area."

How do we rate against other river towns?

Cuthbert says most towns just want to squeeze their rivers down as tight as they can. "You've got Los Angeles: all concrete channels. Phoenix, Arizona, has tried to change. They have a pretty good river/flood-control project. Phoenix is the most forbidding area to try to have a park, in a river bottom. But they have worked at

it. And San Antonio, Sacramento, and Seattle have some river projects, restoring the natural ecology and making them available for the public. San Diego is very

far behind all these people. The property owners here control the situation, unfortunately. The gravel and sand people were the ones, initially. Over the past

30 years, they did not want any parks or anything. They're also the ones who were dumping construction spoil in the barrow pits where they had mined the sand and

gravel. And they're probably getting paid to allow [people] to dump in these barrow pits. So they become little ponds. Well, to utilize that land, the sand and

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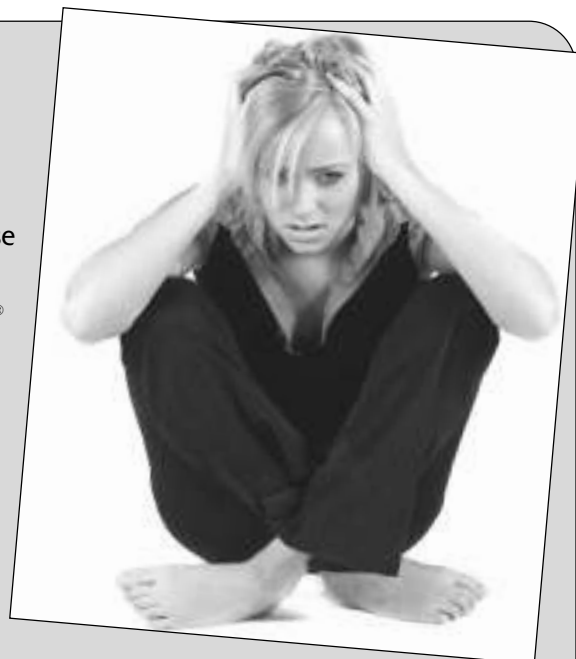
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have their own priority. And it's not recreation, and it's not aesthetics."

**Restricting Humans So the River Can Have Life**  
It's morning in La Jolla. Here at UCSD's Thurgood Marshall College, Jim Bell holds forth to undergrads, mostly engineering students. He has a PowerPoint

"When I ran for mayor of San Diego in 2004, against Murphy and Roberts and Peter Q. Davis," says Bell, a big, fervent, self-styled eco-designer from O.B., "the final debate was on Channel 10. It turned out I was the last one to speak, and I'd written this little poem: 'These guys are the old, I'm the

here. Restricting humans so the river can have life. Remember, every year, pretty much, Mission Valley floods in winter. The chronic and the catastrophic costs add up. It's common sense."

He goes on to explain the logic behind depopulating and "re-naturing" the San Diego River's 100-year floodplain. "If you add all the tax revenue being generated by the properties down there [in Mission Valley], that's the income. And then you say, 'Well, what are the chronic costs every year? What are the 10-year flood-frequency costs? What are the 25-year frequency costs? Hundred-year flood costs?' We can't prove it yet because we haven't done the work, but I think it would turn out that it would be a net loss.

"And it's like the

**"We've removed it all, over 800,000 pounds of trash."**

presentation on the blackboard screen. It shows an artist's rendering of a verdant valley, seen from above. A river winds down among woodland and meadow, with some fields cultivated, and some houses — but only peeking down from the valley rim.

new, I've got a plan, They haven't a clue.' "

He looks up at the painting. "This," he says, "is Mission Valley [as it could be in], say, 2060. It has the best soil. It has a river that needs its 100-year floodplain. You can either constrict the river or restrict humans. That's what we're doing

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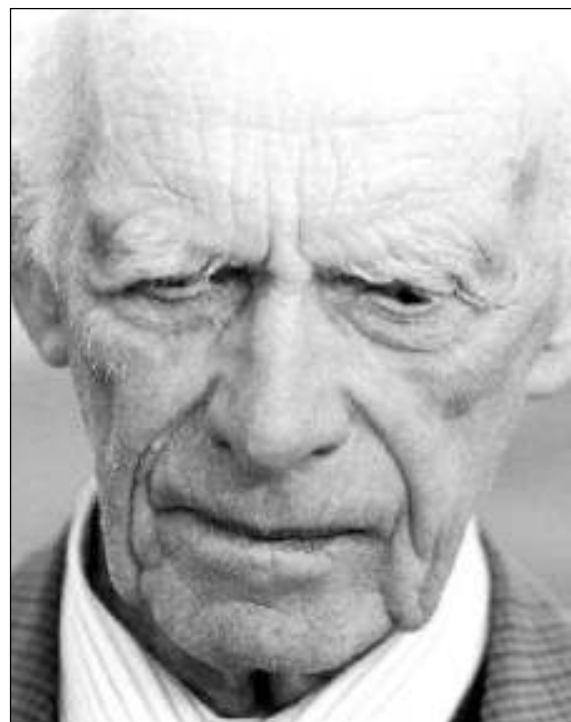
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developers would get in, and they make money, and then they're out of it. And then when the disaster happens, it's the public who'll be on the hook.

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pass a law that says you can't develop the floodplain, it's going to make the land in the floodplain less valuable. So people could legitimately scream, 'Hey! What are you doing? You're changing the rules.' Assuming they were playing by an old set of rules, and playing correctly, they shouldn't

horseback riding, tourists coming from all over the world... And so what happens is, somebody who already owns land outside of the floodplain (in that same local area) decides to sell their land. And let's say that before you prohibited floodplain development, the land was worth a million dollars. Okay, after you prohibit it, [that land] is worth \$2 million. But that second million is unearned. Because they didn't do any improvement. So you let them have 20 percent of that. They get the million, they get 20 percent more, then you use the other \$800,000 that's left to compensate the people whose land got devalued. So everybody gets out whole. No taxes [have been] involved."

What Jim Bell's worried about, he says, is the Big Flood coming.

## *Perch, bass, catfish, and mullet survive quite well near the coast.*

plain. People can still be there, but they won't be able to add on to whatever they have. They can repair, but eventually buildings wear out and aren't worthy of repairing anymore. So then you take them out of there [or] move them someplace else. And, of course, as soon as you

be penalized. So the way you work it is that the land in the floodplains goes down in value — but what's going to happen to the land just outside the floodplain? That's going to go up in value. Because eventually you're going to be overlooking this beautiful park area, agrarian,

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Like the one that happened in January 1916, when 70,200 cubic feet of river water per second gushed through Mission Valley, when it flooded wall-to-wall up to the fifth step of the San Diego Mission.

Yes, he says, it might take at least 60 years to give the river its floodplain back. "I mean, you'd say, 'We'd like to do it as soon as we can because otherwise we're just keeping our fingers crossed that the big flood doesn't happen in the meantime.' But the more we've done when the big flood comes, the less we're going to lose, the less the damage is going to cost."

"We in San Diego [city] have done a particularly egregious job, building [recklessly] in the floodplain. But many cities build in floodplains. Look no further than Del Mar. Its

racetrack is squarely on the San Dieguito floodplain. There you [might] say, 'Well, maybe that's not so bad, because you run over a racetrack with a flood, big deal. You can push the broken buildings into the ocean.'

"But also, here's the thing. Floodplains are fertile. How crazy is it to pave over your most fertile land? Especially as 'think global, act local' will become more and more necessary. Look at the rising cost of transporting, say, lettuces 1500 miles. We're going to need our fertile land. But there are lots of things you can do in the floodplain, like grow food and make [tourist] money, [things] that are not going to be damaged very much if there is a big flood. Some Mississippi towns have already backed up beyond their flood-

plains. It's just common sense."

Bell has an interesting résumé. He has written two books on living harmoniously with Mother Earth (*Achieving Eco-Nomic Security on Spaceship Earth* and *Creating a Sustainable Economy and Future on Our Planet*) and worked for

with global warming, there are fears the hurricane track will edge north toward San Diego."

#### "We Decided to Give the River a Voice"

Bell isn't alone on this. There are at least 68 related groups working to save the San Diego

part of the river just east of the 5, across from Old Town.

I got off the green line trolley at Morena Linda Vista after a beautiful scenic ride crisscrossing the river from San Diego State. You walk across Friars Road, run down a gravel embankment where a wooden sign says "Mission Valley Preserve," and suddenly you're in a different zone. It's like putting on a pair of those Bose noise-dampening earphones. You're hearing birdsong, kids laughing. A group of YMCA children is sitting on a wooden bench in a clearing in the bushes, hearing about how to use native plants for medicine and food. Hutsel's here, looking the dapper guy he is (he used to work in Mayor Susan Golding's office and says she called him her "Officer of Common

Sense"), as the director of the San Diego River Park Foundation. He starts giving me the spiel, which is fine because I know nothing about this place. Never noticed it before. "It's the only City park in all of Mission Valley," he says. "Fifty-two acres. Bounded by 5, 8, and the river runs through it. It's a good study for what we're trying to do." He's leading me along a track as he speaks. He stops at a bush with clusters of cream-colored flowers with little racks of blue berries. He picks a few off. "Try some," he says.

I do, and they taste like...blueberries. "Blue elderberry," he says. "Native. Birds love them too."

He says he came to this kind of work after the massive (34-million-gallon) sewage spill up around SDSU, Adobe

## "There are 47 of us living out here in this part of the river."

César Chávez during his Farm Workers' Union organizing days. "If a flood happened when El Capitan and San Vicente dams were full or broken, you could expect, where 163 crosses the river, to have water 30 feet deep. It could go as high as 100 feet. The last so-called 100-year flood was 1916. And now,

River. Rob Hutsel tries to coordinate their efforts. More than that, he's been prepared to get down and do the nitty-gritty things like pick up trash along the riverbank — in a different league from spotting for least Bell's vireos here and elsewhere. And his group is actually making significant progress in a

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Falls, that happened back in 2000. Of course, the sewage ended up in the river. "It ran for a week," he says. "Nobody cared. There was no public outcry. A dozen of us got together at Donna and Skip Frye's surf shop and decided to get organized. We decided to give the river a voice. We needed to create an umbrella nonprofit."

But the Mission Valley Preserve actually started off as a police project.

"The Western Division station is right across Friars Road. And they were dealing with a whole lot of petty crimes, vandalism, misdemeanors. They got together with councilmember Valerie Stallings. I was working for the mayor. I'd come down and volunteer in a cleanup, and then we

had the idea to dedicate it as parkland. Police brought their Homeless Outreach Team, their HOT team, and they did a survey. It was amazing. They found that there were over 100 people living down here in this river area. One person had been living here for longer than 12 years. And you'd go down, and there were literally piles of trash 20-30 feet across, solid paper, human waste, clothes. But they had kitchens set up, car batteries that were probably stolen — that's how the police got involved. But they had incredible places. Sometimes the 'homes' were two stories high. They had a mayor; and the community was pur-

posely divided: on one side of the river — the north side — were the people who did drugs; on the other — the south — were the people who didn't. So the River Foundation was born a little after that survey, and one of the big health impacts was the homeless population. All of that trash. And people were living in the river, bathing in the river, defecating in the river... Imagine 100 people doing that: it doesn't sound like a lot, but it is. And the one thing that got us going was the fires. There used to be a fire a week down here. Some of the wires were being stolen from the neighborhood [from businesses and homes],

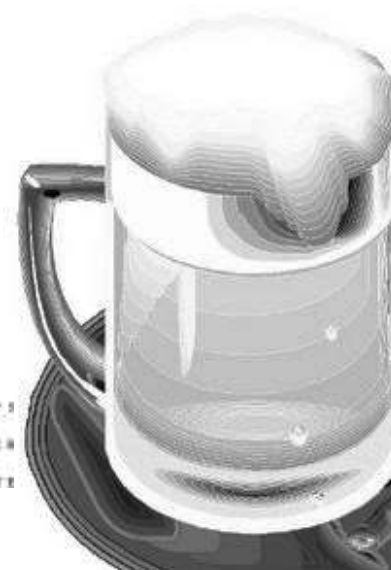
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and then they'd come down here and melt off the insulation, and then they'd sell the copper. There were hundreds of needles. So we made a decision that we were going to try to make a difference. I personally

made a decision that it wasn't okay to leave the status quo here. It wasn't good for the people living here, it wasn't good for the wildlife. So, and slowly and methodically...now, the fruits of our labor are such that

all that trash is gone. We've removed it all, over 800,000 pounds of trash. That's just our side. The city's removed a whole bunch as well. And we tried to find alternative places for the people to live. But our latest survey shows nine camps with one or two people in each. So that's way down."

As we talk, we walk.

We're going down a path that heads underneath the low trolley bridge and then into taller trees. "But dealing with homeless problems is not my job," Hutsel says. "My job is to make the river healthy, and that I will do. The great news is that in the last year to two years, we've seen two endangered bird species, including least Bell's vireo, come back. They winter down in Baja, and this year we've heard two pairs. Which is incredible. There's something like 1000 left in the world, and the San Diego River is one of the places they come to. The other we've spotted is the Southwestern willow flycatcher. And we have lots of willows. Though when we started out it was wasteland. We've also seen bobcats in here. The fact that they're here means that

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it's an inviting-enough place for them. We've seen the tracks and the bobcats themselves."

We pass a kiosk shade-structure that kids from High Tech High designed and built. "We call this 'the gathering place,'" Hutsel says. "We'll be having the trolley dancers here this year. Who would have thought of that?"

We carry on through the trees, looking at areas Hutsel's teams of volunteers have cleared, nonnative trees, like palms, that they have rooted out, and pipes that deliver trash-loaded runoff water from gutters as far away as USD up the hill. "So if you're up on Linda Vista Road," Hutsel says, "and you throw your cup out, this is where it comes out, and we have to pick it up."

We follow tracks down to the water — yes, past one blue tent hiding in the reeds. It almost seems like a vernal pool, deep, still, with bubbles that make you think there might be fish down below. I spot a little island farther out, the perfect Peter Pan pirate hideout. By the time we're through, I'm sold. These guys' efforts are going to be worth it. It's as if they have dug up a beautiful, invaluable, forgotten ancient treasure, even though, so far, they've just cleaned off the first layer.

"What we really want is a 52-mile-long river park," says Hutsel, "from ocean to mountain source. We're planning an October 'River Blitz' to document the whole length. Plus, we've established a river garden. Planted 1300 plantings, like sycamore trees and a lot of flowering native plants. The idea is to take over this space and make it attractive."

And, yes, he says, they have perch, bass, catfish, and mullet near the coast that are surviv-

ing quite well. Fish often like the winter better because it's cooler, and more water tumbles more vigorously, capturing more oxygen.

Still, there are forces

out there to deal with, like the trolley people, who pushed through their trolley line — which travels back and forth across the floodplain — without real

consultation. "They effectively stopped the continuity of the trails because the bridge supports are too low in places," Hutsel says.

Standing here, with

the willows, and the water, and an egret in the water yonder, I suddenly think of Renoir's famous river painting, *Luncheon of the Boating Party*.

"Any chance of river cafés strutting out over the river?" I ask.

"Oh, sure. We're thinking about that," Hutsel says. "In fact, we're planning a 17-acre

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Discovery Center, near Qualcomm Way, which would include cafés and educational programs. We have the conceptual drawings already."

I leave Rob back at the gathering place and then head into the bushes to see if I can locate the guy living in the blue tent. Instead, I'm hardly into the trees when I spot this guy and a lady, walking toward me and heading for the road. He calls out, "Help you with something? Looking for somebody?"

Pretty soon we're talking away. Tom. He was a Marine in Vietnam. Medic. Had some ba-ad experiences. Relives them every night. Prefers the open air, where he doesn't feel trapped. "Drugs? No. That's not it, man. It's...freedom. That's what it is. Me and my lady here. We've got all the shops we want nearby. There are 47 of us living out here in this part of the river. It's just the right amount. Forty-eight, and we'd have

fight. You know when the tipping point comes, and somebody's got to move on down the river."

His lady says she wouldn't have it any other way. "Sometimes people from the outside see me, a chick, especially, and they'll come up and it's 'Let me tell you about these programs. Here's a list of shelters, places you can stay.' And I don't want that. That's like jail to me. You've got to live by somebody else's rules."

"I've lived down here for years," says Tom. "But I tried the other. I went out and rented a place in Spring Valley, \$2100 a month. Beautiful view, nice house, central heating, everything — it was driving me nuts! I went and got everything I was supposed to have, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, beautiful house, nice neighborhood. But I was starting to get claustro-

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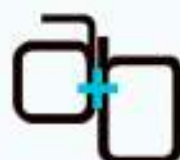
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phobic. And you know what? The best part about camping out is when you're settled in, and it's all nice and warm-snuggle, and the rain's hitting your tent,

or the sun's rising...-that's what it's like out here. I'm a carpenter, I worked down in NASSCO for years. I was a paramedic too. If somebody gets hurt

down here, they come to me. I've set shoulders. Couple of weeks ago, a guy had a heart attack. I ran over and got that guy going...and you know, that's what it's

like out here. We're family."

Would I be able to spot his place from the bridge? "No way, man! Vietnam. Camouflage. You never give them a

reason to come after you. Plus, I've got a couple of herons I rescued as young babies. A blue and a white. They're my guard dogs now, and they can see from above.

Nobody finds my island without my knowing. This is my river, man." He puts his arm around his lady. "Our river."

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Jim Pugh and I stand stock still. Pugh is one of San Diego's most respected environmental advocates. We're transfixed by a giant bird standing in the reeds. A breeze ruffles the waters. "He's spotted something," Pugh whispers. "He's waiting...whoa!"

The heron stabs the water, keeps his head under for the longest time, then comes up with what looks like an eight-inch squiggling fish, which he flips back and forth until it points throatwards. Then you see it travel, struggling, on its last voyage, down the long, thin gullet. Who knew? Right here in deepest Midway, near the Sports Arena, at the end of the river's 52-mile journey to the sea.

It's a slough, the Famosa Slough, an inlet where the tidal waters of the San Diego River and the Pacific Ocean mix, and where wildlife unexpectedly thrives. "It's incredibly healthy," Pugh says. "And not by chance." For sure. The battles over the Famosa Slough are, well, famous. People have been fighting over this little nursing ground for fish, plants, and birds since the '30s, but especially since the 1970s, when development threatened to fill it in. The city bought the 37-acre waterway to preserve it in the early '90s, but it has been local neighbors like Pugh — who have fought unrelentingly to keep people back, give the wildlife breathing room, filter the polluted waters of the river channel, plant native plants, and fight invasive exotics — who have made it the life-sustaining miracle that it is. "Today, we have 180 species of

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birds, 8 species of fish, and countless crabs that use this slough," Pugh says. "It's an important Pacific Flyway stop and vital for 'vagrants,' birds that decide to settle and live here. Even though it's a shadow of what it was, when the whole of Mission Bay Park was a slough, it's something." He also knows it's just one small body part of a giant living organism

called the San Diego River, whose larger recovery is not going nearly so well. But he and the rest of the silent army up and down the river, people who love it, from Hutsel to Cuthbert to Jim Bell to Tom, aren't about to give up. "Our motto is 'Every loss is permanent,'" Pugh says, "and every victory is temporary." ■

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What people need to understand is the management of the pension plan has not changed. The pension power brokers are still very much in control of the city council and of the mayor's office. There has been *no* reform. So what we have is a more sophisticated way of hiding the losses. So now you have a high-risk investment policy that has produced massive losses, and you had the creation of 50,000 years of pension benefits with no funding. Those two things come together and create a massive, oppressive debt that the City has been trying to pay by short-changing all of the essential services. That whole ability now has been swamped.

Let's put it this way, if San Diego was Enron or Bear Stearns or Wachovia or Washington Mutual or Countrywide, they would have still tried to keep the businesses going and continued to hide the losses and the financial

imbalances. And that's what we're doing. And beyond that, again, as I said, we're putting our head in the sand. That's why I've been trying to get the mayor and the council to focus on this problem, which, I think there's a lot of reluctance because it's a lot of unpleasant news and it's going to upset the municipal unions because it's going to show that they were completely and totally wrong. And now it's a catastrophic situation that they're not prepared to deal with.

*Is there any way at all for the public to find out what the current status of the fund is?*

The only way to do that is if we can get the mayor's office to disclose that information. Right now the response from Jay Goldstone is that I'm being an alarmist. He's not interested in getting the information out on a current basis. He did provide me the information as of September 30. That information is that it's \$4.3 billion. That is extremely serious and very telling.

*Is there any suggestion that the funds themselves have been*

*mismanaged in some way?*

Well, the funds have been mismanaged in the sense that there has been the creation of 50,000 years of pension credits with no funding. And then there has been the adoption of the very high risk investment policy that was more like a high-risk mutual fund than it was a conservative pension plan. Where we are now is that they basically rolled the dice with the pension assets on the stock market and the bond markets and that it's all blown up, as many people were saying.

Ideally speaking, what you want in a pension plan is to be in as risk-neutral, risk-averse a position as you possibly can. And then if you go out with some limited percentages of your pension plan and move it into the stock market, you know, that's rational and reasonable. But what they were doing is they were *all* in. They were touting the fact that they were getting 16 percent, 20 percent returns. The problem with that is, to get those kinds of high returns, you have to be high

risk, and if the market goes the other way, you know, you have the opposite effect, and that's what happened here. There's been a substantial hit,

the same position. The pension power brokers, again, they don't want to release the information. They're concealing the information. And I've

because this is exactly how we got ourselves in trouble five years ago. We moved forward without disclosing the pension debt on our wastewater



Mike Aguirre

and it's been hidden!

Just like in 2003 when Diann Shipione was trying to get the information out. Five years later we find ourself in

advised them that I don't think we can move forward with any kind of bonds until we make full disclosure of the pension debt. Which is ironic

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recovered from it. Here we are five years later right back in the same position. We're organizing the bond offering for the water department, a very sizeable bond offering. And I've advised them, until we get this information on the pension plan, you know, I don't see how we can go forward.

*Is there an issue with the downtown tax increment with the condo values going down? Is there any risk that the City could be underwater on its downtown redevelopment bonds?*

Not as of yet. Nothing that I've seen. I think that the major problem that we have with downtown redevelopment has been the various conflict-of-interest problems that SEDC and CCDC have both just gone through, and then I think that the real question is, can we really justify using tax instruments to continue to pay subsidies to developers in downtown San Diego when their development otherwise would have been market viable. I think that's the question.

The big question in San Diego is that we have this massive housing-production machine which has run its course, and yet it's still spewing forth houses and tying up capital so that we have a huge backlog of housing stock, instead of making the transition over to infrastructure. We have to completely redo our roads. Seventy percent of our roads are below the standards that they should be. Our bridges, we have another half a billion dollars of bridge work that we need to do. Our alleys, our sidewalks, our rec centers, our buildings, getting our recycling together with water so we have a reliable water source. Energy, with the whole need to transition to renewable. There are these tremendous potential opportunities we could build into to the next generation — a very solid foundation to empower strong economic activity going forward. But we're not doing that. That, I think, is where there really is the opportunity cost...that we're not doing these other things that really could revitalize the economy.

I think what we've all discovered here in San Diego, and I think throughout the country, is that the crisis that we're facing economically is that there's been a vast inflation of values, nonexistent values, that really show that the funda-

mentals are *not* sound and that the way that we're going to work our way out of this is to do a fundamental restructuring of our infrastructure and our water supply, energy


supply, roads, streets, bridges, and all the other things, and that *that* is what's going to create real economic viability. Something along the lines of what's going on in China and

going on in some of the more northern European countries. More efficient uses of power and the centralization of recycling systems and water and renewable energy and all the

things that are on the forefront. We haven't done that because we have this old system, and it's an old system that's a coalition of the developers and some of the credit

sources, the old-boy network in downtown San Diego, and they literally have run the City into the ground. And I think that the demise of the *Union-Tribune* — because it built its


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financial model, its business plan, on the old system — I think your seeing that go down the tubes is perhaps the most stark example, the most clear demonstration of the loss of viability of the old business

plan. And yet it still is hanging around; it hasn't quite been swept away yet, although I think it will happen. And that's where we have to build into the future this whole new and I think really promising infra-

structure focus, as opposed to a single-family-housing focus.

You know, that is what the political struggle is about. I think that, in many ways, that's what my election is about,

that's what the election in the first, third, and the seventh districts is all about. A lot of what Donna Frye has been fighting for, and I've been fighting for now, has become a lot clearer to people. And that's what this election's going to be, really, a referendum on, do we want to have a city that's moving forward and transitioning over to infrastructure and away from the old development model? Or do we want to continue to perpetuate what we've had in the past? It doesn't seem to be financially or politically viable anymore.

*What about this Tenth Avenue Terminal project? What's your take on that?*

Well, again, I would say that that is part of the old way,

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Right now what we need is to come back and focus on

the fundamentals. In my judgment, the Port needs to focus on what business activity is going to give us the most solid economic foundation going into the future that helps create good jobs. What they're talking about at the Tenth Avenue facility is more low-wage jobs. I think that's the opposite direction. The idea that [we could] really squander hundreds of millions of dollars more on corporate sports, that really doesn't seem to be at the forefront for a whole variety of different reasons. I think that the Tenth Avenue Terminal right now is a big political, high-profile issue, but to me it's more demonstrative of the old guard who continues to try to con-

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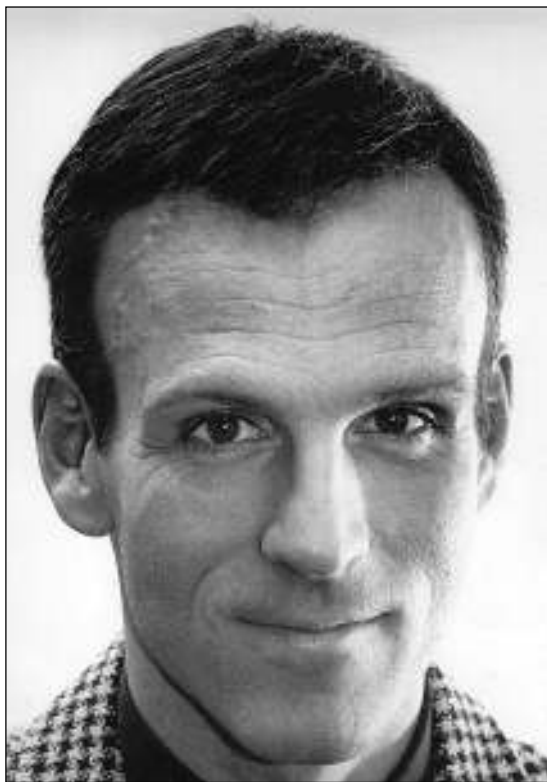
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*Speaking of the old guard, a lot of them are giving to your opponent. Obviously they are pretty smart guys, right? They made a lot of money somehow because they have it to give out. Why are you smarter than they are, or why is your agenda different than theirs is?*

Well, I think that if you

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look at where San Diego is, I don't think you would say that San Diego has made well-informed choices for a long time. I think that what we've done is, we've made violating the law a policy choice. So that's meant that people that were not really competent and qualified to be in the various positions that they were in were able to administer their political offices because they were permitted to violate the

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law. They not only violated the law themselves, but they permitted others to violate the law, which really expanded the scope of what people could do to make money. It made it a lot easier. It's much more difficult to have to stay within the rules and make money within the rules. And the other side of it, it's much more viable and, in the long term, it's much more profitable because you don't have to look over your shoulder.

So I think that what my opponent is, is — if you think about it, he has no trial experience, no securities law or disclosure experience, no prosecutorial experience, no City of San Diego experience, and no relevant management experience. But what he *does* have is he has the backing of the economic power structure that seems to be on the wane. He has the *Union-Tribune* behind him and the Lincoln Club and the higher echelon of the Republican Party, and they've poured a lot of money into the campaign. But that's to try to turn — in my opinion — San Diego back into what it used to be, when all the

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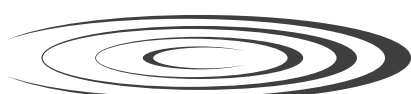
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money in the world can't make that happen. I think it's more of a desperate effort to try to recapture what San Diego used to be.

Even with that, I think most people would look at the amount of money that he's raised, and they're kind of surprised that it's not more. I mean, he has the backing of the mayor and the higher establishment, supposedly. But in my talking with them, I think many of the people that are in the establishment now are really worried. Many of them have been shaken by events. They look at the situation and think, "Well, wait a minute. Here's a guy that's being singled out — the city attorney's being singled out by the *Wall*

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*Street Journal* for bringing a case — the *Wall Street Journal* — a pension case that was sending off the alarm that voters across America seemed to hear, and also holding out the office of city attorney and saying that other communities need a rabble-rouser, like the current city attorney is, raising these issues." I think a lot of the establishment is stepping back and saying, "Well, wait a minute, here we have a Democrat that was César Chávez's lawyer, you know, is from Berkeley, has a Harvard degree, doing things that the *Wall Street Journal* says is a national model."

So I think that a lot of people want to control the city attorney's office, like they con-

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trol the mayor's office and some of the council offices. There's a temptation to want to give. But I don't think that the support that my opponent's getting is very enthusiastic. And I think there are a lot of misgivings because, you know, frankly, a lot of my advisors are Republican. Pat Shea's a Republican. Don McGrath's a Republican. Don Shanahan's a Republican. I think our office has really been much more focused on trying to figure out what the right course is, and that does have an appeal to businesspeople. So a lot of people will come up to me and say, "Listen, don't tell anybody, but I'm going to support you." I've had a lot of that type of comment. ■

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After finally moving out of Colonia Libertad, Mexico, which is two blocks across the San Ysidro border crossing, I was homeless with about \$50 in my pocket and nowhere to go. I decided to try my hand at sleeping on college campuses and was promptly run off. I ended up my first night at a bus

stop on a bench at SDSU.

I was tired the whole next day, so after having a beer or two to take the edge off, I went to St. Vincent's, where I had placed my name on a list almost a month before.

I was told that I was in line and could expect a bed any day now, so I said I would call every morning — I was assured that if I was not in line at 8 a.m. that I could forget it.



So the second night I tried to sleep out on Pacific Beach. Someone had told me that the cops wouldn't see me right next to those concrete borders (or whatever you call them). So I sat next to one for about 15 minutes and started thinking about all those horror movies involv-

ing ocean creatures — *Jaws*, *Swamp Thing*, *Cocoon* — and what very little we actually know about the ocean and all the living stuff in it.

So I bailed and headed back downtown where people sleep on the sidewalks and are actually patrolled all night by the

Author: **Rodney Akins**  
Neighborhood: **Downtown**  
Age: **43**  
Occupation: **Homeless**

*Editor's note: This is the third-place winner (\$100) of September's neighborhood-essay contest.*

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Well, not really.

There are always at least two sides to every story, and this side will be the candy-coated version — which is the truth, just simply not stating all the details. So we will call this “reality lite” at this specific date and time, with a promise to fill in all the gaps at a later date.

My first day there was a trip — I met a guy that was Native American or something, and he had maybe 20 wristwatches on his arms. Of course, I had to ask him what time it was, and he replied that none of them worked

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and started telling me about how he had an apartment and collected all kinds of stuff — especially oil lamps — and was evicted about three months ago because his roommate didn't come up with the rent. While we were talking, somebody else came up to him and asked him what time it was, so he started the story all over again. I came to the conclusion that he probably spent a whole lot of time not giving the time.

Then I noticed some of the long-term homeless. They stood out, kind of like soldiers that had been in country too long. They had the look — usually very defensive and traveling with all their possessions in a

grocery cart or wagon.

So, finally, I went into orientation where about seven of the lucky ones, including me, were given plastic bags to put our clothes in and T-

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I just can't understand people like you. If you call

yourself an American, why don't you behave like one? Well, if you knew better, I guess you'd do better!

Name Withheld  
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### Where Clapton Goes To Church

I think the "Sheep and Goats" articles are great! I only wish they were organized in a way other than by neighborhoods. I also don't get to see a *Reader* more than occasionally. Here's the deal:

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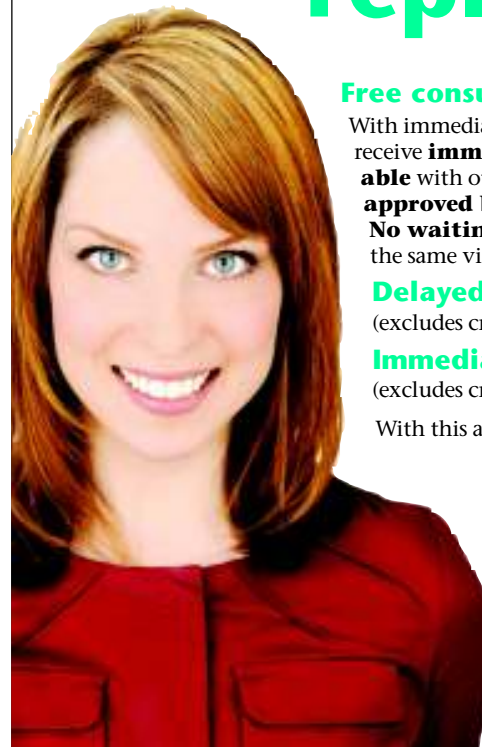
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fine for most folks but I get tired of them:

1. A pastor who really doesn't understand scripture...doesn't get that Jesus lived during the Roman Empire, the Pharisees weren't all a bunch of zealot-idiots, and we are not going to a place in the clouds when we die. Also, I prefer solid expository preaching, without an opening joke or cute story. Sermons don't all need happy endings either.

2. The service is either the same as it was 400 years ago or else reminiscent of *Ed Sullivan*, *Mike Douglas* (remember him?), or countless other variety shows, where the entertainment is everything. On the flip side, if scripture is not read and preached on, I'm outta there!

3. Praise bands that sound like they are singing love ballads...they certainly don't capture the power of the Word. I like a traditional choir, or I like a blues or gospel group — nothing in between. I am sick and tired of smarmy praise music.

Here's my point: can't you create a table where you rank churches on competence of the preacher, seriousness of the service, and edginess of the music?

For example, I am looking for a church where Eric Clapton or Van Morrison would want to go. In my case, I live in East County (Jamul), so I know I am going to have to drive wherever I choose. However, a few tables of relative merits of the churches Mr. Lickona has reviewed would be very helpful.

Jay  
via email

#### Comments from Reader Website

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

#### Letters

Published October 15

Posted by heather\_m on October 15, 2:43 p.m.

I am somewhat late in my response, but I see that Mr. Gardiner has beat me to the punch.

Amazing how the two people that responded to his letter felt that they could not do so without name-calling, condescension, and spite. It's a wonder why people like Mr. Gardiner (and myself) can't seem to have

a good time in San Diego! What with all of the open, intellectual minds and all.

Here's how it is: People have a right to their opinions. That being said, Benjamin H. and Goatskull are welcome to their happy,

sunny views of the city where we all live. On the flip side, not everyone enjoys beer, burritos, "tons and tons" of outdoor activities and perpetually temperate weather. Crazy, I know! Can you believe that

people actually enjoy different things than other people?

For the record, my boyfriend and I moved down here two years ago (from the Bay Area) because this is where he got accepted to

grad school. So I guess you could say that we did, in fact, have to move here. It is ridiculous to suggest that we can "always [just] leave". I have met plenty of people around here who are waiting for the day when they

can move back home, just as we are.

For now, we try and make the best of it. I don't begrudge the happy people their happiness. Glad you like it here! Good for you! And when people say they

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don't enjoy the Bay Area, do I take it personally? No! It's just different strokes for different folks.

Yes, the sunsets down here are nice. No, the scads of image-obsessed bubble-heads are not. There are pros and cons of any living environment, and you could definitely do worse than San Diego. But does that mean that we have to throw on a thong and fake smile, down a brewski and head down to the beach to engage in the endless singles' meat

market, and just suck it up? No. Some of us simply don't enjoy living here. There is not much more to it than that.

Being from Montana, I can say with a fair amount of certainty that San Diego doesn't even know what a redneck is, but that's a different debate. As for Benjamin H. and Goatskull, it might help you grow as people if you tried to see the world through someone else's eyes. Open your minds a little. We're all hu-

man, after all, so what's the big deal? Why are you so defensive?

Hm, I guess I'm not suffering in silence anymore! What a relief. Now, can't we all just get along?

**Blurt**

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*Posted by Juliedrvr on October 16, 6:50 p.m.*

Interesting? More like inaccurate. This alleged "insider" doesn't know what he/she is talking about. I was at that REO Speedwagon

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problems with my hearing after this show, and I was standing right at the stage with my friends during the whole show.

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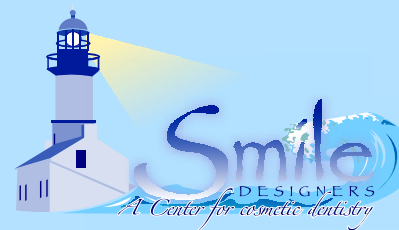
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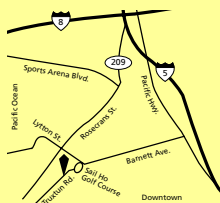
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Secondly, I have met all of the guys in the band several times over the past few years, and none of them, in both group and one on one conversations, has ever shown me any sign of being deaf. I've never seen any of them asked anyone to repeat what they said during a conversation, or appear to not hear what someone said to them, and always carry on conversations with everyone speaking in normal tones.

I think you need a new "insider."

Ken Leighton responds: If

true, it would have been a good idea for the band's representative to have responded to support what you said. She chose not to. The insider was an employee of Harrah's Rincon, and he has seen most of the live shows there. He said that people were leaving the venue at the beginning of the show due to the sound level, and he said this was not a usual occurrence.

**City Lights, by Alastair Bland**

**Published October 15**

Posted by a2zresource on October 15, 12:58 p.m.

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## Cover Story

**Published October 8**

Posted by refriedgringo on October 13, 10:35 a.m.

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dollars per hour, it would be a disaster. Most Mexicans do not purchase homes, they purchase land and then build their own homes, there usually isn't a large mortgage to pay off. Rent is very affordable here, although the standards aren't nearly what they are in the U.S. The

Mexican government subsidizes several food staples so that even the poorest Mexican can afford to eat. Health care is also nationalized for the working class. The average high school dropout probably isn't going to get rich here working in the factories, but they manage to

live on what they make.

Mexico wouldn't work if it ran like the U.S. does, any less than the U.S. would work if it ran like Mexico does. Yet, many Americans are very keen on insisting that Mexico should adopt economic strategies similar to those of the U.S. I would

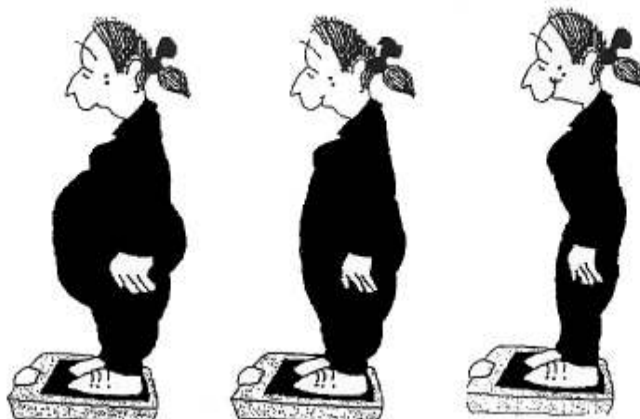
counter that the U.S. is just as much at fault for any problems with illegal immigration because the notion of an inflated minimum wage is counter-productive to a capitalist economy where the supply of labor against the demand for it should control wages.

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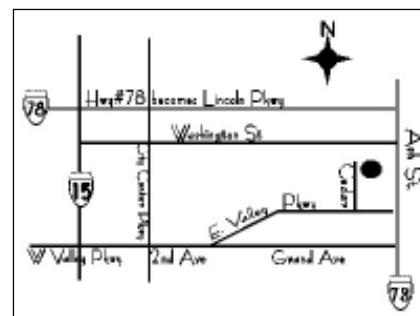
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## The Capitol Steps in Escondido

**J**ohn McCain is such an easy target," says Bill Hurd, press secretary for the political satire comedy troupe The Capitol Steps. "He's the oldest candidate we've ever had — therefore you can make all the old jokes, senility, etc. But it's almost too easy."

The Capitol Steps perform at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido on Saturday, October 25.

Elaina Newport cofounded the troupe in 1981 while working for Illinois senator Charles H. Percy. Newport and a few coworkers "decided to make fun of our

bosses" during the senate office Christmas party. As she explains, "You may have heard the story — we briefly

considered staging a traditional Nativity play, but throughout the Congress we couldn't find three wise men or a virgin."

Reagan had just been sworn into office, and his campaign chief of staff, Ed Meese, was appointed to the president's cabinet. "The first show had Ed Meese in 'The Meeseketeers' and a song about big defense spending, 'Immense Expense Is Mainly in Defense,'" recalls Newport. "And, of course, there was the perception that Reagan didn't exactly work all that hard, so we had a song, 'Workin' Nine to Ten.'"

"We typically poke fun more at the people in power, just because they hog the spotlight," says Hurd. "But for every joke about Bush, we'll have a joke about the Clintons; for every joke about McCain, we have one

for Barack. We try to be equal-opportunity offenders."

According to Hurd, George Bush Sr. was a big fan of the show and once asked the troupe to perform for him. "In respect to him and the office, they did not do any songs featuring him, and afterwards he came up and said, 'Where was I?' He was disappointed."

On another occasion, says Hurd, upon attending a show, New York senator Al D'Amato was "actually offended" to have not been spoofed. "It's considered quite an honor to be featured in our show, which is funny, because in any other country we'd be shot for what we do."

According to his bio, Mike Tilford joined The Capitol Steps in 1992, when the group "realized they didn't have anyone quite sleazy enough to portray [Bill] Clinton." As Tilford recalls, "I had a far-reaching résumé that, fortunately for me [at the time, working in Congress was a prerequisite for joining the troupe], included a stint as a schmooze-meister for the Republican National Congressional Committee, smiling and nodding and trying to get checks out of people."

Tilford was disappointed when Clinton's term as president ended. "Sadly, as much fun as it is to play the dour, quasi-human Dick Cheney or that leaning tower of haughty B.S. John Kerry, I think Clinton is still my favorite. Maybe because he could flirt with the audience and have more fun that way, whereas when Dick Cheney starts flirting, people start hiding their babies."

When it comes to choosing an event or person to satirize, Hurd says, "We don't



The Capitol Steps

want to be too inside-Washington. We listen and wait for an issue that the entire country will understand." Once an issue hits the news, he adds, "The next step is to find the right song, and that's a lot harder than you think because we want our title to be similar to the actual titles." For example, when spoofing Vladimir Putin's decision to invade his neighboring country, the troupe wrote a song, "Midnight Raid to Georgia," to the music of R&B classic "Midnight Train to Georgia." "We always say when a scandal happens, go to our website to find out what rhymes with it."

Tilford says extreme character traits make for the funniest material. "Palin's accent and tendency to shoot live moose right on stage during the show, Bush's general dimwittedness — being unable to tell which part of Beijing China is in, for instance. Mitt Romney's cheesy game-show-host demeanor, Barack's halting yet pompous speechifying. Anything that you can stretch into an even more extreme thing. It's just like a drawn caricature."

Hurd says the troupe is bipartisan. "[Members] learned to resign their politics a long time ago," he says. "We approach the issues very differently as to how a normal cit-

izen would — we pray for a politician to put their foot in their mouth."

"Comedy-wise, McCain and Palin would be better," Tilford postulates. "It's almost always better when crazy people are involved, and if they aren't crazy, they're close enough for government work. Palin is an incredible comedy juggernaut — sexy, feisty, comically accented, of dubious merit, and festooned with mythological super-womanism. She made McCain interesting. Not an easy task."

Even though Barack Obama and Joe Biden seem "comically bland," Tilford notes, "We thought Clinton and W. were boring at first, too." He adds that, in general, "Republicans are funnier for the stuff they do to the country, and Democrats are funny for the stuff they do to interns."

— Barbarella

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

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**Paris, Je T'Aime** Enjoy 18 short love stories set in the city of light — with directors as diverse as Gus Van Sant, the Coen Brothers, Gurinder Chadha — when this 2006 film is showcased for International Film Series in room 204 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus; film repeats at 7 p.m. on Oceanside campus. 760-757-2121 x7737 or 7806. Friday, October 24, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**Whaledreamers** Julian Lennon's documentary screens in conjunction with "A Weekend of Unity and Peace." Film tells of the Mirning people, on a journey assisted by 85 indigenous elders from around globe, in a historical gathering to bear witness to their reconnection with the southern right whale, their spirit animal totem. 619-491-3087. Friday, October 24, 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 26, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Sleepwalking Through the Mekong** A Cambodian pop rock psychedelic dance party featuring live music from Dengue Fever and screening of this documentary film. 858-534-TIXS. Saturday, October 25, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$12. The Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**The Exiles** Kent MacKenzie's film "played three film festivals in 1961, never got picked up for distribution, and has only been seen since in well-worn 16mm prints." Working from original negatives, UCLA Film and Television Archive has restored this "lost masterpiece," centering on young Native Americans transplanted from the reservation to Bunker Hill neighborhood of Los Angeles. 858-245-9319. Saturday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.; \$7. Ché Café, 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C. (LA JOLLA)

**Why We Fight** This documentary, the 2005 Sundance Grand Jury Award Winner, "dissects America's military machine with a keen eye to answering the question: Why does America engage in war?" The film examines political and economic interests and ideological factors, past and present, behind American militarism. 619-299-9360. Sunday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.; Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Press Rewind Plus '08** See the films featured at UCSD's "Up & Coming '08" student film fest. Program includes *My Cartoon Life* (James Song, 2008), *How to Grow a Demon in This Box* (Ryan Bestchart, 2008), *Whose Song* (Pinor Istek, 2008), *Hoop Dreams* (Stacie Perillo, 2008), *Hot Date* (Jason Campa, 2008), *How to Make a Zine* (Nikolitsa Paranomos, 2008), *UC San Diego* (Jeffy Can, 2008), *Blood Bound* (Graham Lee, 2008). Pay what you can. 858-534-TIXS. Sunday, October 26, 7 p.m.; Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**A Simmering Winter's Tale** David Gordon Green's *Snow Angels* — starring Kate Beckinsale,

## OUT & ABOUT

### "THE ELEGANT BALLET GALAXY"

By Liaoning Ballet of China, California Center for the Arts, Escondido, Thursday, October 23; and San Diego Civic Theatre, Saturday, October 25.

(SEE DANCE)



Sam Rockwell, Griffin Dunne, Amy Sedaris — screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**The Silence of the Lambs** Lyric Opera of San Diego and Hawthorn's present horror movie series. No one under 17 admitted without parent. 619-239-8836. Wednesday, October 29, 8 p.m.; \$7-\$9. Hawthorn's Restaurant, 2895 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**What's Your Point, Honey?** Film introduces seven possible political contenders coming down the pipeline, revealing inequalities

that still exist today. With support of the White House Project, CosmoGirl! launched Project 2024, an initiative to get more young women involved in politics. 858-534-TIXS. Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m.; Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Last Week for "New Releases"** See Robert Downey, Jr. in *Iron Man* when new flicks are showcased for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky leads pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

## FOR KIDS

**The Polka Dot Ghost** Big Joe Productions performs through Sunday, October 26, and 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 23; Friday, October 24; Saturday, October 25; Sunday, October 26; Wednesday, October 29; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**Vote Early, Vote Often!** Enjoy this parent-child election event with a polling booth available for participants to cast ballots for their favorite fictional character, courtesy of San Diego County Registrar of Voters. At 7 p.m., authors Nikki Grimes (*Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope*) and Kathleen Krull (*Hillary Rodham Clinton: Dreams Taking Flight*) discuss, sign their books. 858-454-0347. Thursday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Spooktacular Fun!** Enjoy nights "of science gone awry" at the "haunted aquarium." Evenings promise "experiments with wacky, mad scientists," as well as tricky-treats, slimy encounters, spooky activities, monstrous live music. Costume contests each evening, with prizes for the best marine- and family-themed and most creative costumes. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Friday, October 24, 6 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, 6 p.m.; Sunday, October 26, 6 p.m.; \$15. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**Meow!** San Diego Junior Theatre opens season with Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Cats*, based on T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. Directed by Steve Anthony, production runs October 24-November 9. For all ages. Performance on November 8 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Friday, October 24, 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m.; Sunday, October 26, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$13. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Were the Three Pigs Culpable?** Is the wolf a villain or victim? Ponder these questions when Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department presents *The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*, a comedy for young audiences focusing on “intriguing guilt-and-innocence questions.” 619-644-7234. Friday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; \$5. Ages 1 and up. Stagehouse Theatre, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

**“Sleeping Beauties” Open Studios** Hands-on art-making event for all ages. First, families tour “Sleeping Beauties: Headrests from the Jerome L. Joss Collection at the Fowler Museum,” then work with line, pattern, and shape to create a work of art. Materials provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m.; Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Hike for Young Naturalists** Outing led by naturalist D.J. Summers promises easy hike along chaparral nature trail, followed by plant/animal craft at picnic area. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Rhyming Spookiness!** Docent Jane Hankins leads “her famous spooky tours delivered in ghostly rhyme,” featuring the mummy collection in “Ancient Egypt” exhibition (1 and 2 p.m.). Hankins and the Daughters of Isis perform the Pharaoh’s Candle Dance (3 p.m.). 619-239-2001. Saturday, October 25, 1 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**To the Bat Cave!** It’s “Oh Boy! Origami” time. Children 8-16

years old create a bat cave diorama with instructor Lisa Koide Halverson. Participants will make two kinds of origami bats and place them in a bat cave. Bring a shoe box to cut up for diorama base. Required registration: 619-232-2721. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; \$8. Ages 8 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

**Ocean Beach Comedy** Kyle Smith, winner of Jimmy Kimmel’s College Comedy Competition, is headliner. Also on tap: Bob Hansen, Jesse Egan, Andrew Deans, Dave Wright, others. All money from the door and raffle benefits American Asthma Foundation in honor of the late Tommy George. Open-mike comedy show (6-7 p.m.) precedes show. 619-222-6822. Friday, October 24, 6 p.m.; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**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)

**Poetry Chapbook-Release Party** Award-winning local poet Lizz Huerta plans poetry chapbook-release party and reading of her work from *half life of memory*. 619-696-0363. Friday, October 24, 7 p.m.; ages 18 and up. The Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Reading: David and Eleanor Antin** As part of a day-long event, David Antin offers a poetry performance (noon) and Eleanor Antin reads from her new, unpublished manuscript on Stalinist-era Jews (4 p.m.). Reservations required for free lunch. 415-939-0823. Saturday, October 25, noon; ages 18 and up. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Facing High Water** Noted poet John Brandi reads from his new book. John Brandi worked in the Peace Corps during the 1960s with Andean farmers in their struggle for civil liberties and land rights; he began publishing his poetry in hand-sewn mimeograph editions that preceded the alternative-press movement. 858-456-1800. Saturday, October 25, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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

**“Night Terrors: Ghosts, Ghouls, and Tales of the Supernatural”** Professional storyteller Alton Chung — whose “true passion is telling ghost stories” — entertains for Storytellers of San Diego in Manchester Conference Center. Suitable for adults, children over 12. 619-298-6363. Saturday, October

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25, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Ages 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Fantasy Times Two** Fantasy author Brandon Sanderson (*Hero of Ages: Book Three of the Mistborn*) and David Farland (*The Wyrmling Horde: The Seventh Book of the Runelords*) sign, discuss their books. 858-268-4747. Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**Good-Natured and Yet Politically Incorrect** The Capitol Steps — largely made up of former Capitol Hill staffers — perform their blend of song parodies, skits, caricatures based on America's current affairs. 800-988-4253. Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m.; \$24-\$42. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Science Fiction Author** Han Solo, Princess Leia Organa, and their granddaughter embark on an adventure on the famous spaceship in *Star Wars: The Millennium Falcon*. James Luceno signs, discusses his new tale. 858-268-4747. Sunday, October 26, 4:30 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**Suspense Author** James Swain signs, discusses *The Night Stalker*. 858-268-4747. Sunday, October 26, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**Good-Bye to the Flying Bridge** Sunset Poets gather for readings to bid adieu to the restaurant (closing soon). No featured poet, so bring anything you wish to share, but "good-bye poems" are encouraged. 760-758-2410. Sunday, October 26, 3 p.m.; Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Open Poetry** Open-mike poetry readings on tap. 510-296-0616. Monday, October 27, 8 p.m.;

Twigg's Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Plots Thicken?** Southern California mystery author Kathryn Lilley (*A Killer Workout: A Fat City Mystery*) and screenwriter and debut mystery author Clare O'Donohue (*The Lover's Knot: A Someday Quilts Mystery*) visit shop to sign, discuss their work. 858-268-4747. Monday, October 27, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**The Power of Design: A Force For Transforming Everything** Local author, psychologist, educator Richard Farson discusses, signs his new book. His argument in a nutshell: "Design can transform the world. It can put right what is wrong in our communities." 858-454-0347. Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Love Traditional Jazz?** Curious to know more about this form of music? Enjoy "A Collection of Traditional Jazz" when artist David Green performs an "olio" (collection) of jazz. "This particular olio will be an informal collection of facts regarding the origin of some classic jazz tunes, performance practice, and other fascinating lore," as well as demonstration of techniques. Required reservations: 858-538-8159. Wednesday, October 29, 1 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**New Writing Series** Reading by Sesshu Foster, who has taught composition and literature in east Los Angeles for more than 20 years, in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. His work has been published in *The Oxford Anthology of Modern American Poetry* and *Language for a New Century: Contemporary Poetry from the Middle East, Asia, and Beyond*. 858-534-4618. Wednesday, October 29, 4:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Local Author Talk** Victor Vilaseñor — the author of *Burro Genius* and the *Rain of Gold* trilogy who makes his home in Oceanside — discusses his newest memoir,

*Crazy Loco Love*. He'll answer questions, sign books. 858-354-4547. Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m.; San Diego LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre Street. (HILLCREST)

**The Cockamamie Story of English Spelling** Author David Wolman (*A Left-Hand Turn Around the World*) discusses, signs his new book, *Righting the Mother Tongue*, an attempt to "untangle the twisted story of English spelling." 858-454-0347. Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Cone of Uncertainty: New Orleans After Katrina"** José Torres Tama presents this "live art solo...multimedia performance ritual of personal stories, visual tableau, and film projections by an artist who was a direct witness to the criminal and apocalyptic abandonment of a city and its people." In the piece — performed in Arts Building room 111 — Torres recounts his escape from the flooded city on a stolen school bus. 760-750-4366. Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

## LECTURES

**"Bye-Bye Grass! Part One"** Gardening expert Nan Sterman divulges methods for "extermination options" for removing lawn, ways to physically remove grass. Part two offered October 25. Reservations: 619-660-0614. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"Crossover Conversation"** Join "Human/Nature" artist Dario Robleto and science historian, poet/author Jennifer Michael Hecht as they discuss intersection of art and science and consider the questions "Can art inspire conservation? Can conservation inspire art?" 858-454-3541. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Revealing the Divine: Selected Works by Levi J. Casias"** The Oceanside artist discusses the materials and process behind his work during preview reception. In this exhibit, Casias investigates "the concept of mysticism in a religious manner." He uses industrial materials, methods to create contemporary artwork. 760-435-3720. Thursday, October 23, 4 p.m.; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Fast, Expert Care Is Key to Treating Stroke"** Neurologist/stroke program medical director Fredrick de la Vega, M.D., discusses primary prevention, identification of stroke symptoms, contributing factors, new treatment options in care of stroke patients. 800-727-4777. Thursday, October 23, 5:30 p.m.; Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**"Site by Sight: The Landscape in Film"** Writer-director and photographer Les Bernstein has worked on films *Apocalypse*, *Click*, *Zathura*, *The Passion of the Christ*, *Fight Club*, *City of Angels*, others. He'll speak for fall lectures series "Fissionable Sites" on architecture and art. 619-235-2900. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; ages 16 and up. Woodbury University, 2212 Main Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**"The Human Voice — The Perfect Design"** Arthur Samuel Joseph of Vocal Awareness Institute explores design of human voice and its effect on the mind/body/spirit during a presentation hosted by Design Innovation Institute. Joseph, a former USC professor, "has studied the physical, emotional, and psychological aspects of the human voice for more than four decades." A "VIP" tour of the facility, reception planned after the presentation (\$50). Reservations: 619-299-0431. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$30. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**And Now for Something Completely Different** Bill Van Auken presents a Marxist analysis of the current financial situation during Socialist Equality Party election meeting. "The Origins and



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Implications of the Financial Crisis: A Marxist Analysis" may be heard in Aztec Center. What is the cause of the economic and financial crisis? 619-594-6773. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"Splendors of the Middle Ages"** Art historian James Grebl presents a four-part series surveying artistic creations of medieval world from roots of Byzantine era to threshold of Italian Renaissance. 858-454-5872. Thursday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**"Maternity Depression: Families in Despair"** Postpartum Health Alliance hosts conference about postpartum mood disorders. Featured speaker is Shaila Misri, M.D., FRCPC, considered "one of the leading reproductive psychiatrists in North America." Program includes sessions on PPD among low-income moms and in military families. Lunchtime panel of mothers and fathers discussing their experiences with PPD. Registration, space availability: 866-895-6374. Friday, October 24, 8:15 a.m.; \$80-\$100. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Red Tail Pilots Tell Their Stories** Members of Army Air Corps 332nd Fighter Group, known as the Red Tail Tuskegee Airmen, will recount their experiences flying the

Red Tail P-51 Fighter Aircraft in World War II Aerial Combat over Europe in 1944. Speakers include Colonel Lee A. Archer, Jr., Captain (Dr.) Roscoe Brown, Jr. Reservations: 619-239-2300. Friday, October 24, 4 p.m.; Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, 2115 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Bye-Bye Grass! Part Two"** Gardening expert Nan Sterman focuses on how to evaluate irrigation, prepare soil, select plants. Reservations: 619-660-0614. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"Making Photo Books and Scrapbooks for Genealogy"** Dona Ritchie addresses British Isles Genealogical Research Association meeting. Also on tap: Del Ritchhart divulges "How to Make a Visual Record of Your Family History Research Experiences," demonstrating how to use photos and video clips to assemble a DVD documentary. Nonmembers welcome. 858-674-0749. Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**"Shaping an Election"** UCSD political science professor Gary Jacobson examines political conditions shaping the 2008 congressional and presidential elections, evaluates the Bush administration, and more when San Diego Independent Scholars gather in room 111A of UCSD Chancellor's Com-

plex. 760-751-3094 or 619-296-4055. Saturday, October 25, 1:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Victorian Garden Class** Mia offers instruction in creating "a beautiful basket for your autumn holiday table using sandwich bags." Bring a favorite basket (about six inches deep), learn a different way to decorate. Class fee: \$5, plus materials. 858-792-8640. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; Cedros Gardens, 330 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Dinosaurs to Birds, Maybe"** Scott LaFee, science writer for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, analyzes current debate about whether birds descended from dinosaurs for San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-5844. Sunday, October 26, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**What Is "The Truth About Cockatoos"?** Find out when Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts seminar in room D-6 at 1 p.m., followed by "Everything Your Parrot Wants You to Know" at 2:45 p.m. Reservations: 619-287-8200. Sunday, October 26, 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"Looking Back"** JOCM Joe Cioken presents this talk, subtitled "A Personal Perspective on the 25th Anniversary of the Terrorist Attack on the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Oc-

tober 23, 1983." Cioken shares his story, personal video footage and photographs. 619-239-2300. Sunday, October 26, 2 p.m.; \$3-\$5. Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, 2115 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Community Meeting** Chula Vista city housing staff will be on hand to answer questions during Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meeting. Find out about the city's CHIP program, with forgivable loans of up to \$65,000 per home for health and safety repairs. 619-425-5771. Monday, October 27, 6:45 p.m.; MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

**Sugar Skulls Craft** Learn to decorate sugar skulls for Día de los Muertos. Reservations: 619-588-3718. Monday, October 27, 5:30 p.m.; ages 12 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

**Who Done It?** Larry Edwards focuses on writing for the mystery genre when San Diego Writers/Editors Guild gathers. "Stop by to hear Larry's how-to's." Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. 760-471-5323. Monday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**"The Latest in Human Nutrition 2008"** In interactive quiz-show format, Michael Greger M.D. presents research on human nutrition, how a vegan diet "can help us prevent, treat, and even reverse chronic disease" for Last Chance for Animals. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7 p.m. Greger is director of public health and animal agriculture with Humane Society of the United States. Dona-

tions appreciated. 619-583-9522. Monday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.; ages 5 and up. San Diego County Health Building, 3851 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

**"Internet Access for Consumer Health Information"** Library offers free class on finding health information using the MedlinePlus website. 619-588-3718. Tuesday, October 28, 10:30 a.m.; El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

**"Land Fill/Land Float"** Lecture by Catherine Seavitt, professor at Cooper Union School of Architecture, for fall lecture series "Fission Sites." 619-235-2900. Tuesday, October 28, 7 p.m.; Woodbury University, 2212 Main Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**"Report to the Region"** This talk and breakfast in MiraCosta College Student Center gathers "experts on the region's economic outlook, the impact of the national election, and the strength of your community college." Speakers: Alan Gin of USD, MiraCosta College political science instructor John Phillips, moderator Susan Cota, MiraCosta's interim superintendent/president. 760-757-2121 x6504. Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 a.m.; \$12. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Special Collections at the Genealogy Division of Carlsbad Cole Library"** Get the skinny when genealogy librarian Mary Van Orsdol addresses North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Learn how to find, access many important but relatively un-

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

known anthologies, collections, that may be important to a genealogist. Nonmembers welcome. 760-630-5720. Tuesday, October 28, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**“That Old Black Magic: Getting It Write”** What’s the difference between pagans, Wiccans, ceremonial magicians, and Satanists? Find out when professional tarot reader Linda Gail Walters addresses Sisters in Crime. 858-748-6842. Tuesday, October 28, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**“The Latinization of America”** Agustin “Gus” Garcia speaks for Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc. and the Center for Latin American Studies in SDSU’s Scripps Cottage. Garcia is a human and civil rights activist and an international businessman; his lecture covers Latino civil and human rights issues pertaining to the workforce, economy, politics, public policy, and impact Latino culture has had in history. 619-587-2638. Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**“Understanding Shingles and Its Impact”** “Coronado 101 Wellness” session with information presented by “local experts in the field.” Spaghetti dinner served at 6 p.m. (donations accepted) before presentation (7 p.m.). Reservations: 619-435-4561. Wednesday, October 29, 6 p.m.; Christ Episcopal Church, 1114 Ninth Street. (CORONADO)

**“You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby: Another Look at Women in the Bible”** Course for men *and* women; do men and women read the Bible differently? Can the biblical stories relating to women give all spiritual nourishment? Class is BYOB (bring your own Bible). Registration: 858-535-1111 x3800. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; through Thursday, December 11, \$35-\$60. Ages 18 and up. Congre-

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

**W**ith a drop-off-and-pick-up transportation arrangement, you can enjoy a challenging hiking traverse across the north end of the Verdugo Mountains, ascending through La Tuna Canyon Park on a rough foot trail and descending toward the finish at Henderson Canyon on a wide, graded fire road. Assuming the skies are crystal clear when you go, you’ll have varied and consistently spectacular views the entire way.



Shaggy north slopes, Verdugo Mountains

To get to the starting point (the west end of the traverse), drive to the trailhead at “The Grotto” on the south side of La Tuna Canyon Road. This is one mile west of the La Tuna Canyon Road exit from the Foothill Freeway. Don’t confuse this trailhead with a similar one 0.4 mile west, which is the main La Tuna Canyon Park entrance. The finish point (east end of the

traverse) is the dead end of Whiting Woods Road, a residential street that intersects the south end of Pennsylvania Avenue at Honolulu Avenue in Glendale.

From the Grotto trailhead on La Tuna Canyon Road, walk 50 yards up the deeply shaded ravine to the base of the small cliff (a waterfall in the wet season) called the Grotto. From there, find and follow the faint trail going sharply up the canyon wall to the left. This is the La Tuna Foot Trail, which quickly becomes more distinct once you get past the initial very steep stretch. The trail quickly settles into a steady and almost uninterrupted uphill grade, zigzagging when necessary to keep on or near the top of a well-defined ridge trending southeast. This hand-tooled route takes you right through mature chaparral, including manzanitas up to 15-feet tall.

After 2.0 miles and nearly 1200 feet of elevation gain, the trail arrives at a wide, graded fire road. To the left and below lies the main part of Fire Warden’s Grove, an experimental forest full of evergreen trees dating from the 1920s. You turn right, however, and climb 0.3 mile farther to the Verdugo Fire Road, where you get your first wide vistas of the vast San Fernando Valley to the west and south.

Turn left on the Verdugo Fire Road and follow it east for 1.1 mile, passing various antenna installations on the crest of the ridge, including the one on Verdugo Peak, the high point of

the range. The bulldozer-scraped ridgeline, burned in 2006, doesn’t look like much, but the view’s the thing here — it’s panoramic and stunningly spacious when seen through clear air.

Look for the Whiting Woods Fire Road intersecting at 3.4 miles into the hike. Turn left and follow its twisting course down an east-plunging ridgeline all the way into the shady depths of Henderson Canyon. The traverse ends where the fire road

ends, at the western end of the paved Whiting Woods Road.

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

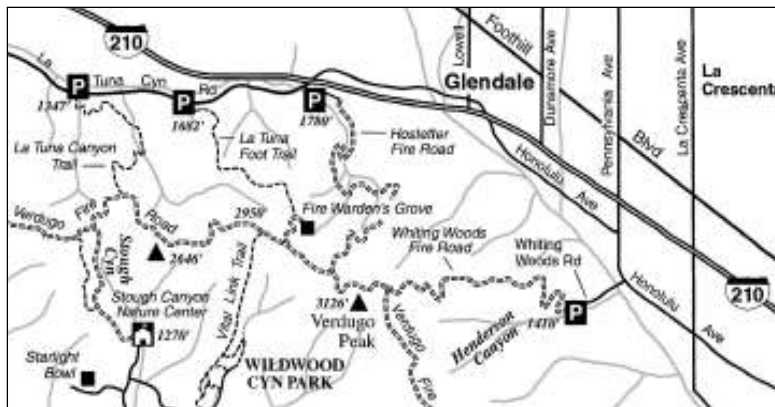
### VERDUGO PEAK TRAVERSE

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**Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous



gation Beth Israel, 9001 Towne Centre Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**“A Conversation with Doctors Without Borders”** Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) aid workers share their experiences working overseas for organization, explore MSF’s humanitarian principles, address current activities and concerns, and answer questions. Panelists include Brigg Reilley (epidemiologist, board member for MSF-USA), MSF nurse Mary Jo Frawley, San

Diego-based surgeon Sandra Freiwald, and logistical expert Alan Hickey. 800-490-0773. Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

## OUTDOORS

**Local Air Temperatures** should be declining most rapidly during this time of year, according to more

than a century of local meteorological records. With every successive week, daily maximum temperatures are declining by about three-quarters of a degree Fahrenheit, and daily minimum temperatures are plummeting by about 1° Fahrenheit. (This gradual onset of fall/winter chill is probably all but unnoticed by most newcomers from harsher climates.) By January our mean temperature will have fallen to about 55°, from an average temperature of about 70° in August.

**Leaves** are beginning to turn in coastal San Diego County’s riparian woodland and oak woodland habitats. In response to a relatively dry spring and summer, the summer-green crowns of willows and sycamores are already fading to yellow and brown. Beneath the

oaks, the deciduous poison oak is flushing red. Some good places for autumn walks this month and next include San Clemente Canyon (Marian Bear) Park adjacent to Freeway 52, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve north of Mira Mesa, and Wilderness Gardens Preserve County Park east of Pala in North County.

**Roaming Tarantula Spiders** are occasionally seen this time of year crossing rural roads or marching through some of San Diego’s canyon-bordering neighborhoods. Doggedly searching for a mate, a male will try to hold its course despite your best effort to deflect or hinder him. Docile in temperament, most tarantulas will tolerate gentle handling; they may bite, however, if provoked. De-

spite their fearsome reputation, tarantula venom is less powerful than a bee’s.

**Audubon Society Bird Walk** Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**Basic Birding** Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, October 25, 8:30 a.m.; Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. (CARLSBAD)

**Desert Garden Tour** Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors’ Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Explore Anstine** Open house at the 11-acre site, with habitat and wildlife displays, guided bird and plant walks, habitat-restoration plantings, more. RSVP: 760-295-1548. Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m.; Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

**Explore Escondido** Walking tour of South Escondido Boulevard led by Escondido History Center, starting at northeast corner of Escondido Boulevard at 5th Avenue. 760-743-8207. Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m.; Escondido History Center walk, Escondido Boulevard at 5th Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Gold Rush** Take a trail-guide-led walk amid golden sycamores, cottonwoods at historic Old Mission Dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 25, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, October 26, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, October 29, 9:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Family Yoga** Yoga Vista Studio leads classes on fourth Saturday of each month; families with children of all ages encouraged to attend. Bring yoga mat or a towel for each family member. 858-538-6161. Saturday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Ocean Beach Jetty Cleanup** Beach cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper starts at Dog Beach. Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.;



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**Sensory-Awareness Hike** Hike to explore the senses as a path to know nature better. Participants will experiment with sight, sound, taste, touch, fragrance. 858-484-3219. Sunday, October 26, 4 p.m.; Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Explore the Urban Forest** Join Walkabout adventurers for one-hour walk, passing “famous Balboa Park cork tree” and Marston House. Jaunt starts at Sixth Avenue and Spruce Street. Optional meal following walk (bring money). 619-231-7463. Wednesday, October 29, 9:30 a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Get Out and Bird!** Join Audubon Society bird watchers in El Arroyo picnic area. Beginners welcome. 858-755-7133. Wednesday, October 29, 8 a.m.; Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**“Itinerarios”** Take a “poetic voyage” during reading and signing by Elsa Cross. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Ely Guerra** Enjoy this Mexican singer-songwriter in concert. 011-52-664-681-8091. Thursday, October 23, 8:30 p.m.; \$30. Tangeloo Club, on Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

## OUT & ABOUT

### “AMISTAD/FRIENDSHIP”

Día de los Muertos altar by Ruby Lang, SoLo, October 25–November 2.

(SEE SPECIAL)



**From Copland to Castle-nuovo-Tedesco** Concert by Orchestra of Baja California with selections by Copland, Brouwer, Cardona, and Castelnuovo-Tedesco. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, October 23, 8 p.m.; \$15. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Cien Años de Lealtad** New book by Luis Leal, Sara Poot-Herrera, others. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, October 24, 6 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Argentine Singer and Songwriter** Facundo Cabral plans concerts. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, October 24, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, October 26, 7 p.m.; \$50-\$60. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Ball Music and Dance** Orquesta Internacional Tijuana led by conductor Neto Lizárraga during concert.

619-498-0023. Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m.; Mezzanine Show Center, Boulevard Insurgentes, 3a Etapa Zona Río. (BAJA)

**Lila Downs** Concert by this Mexican singer who performs her own compositions and taps “into native Mesoamerican music of the Mixtec, Zapotec, Maya, and Nahuatl cultures.” 011-52-664-687-9636. Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Wildly Popular!** Mexican singer, composer, record producer Marco Antonio “El Buki” Solís in concert. 011-52-646-178-3055. Saturday, October 25, 9 p.m.; \$35-\$120. Campo Nuevo Ensenada, Avenida Diamante and Pedro Loyola. (BAJA)

**Yuri and Mijares** In concert. 011-52-664-685-3031. Saturday, October 25, 4 p.m.; L.A. Cetto Winery — Valle de Guadalupe, at

km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3, in Guadalupe Valley. (BAJA)

**Bullfights** Matadors Julio “El Cordobés” Benítez, José Mauricio, and José “Pepihillo” Rodríguez demonstrate their skills. 011-52-664-686-1510. Sunday, October 26, 4 p.m.; Monumental Bullring by the Sea. (BAJA)

**El Viaje de los Cantores** Play for adults only. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, October 28, 8 p.m.; \$12. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Antropología del Desierto** Miguel Olmos and Guillermo Alonso discuss their new book examining landscape, nature, and society. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

## SPECIAL

**Get to Know San Diego Bay** Port of San Diego offers public bay cruise tours focusing on San Diego Bay and its environment, port operations, the waterfront. 619-686-8008. Thursday, October 23, 3 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, 9:30 a.m.; ages 18 and up. Port of San Diego, 3165 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

**GadgetFest** Every year, Comm-Nexus challenges tech companies within and beyond the region to enter their latest technologies into GadgetFest and compete for “Greatest Gadget” title. Competition is preceded by a mini CES-style trade show. Required registration: 858-546-4150. Thursday, October 23, 4 p.m.; Qualcomm headquarters, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**What Is Happiness?** Why should we pursue it? Ponder with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Haunted Hotel Creaks Open** Experience adrenaline-pumping scares in doll room, slaughterhouse, and run from Punk Zombie Clowns. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays except for October 27 and 28. 619-696-SCARE. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; through Saturday, November 1, \$14. Ages 10 and up. Haunted Hotel, 424 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Politics With a Twist”** Bipartisan mixer “to encourage all po-

litically interested people to interact with local incumbents, candidates, staff, and other civic-minded citizens.” This is not a political rally or a fundraiser. Cash bar. 619-917-5109. Thursday, October 23, 5:30 p.m.; U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

**“The Archaeology of Nate Harrison”** Exhibition subtitled “Legacies and Legends of an African-American Pioneer in San Diego County” continues through Thursday, January 15, 2009, in Donor Hall at Love Library. Harrison was this region’s first African-American homesteader; a former slave, he lived during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries atop Palomar Mountain. Exhibit focuses on archaeology of legend and everyday life, with artifacts, historical pictures, and primary documents. 619-594-6791. Thursdays, 7 a.m.; Fridays, 7 a.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.; Mondays, 7 a.m.; Tuesdays, 7 a.m.; Wednesdays, 7 a.m.; through Thursday, January 15, 2009, Malcolm A. Love Library at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**“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)

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# What's That You're Reading?

**NAME:** VICTORIA MARTIN | **AGE:** 21 | **OCCUPATION:** BARTENDER  
**NEIGHBORHOOD:** COLLEGE AREA | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** CITY COLLEGE



## What are you reading?

"It's a book called *The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom*, by Don Miguel Ruiz. At first, I didn't really get it. The introduction is sort of crazy — about how we're in a space between stars and mirrors, and all kinds of weird stuff. Then I read the first chapter; it says we're pretty much our own worst enemies. We judge ourselves and punish ourselves more than any other animal. Say you get a parking ticket. You punish your-

self twice — you don't want to get the ticket again, and so you continuously think about it. Then, when you go over your finances, you think, *I had to pay for that ticket*. You punish yourself a second time."

## What do you make of the argument?

"Well, it's like a suspense TV show because it doesn't tell you what the Four Agreements are right away. It just tells you that we punish ourselves, that we are living in hell, that we all grew up being taught morals that we didn't want to be taught, but we had no say in it — our parents just taught us. Now we're

stuck with these things, and 95 percent of what is in our minds is wrong. Everybody's parents teach them different morals and values, so who's to say? I think that later on, it's going to teach you how to break cycles and bad habits."

## Compare it with other books you've read.

"Among other self-help books, I've read *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne, and I've read *Think and Grow Rich* by Napoleon Hill. In *The Secret*, they throw all these things at you in the beginning: 'You're going to learn about this, and you're going to learn about that, how to do this and how to do that.' *The Four Agreements* slows everything down and tells you, 'This is what we think.' It gets into your head and makes you think a lot."

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

"I'd probably say *The Secret*. It's

a good book because it talks about positive energy, and it tells you how to transform negative energy into positive energy. It's all about what you think in your mind. Instead of saying something negative, say something positive. Instead of getting frustrated, say, 'That's just what I wanted. My friends will laugh, and it will just be funny, and I'll be over it.' It teaches you to break the cycles of your life. Instead of asking, 'Why do I get stuck with the same kind of guy?' date someone you would not normally date."

## Who are your favorite authors?

"I would say Napoleon Hill. He does a lot of self-help books, too. Most self-help books are just guidelines: do this, do that. But he tells stories from his own personal experience: 'I did this, and this is what happened. So I went back and did this to change things, and that's why this was the outcome.'"

## What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"Well, I am a girl, so I do read *Seventeen*, and if I'm at the grocery store, I read the gossip columns, see what's new with Britney."

## How many articles do you read to the end?

"If I'm really interested, or if I'm really bored, I'll read the whole thing to the end. If I'm at the grocery store, I'll skim through."

## Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"Yeah. My girlfriend is reading this book about who you are in your family — the breadwinner, etcetera. She was telling me that in every family, there's always what you call a murderer — someone who flames everyone else, tries to feel superior to everyone else. I'm kind of interested in it, so she says I can read it when she's done with it."

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Fair in community rooms. 760-435-5580. Friday, October 24, 10 a.m.; Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Harvest Festival** The 33rd annual festival returns with more than 300 exhibitors offering art and craft items. Entertainment, food, demonstrations. Tickets good for entire weekend. 415-447-3205. Friday, October 24, 10 a.m.; Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**"What Lies Beneath"** Monster Manor returns, with visits to the Ghostleys' "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 24, 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, noon and 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 26, noon; Tuesday, October 28, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, October 29, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Target center, 8235 Mira Mesa Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

**Old West Harvest Fest** Enjoy "seasonal family activities, camping, and Old West costume contest" at this 163-acre wilderness reserve, October 24-26. On tap: hayride, pumpkin-painting contest (paints provided, \$5 for pumpkins or bring your own), bonfire and cookout, scavenger hunt, stargazing. The \$5 fee includes hayride and hot dog roast Saturday night, plus site fees for tent and RV campers. Reservations: 619-766-4480. Friday, October 24, 1 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, 8 a.m.; Sunday, October 26, 8 a.m.; \$5. Sacred Rocks Reserve, 1331 Shasta Way. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

**"A Soup, a Stock, and a Sauce"** The "Just Add Water Series" continues when Chef Elizabeth divulges "how to prepare the onion soup recipe from her book," along with creation of low-sodium soup stocks, more. 760-436-3036. Saturday, October 25, 1:30 p.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"Amistad/Friendship"** Ruby Lang returns to display her sixth annual *ofrenda* (altar) in commemoration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and "the dearly departed." This year's piece features a "Circle of Friends," representing importance of friendship, with skeletons dressed in handmade paper dresses, holding hands around a table stacked with sugar skulls, candles, flowers, *milagros*, antique religious items. Open-house reception: Saturday, October 25 (5:30-7:30 p.m.). 858-794-9016. Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Sundays,

11 a.m.; Mondays, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.; through Sunday, November 2, SoLo, 309 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Grave Matters: The Symbolism of Gravestone Art"** Why do angels, flowers, columns, willows, and urns appear on gravestones? What do they mean? SDSU anthropology professor Seth Mallios discusses these images and beliefs held by people who chose them to be carved in stone as a permanent remembrance. After lecture at Museum of San Diego History, meet at Mount Hope Cemetery (3751 Market Street) for *in situ* look at gravestone imagery. Reservations: 619-232-6203 x129. Saturday, October 25, 1 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Anniversary Party and Beer Festival** Ballast Point hosts 12th

anniversary festivities, benefiting YMCA Youth and Family Services and Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Live music from Pau Hana. Among the featured breweries: Airdale Brewing Company, Coronado Brewing Company, Green Flash Brewing, Oceanside Aleworks, Port Brewing, Rock Bottom Brewery, Stone Brewing. Tickets include ten 4-ounce tasters. 858-695-2739. Saturday, October 25, 1 p.m.; \$35-\$40. Ages 21 and up. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

**"Light Bites and Bubbly"** Chef Bernard Guillas demonstrates recipes including buttercup squash shooters, citrus foam, more. Donation benefits Second Harvest. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, October 25, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

**All Hands on Deck!** Taste 18th-century shipboard life when top-sail schooner *Privateer Lynx* visits for dockside tours, Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Adventure sails offered both days, 2-5 p.m. Fees, reservations: 866-446-5969. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Book Sale** All manner of books on offer, along with CDs, audio, and video material. 619-533-3102. Saturday, October 25, 9:30 a.m.; College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Boulevard BOO! Parade** The BOO! parade — replete with floats, vintage cars, horses, marching bands — proceeds from 59th Street to Rolando Boulevard (11 a.m.-noon). Carnival at Clay Park (noon-6 p.m.) promises rides, mu-

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**Tour of the Subtropical Fruit Garden** Docent Sally Sandler leads tour of subtropical fruit garden. Included in regular admission to gardens. 760-436-3036. Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Unprecedented?** San Diego Architectural Foundation offers “an unprecedented architecture and design tour of Scripps Institution of Oceanography.” Day includes lectures; self-guided tours; slide shows; conversations about the architecture, design, and landscape architecture of campus. Historians and archivists will provide historical perspectives, discussions about newer structures. 619-232-1385. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$35. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**California-Friendly Gardening Festival** Celebrate autumn planting season. On offer: drought-tolerant plants and compost bins (for sale), talks on water-wise gardening. Visit the “ask the designers” area for 20-minute landscape design consultation with a landscape designer or architect (reservations recommended). For kids: Dr. Wilderness show, Great Pumpkin Walk. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

**Calling Collectors, Growers, Enthusiasts!** Fall bamboo sale (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) presented by American Bamboo Society, beginning with bamboo auction (10:30

a.m.) in parking lot 3E. Horticulture department will be open for plant sales. 760-757-2121 x6482. Saturday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Life Is Good Pumpkin Festival** Fall-themed activities include pumpkin-carving competition, scarecrow stuffing, games, live music, food, more. Benefits HomeAid and Project Joy. 888-769-6002. Saturday, October 25, 3 p.m.; Linear Park, 17117 4S Ranch Parkway. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**David Bowie and Madonna Halloween Costume Contest** All costumes welcome at this Halloween party and costume contest. Music by the Atomic Cowboys. Party is in a hall located in ice arena; there will be no ice skating. 760-809-5588. Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Ages 21 and up. San Diego Ice Arena, 11048 Ice Skate Place. (MIRA MESA)

**Fall Art Festival** View artwork by over 200 artisans and craftspeople in 37 working artists' studios and galleries. Art demonstrations, activities for kids, live music by Mike Cello, Jim Earp, Josh and Zach Wheeler. 619-201-4667. Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m.; Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m.; Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

**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 the Kahuna Cowboys (October 25), the Bayou Brothers (October 26). Family rate: \$25 for two adults, two children. 760-941-1791. Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.; Sunday, October 26, 9 a.m.; Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

**Hallo-Wiener Dachshund Picnic** Exchange spooky dachshund tales! The 20th annual gathering hosted by San Diego Dachshund

## OUT & ABOUT

**"THE CONE OF UNCERTAINTY: NEW ORLEANS AFTER KATRINA"**  
José Torres, CSU San Marcos,  
Wednesday, October 29.

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Club. Bring dachshunds on short leash (costumes encouraged), picnic, lawn chairs, snacks, water for canines. No fees, no competition. 858-342-3309. Sunday, October 26, noon; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Meals on the Move"** Learn to make simple, fast meals to go during event by Marge Wurgel promising food demonstration, tasting, handouts. Registration: 858-538-8159. Monday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**"WOMOJO, Women's Mystical Power and Magic"** This exhibit juried by local artist Mollie Kellogg concludes with awards celebration for artists honored in the exhibition. During event, Brenda Panneton will perform songs from her CD *An Emotional Woman*; storyteller Alyce Smith Cooper spins a story from her new children's book *The Golden Brown Fairy Godmother*. 619-233-7963. Sunday, October 26, 1 p.m.; Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

**"For Paws Fiesta"** Street fair for you and your dog includes flyball

and agility demonstrations, obedience classes, live music by Manganista and No Reply. All in celebration of North County Humane Society's 70 years of service. 760-757-4357. Sunday, October 26, 11 a.m.; North County Humane Society, 2905 San Luis Rey Road. (OCEANSIDE)

**Big Ray's Classic Car and Cycle Show** San Diego Auto Swap features classics, hot rods, cycles, high-performance vehicles on display (in conjunction with Kobey's Swap Meet). Vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” 858-484-9342. Sunday, October 26, 7 a.m.; San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

**Bobbing for Bones!** Ocean Beach Canine Carnival and Howl-O-Ween Festival is a party for dog-loving community featuring games, canine costume parade with grand marshal Bandit the Biker Dog (2 p.m.). Also planned: agility course, a dog psychic, paw art, street fair, all on Santa Monica Avenue (between Ebers Street and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Bring your leashed canine companion. 619-225-8705 or 619-225-2237. Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m.;

Ocean Beach, Newport Avenue and Abbott Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Here Comes the...** Bridal Bazaar, with 200 area wedding professionals such as caterers, florists, musicians, locations, other businesses offering wedding-related wares. 760-334-5500. Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m.; \$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Vintage to Modern** Everything photographic offered during Bargain Camera Show. 310-578-7446. Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m.; Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

**House of Turkey** Lawn program with dancing, ethnic costumes, music. 619-234-0739. Sunday, October 26, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Return of R-Rated Trivia** Trivia challenge “loaded with mini-games and comedy.” Winning team takes all. 619-294-4848. Sunday, October 26, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**San Diego Fertility Expo** Expo in International House Great Hall

commemorating National Infertility Awareness Week raises money for Resolve. Booths with information from reproductive endocrinologists, fertility acupuncture, nutrition for fertility, fertility yoga, surrogacy, adoption. 619-265-0291. Sunday, October 26, 11:30 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Thanksgiving Made Easy** Cooking demonstrations by chef Jenn with “helpful tips and pointers, cool tools to make life easier,” and do-ahead recipes. Reservations: 760-471-8039. Information: 858-212-9054. Sunday, October 26, 2:30 p.m.; \$42. Lake Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

**The Screams Are for Real** The Haunted Trail, an “all-outdoor haunted attraction,” promises a mile-long trail through twisted grove of pines and gnarled oaks, as well as “Carnival of Carnage” clown maze. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays except for October 27 and 28. 619-696-SCARE. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; through Saturday, November 1, \$14. Ages 10 and up. Marston Point, Laurel Street at Sixth Avenue. (BALBOA PARK)

**Time to Scream!** Del Mar “Scaregrounds” hosts annual Scream Zone, boasting “House of Horror” with rooms filled with “terrifying scenes and scares,” haunted hayride through haunted barns on racetrack, and “the Chamber,” promising “the largest spinning tunnel in San Diego.” Call to confirm hours, open dates: 858-755-1161 x2855. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 7 p.m.; Mondays, 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; through Saturday, November 1, \$14-\$27. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**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 28, 9:30 a.m.; ages 18 and up. Pepper Park, Bay Marina Drive at Tidelands Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Festival of Light** The Indian festival Diwali “celebrates the victory of good over evil.” Enjoy Indian dance and refreshments, a *kolam* or *rangoli* — a rice powder sand painting — and, at sundown, illumination of hundreds of tiny oil lamps in front of museum. Evening showcases Indian dance from Rajasthan, Haryana, Orissa, southern India; Indian refreshments from Ashoka the Great Restaurant, selection of traditional sweets, speaker on meaning of Diwali. 619-239-0003 x107. Tuesday,

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**Día de los Muertos** Residents, local artists display altars with Day of the Dead *ofrendas* (offerings), on display October 29-November 2. Tamales, mole, and other traditional foods will be sold on Saturday, November 1 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.). Mexican food, arts and crafts for sale. 619-232-5181. Wednesday, October 29, 8 a.m.; Sherman Heights Community Center, 2258 Island Avenue. (GOLDEN HILL)

**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 25, 8 p.m.; \$5. Julian Pioneer Cemetery, Farmer's Road. (JULIAN)

## SPORTS

**"Fury in the Ring"** Live boxing. Main event is bout between light heavyweights Dennis Grachev of Russia and Thomas Haines from Oakland, California. 619-420-8866. Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.; \$30. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

**Light the Night Walk** Fund-raising walk benefiting Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society. Participants walk two-mile route carrying illuminated balloons — white for survivors, red for supporters, gold in memory of those who have passed. 858-427-6655. Friday, October 24, 5:30 p.m.; Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2008** 858-492-4400. Saturday, October 25, 7 a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Spooktacular People Pet Walk** Enjoy one- or two-mile walk with your favorite animal companion (9 a.m.), animal costume contest (\$10 per pet, 10:30 a.m.), family-friendly haunted house and fright zone (9 a.m.-noon). Pledges requested. Registration: 7:30 a.m. 858-756-4117 x312. Saturday, October 25, 7:30 a.m.; \$15-\$25. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Kickathon** Miramar Martial Arts Academy students will perform 50,000 kicks and other demonstrations to raise money "to deliver 50 Thanksgiving meals...through Catholic Charities." Donations appreciated. 858-586-7040. Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m.; Miramar Martial Arts Academy, 9272 Miramar Road, Suite 21. (MIRA MESA)

**Walk to Fight Diabetes** Get some exercise, enjoy a three-mile walk through Liberty Station. Route is flat and easily accessible to all walkers, including four-legged friends. Registration: 8 a.m. Walk steps off at 9 a.m. 888-DIABETES Saturday, October 25, 8 a.m.; NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

**Light the Night Against Crime** This 5k run/walk starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring a flashlight and wear a costume! Race-day registration: 5 p.m. 619-298-7400. Saturday, October 25, 5 p.m.; \$15-\$33. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Coronado Cruising** Join Knickerbikers for 25-mile jaunt from Harbor Drive and Hawthorne Street to Coronado. 619-787-7427. Sunday, October 26, 9 a.m.; County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway. (LITTLE ITALY)

**JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes** The 2008 walk takes place at the UCSD School of Medicine lawn. Check-in: 7:30 a.m., walk steps off at 9 a.m. 858-597-0240. Sunday, October 26, 9 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Ridin' to Ramona** Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders and head east via highways 52 and 67 and Highland Valley. Bring money for lunch in Ramona during the 75-mile ride. 619-473-8513. Sunday, October 26, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Smackdown!** World Wrestling Entertainment. Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Tuesday, October 28, 5:45 p.m.; \$23-\$73. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

**Greater San Diego Hunter Jumper Association Finals** 760-533-5278. Wednesday, October 29, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)



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### MUSEUMS

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

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

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

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum** See artifacts from San Diego’s Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord’s bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in

1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Avenue, 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Marston House Museum** Historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525

Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

**Museum of San Diego History** “Dressing a City: Selected Styles from Marston’s Department Store, 1878-1961” offers selection of pieces from San Diego Historical Society’s costume and textile collection, with clothing and replica costumes. Through December.

Also, “100 Years of Art,” continuing through March, 2009, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. “Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego” lets visitors “literally walk on San Diego”; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society’s collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

**Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove** “Messages from the

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

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** Oozing with disgusting science and hands-on learning games, “Animal Grossology” takes a scientific look at “some of the slimiest, stinkiest, and downright yuckiest creatures on Earth,” adapted from author and science teacher Sylvia Branzei’s *Grossology* children’s book series. Visitors gain perspective on animal kingdom, with 16 exhibits bringing to life gritty and gross facts about some of “nature’s most disgusting critters.” Continues through Sunday, January 4, 2009.

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

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

**San Diego Air and Space Museum** “Star Trek: The Exhibition” is said to contain “the world’s most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, re-creations, sets, costumes,

and props” from five television series and ten films created for more than 40 years. Sit on a re-creation of the original USS *Enterprise* bridge, enjoy a motion simulator.

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

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age,

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

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

**San Diego Automotive Museum** “Ferrari: Cavallino Rampante — Italy’s Prancing Horse” — continuing through Sunday, January 4, 2009 — showcases history and culture of Italy, with emphasis on Italian art, food, wine. Among vehicles on display: a 1952 212 Europa, 1955 250 Boano Prototipo, 1957 250 Testarossa, 1959 410 Super America, and 1965 275 GTB/Competizione, and other examples of the marque.

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

**San Diego Hall of Champions** Ongoing exhibits include “Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight,” “Surfing in San Diego,” exhibits of baseball card art, fencing,

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

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

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

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

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

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track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth’s oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

**San Diego Museum of Man** “Beyond Reasonable Drought” examines “ways in which culture and climate are intimately connected today as they always have been.” Exhibition examines how water resources have affected populations, cultures.

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

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

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

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

**San Diego Tugboat Museum** A 100-foot retired Korean War-era tugboat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

**San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park** Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-

guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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

**Women’s History Museum** View “WOMOJO, Women’s Mystical Power and Magic” through Sunday, October 26. Exhibit was juried by local artist Mollie Kellogg. 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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**Bring Crampons!** “In her native Australia, Kathleen Gallagher is recognized as one of the foremost masters of contemporary flute.” Enjoy a concert covering “some steep and challenging terrain” with pieces by Cage, Berberian, Berio, Globokar, Griffin. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, October 23. (LA JOLLA)

**Love Songs by Schumann and Fauré** Tenor Josh Vincent of San

Diego Opera and pianist Anna Savvas-Katkov showcase “the many forms of union and connectedness, through love, death, and nature, via 19th-Century poetry and art song” for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2453. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, October 23. (SAN MARCOS)

**Enjoy “The Planets”** Holst’s piece is showcased when Jacobs’ Masterworks series continues. San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling are joined by harpist Yolanda Kondonassis (harp) and women of San Diego Master Chorale for concerts including Rossini’s overture to *The Barber of Seville* and premiere of the “Harp Concerto” by Sheng. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copple Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25; 2 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (DOWNTOWN)

**Mark Dresser/Telematic** Take in “interdisciplinary Telematic and music performance” in Calit2 auditorium. 858-534-3229. University of California San Diego (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, October 25. (LA JOLLA)

**Soirée for Music Lovers** Violinist János Négyesy and friends perform romantic classical music. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, October 25. (LA JOLLA)

**“A Romantic European Visit”** MiraCosta College’s North Coast Symphony Orchestra transports listeners through classical music’s romantic period via “symphonic masterworks” such as “A Night

on Bald Mountain” by Musorgsky, Enesco’s “Romanian Rhapsody No. 1,” “Symphony No. 8 in F Major” by Beethoven, and “The Symphonic Dances” by Grieg. 760-795-6815. MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 25, and 2 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (OCEANSIDE)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (BALBOA PARK)

**Chamber Music Recital** Trio Licenza presents piano trios by Johann Nepomik Hummel in French Parlor of Founders Hall. Ensemble includes Alyze Dreiling (violin), Angela Yeung (cello), and Linda Scott (piano). 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 2 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (LINDA VISTA)

**An “Unsurpassed Masterpiece”** Song recital by tenor Joshua Vincent and pianist Anna Savvas-Katkov promises Robert Schumann’s “Dichterliebe (The Poet’s Love),” a song cycle composed in 1840, set to poetry by German poet Heinrich Heine. Piece is “considered by many to be the pinnacle of the song-cycle form.” Also planned: several songs by Gabriel Fauré. 619-236-5810. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (DOWNTOWN)

**Works for Cello, Clarinet, and Piano** Charles Neidich (clarinet), Hai-ye Ni (cello), and Hong Lin (piano) in concert. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 7:30 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (LA JOLLA)

**Piano Recital** Piano students from UCSD perform. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (LA JOLLA)

**Festival of Classical and Liturgical Music** Concert is part of the Oceanside Music Festival. Reservations: 760-433-3632. St. Mary’s Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way), 2 p.m., Sunday, October 26. (OCEANSIDE)

**Graduate Forum #1** UCSD music graduate students perform. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 28. (LA JOLLA)

**“The Legacy of the French School”** Flutist Elena Yarritu and pianist Dana Burnett perform works by Philippe Gaubert, Georges Enesco, Cecile Chaminade, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc. 858-522-1668. Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive), 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 29. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Up for a “Rarely Performed Sonata”?** Cellist Geoffrey Gartner plans his final DMA recital, a solo concert featuring Eugene Ysaye’s “Sonata for Solo Cello.” 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 29. (LA JOLLA)

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## GALLERIES

**“Valerie Daval: L’enfant rouge”** Meet French magical realist Daval during reception for exhibition of her paintings. 858-459-0836. Madison Gallery (1020 Prospect Street), 6 p.m., Thursday, October 23. (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.

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

**Mingei International Museum — North County** “Nomadic Legacy — Tent & Textiles of 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, create new work informed and inspired by their experiences in these diverse cultural and natural regions. Exhibit features new commissioned works by Mark Dion, Ann Hamilton, Inigo Manglano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramirez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1.

“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)

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tions from the Collection" marks Hugh M. Davies's 25th anniversary as museum's David C. Coppley Director. Exhibit offers "a personal, idiosyncratic selection of approximately 130 works acquired between 1983 and the present," including works by John Baldessari, John Currin, Robert Irwin, William Kentridge, Nathan Mabry, Yoshitomo Nara, Martin Puryear, Lorna Simpson, Bill Viola, and Lisa Yuskavage. View this "cross-section of paintings, prints, drawings, video, installation art, and photography" through Sunday, January 4, 2009. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

"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** "DAMNGORGEOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy" offers "a comprehensive look at his impressive career from the 1920s to the '80s." Over 40 works of art, including watercolors, oils, etchings, lithographs, and drawings, provide viewers with introduction to Sheets's legacy. In the early 1930s, Sheets helped define a movement known as Southern California Regionalism, depicting rural scenes near his home in Claremont, California. Through Sunday, January 4, 2009.

"Revealing the Divine: Selected Works by Levi J. Casias" opens on Thursday, October 23, in which the Oceanside artist investigates "the concept of mysticism in a religious manner." Casias believes mysticism cannot be rationalized by the intellect but can only be understood by personal experience, bridging a link between art and spirituality. He uses industrial materials, methods to create contemporary art work. Through December. 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 tableau photographs based on Greek and Roman history and mythology, presented together for first time. "The three series are comprised of comic and psychologically complex melodramatic enactments of

actual and fictional classical narratives."

"Visible Places: Works by Women on Paper" — continuing through Sunday, November 9 — showcases works from SDMA's collection. The early- to mid-20th-century pieces offer historical framework allowing consideration of how artistic styles changed over time, reflect upon active participation of women in the social and political currents of the period. Artists included are Mary Cassatt, Käthe Kollwitz, Isabel Bishop, Barbara Hepworth, Leonora Carrington. Exhibit includes "Spatial Gestures," focusing on abstract works by contemporary women artists acquired by museum between 2006 and present.

"Emerging Elites: Indo-Muslim Cultures in Transition" examines artistic transitions that took place in Indo-Muslim cultural centers in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Exhibition treats these paintings as creative, ongoing cultural transformations. Closes Sunday, March 15, 2009. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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**Never Say Die** “I emailed Skip [Seip, of Never Say Die Productions] from something I saw on craigslist,” says “Mike,” who plays in one of

emails and a week and a half later, he sprung on us that we had to pay to play.”

Seip told Mike’s band that they had to pay \$300 to play Canes.

“He told us it was an opportunity to make a lot of money for the band,” says Mike. “He gave us 100 tickets that we were supposed to sell

the tickets, there was some kind of fee we had to pay for wasting his time.”

Seip says that three of the four bands that played the show paid him \$300 each to get on the bill. (One of the bands only paid \$200 because members were minors.)

“I gave [Mike’s band] a hundred tickets. If they sold 80 at \$10, they could keep \$500 for themselves.” Seip describes himself as an “outside promoter” with fixed expenses. “I have to rent the room — Canes is not cheap. I have a bar guarantee [for liquor sales]. If I don’t hit it, it comes out of my pocket.... I lose money at these shows sometimes.... For the first two months [of promoting shows in San Diego], I didn’t make one penny.”

Seip, who last promoted shows in L.A., says he’s been working the San Diego scene for seven months. He moved to Vista one and a half years ago. He says he does not use the pay-to-play arrangement with all the bands he books and that some San Diego bands aren’t aware that pay-to-play is how the music business works in many large cities.

“I’m not in this as a

promoter tapping his foot, watching how many heads are coming in through the door; it’s more about the band moving its career forward. So many bands aren’t doing anything to further their career. I want to work with bands who want to help themselves. What I’m doing is helping bands get through the door at Canes.”

— Ken Leighton

**Road Luck** “Nobody really knows why Isis didn’t use their full time [on stage], but [their early departure] allowed Earthless to literally steal the festival,” says Steve Dolcemaschio of Tee Pee Records. He refers to this summer’s Roadburn Festival in Tilburg, Holland, where “Earthless was originally only supposed to play a small 200-person room....

“The band was setting up when the guy who organizes Roadburn ran into the room, yelling that Isis only played an hour of their two-hour slot. They were scrambling to find a replacement band, and suddenly Earthless was up on the main stage of the festival,

in front of thousands of rabid concertgoers who never heard of them before.”

The band played for just



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**EARTHLESS SATES THE RABID**

under two hours.

“It was kind of a ‘WTF’ reaction at first, but [the band] ended up killing it,” according to Dolcemaschio, who says that Earthless wasn’t given additional pay for the headlining set.

“It wasn’t until after they got back that we found out the show was taped.... Turns out the recording sounded fantastic, so we made a deal [with festival operators] to put it out.”

The double disc *Live at Roadburn* was released last week.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Impalin’ the Candidate**

The Flimz, featuring singer-songwriters Annie Dru and

Amy Mayer, may be the first San Diegans to impersonate a vice-presidential candidate in a video. On October 10, the pair posted their third scripted video, “Palin’s VPilf Blues,” starring Mayer as Alaska governor Sarah Palin, on YouTube and [funnyordie.com](http://funnyordie.com) ([youtube.com/watch?v=3mEMCIPAc0s](http://youtube.com/watch?v=3mEMCIPAc0s))

The two first teamed up in February 2007, after meeting each other at their sons’ high school water-polo match. Dru had released two



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**SARAH PALIN, IS THAT YOU? (MAYER)**

solo discs and worked with bluesman Robin Henkel; Mayer had released a children’s DVD.

# blurt

the inside track

the four metal bands (the Blood of the Covenant, Aten, Desolator, and Mindstress) that performed at Canes on October 15.

“The craigslist ad said something like, ‘Looking for bands to play at Canes, O’Connells, and Brick by Brick.’” Mike spoke with Seip, who booked his band for the Canes show. “But two



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**ATEN TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY**

for \$10. He said that we could keep the money for every ticket we sold after 30. If we don’t show up and don’t sell



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Working on a shoestring budget that, according to Mayer, included "\$20 to Beston Barnett for playing the bass track, a tank of gas for the van, and two Cuban burritos from Mozy's in Leucadia," the duo and a production team of three turned out the Palin project in a weekend; they wrote and recorded the tune on Friday afternoon, and by Sunday night the clip was complete. Editing took another five days.

The Flimz's previous video, "If I'm Not Working," released on May 29, has garnered more than 1500 YouTube views over four months. At this writing, "Palin's VPilf Blues" had been viewed more than 2100 times in its first five days.

With lyrics such as "I'm running with that lethc McCain/ I flushed his campaign down the drain," there is no mistaking whom the Flimz will be voting for on November 4. Though the responses to their video have been mostly positive, according to Dru, a few "die-hard Republican" friends and family members have expressed disdain.

Mayer's transformation into Sarah Palin for the video and two live performances to date has taken even Flimz fans by surprise.

"I guess she was convincing, as friends have actually emailed us, asking

who played the Palin character in the video," says Dru. "I knew that [Mayer] was truly committed when she took the scissors to the bangs that she'd been growing out for the last six months to play the part."

— Bart Mendoza

**Higher Than Hope** The song "Higher Than Hope," by Finnish metal band Nightwish, is about local deejay Marc Brueland, who lost his battle with cancer five years ago this week, on October 25, 2003.

Sample lyric: "The hopes were high/ the choirs were vast/ now my dreams are left to live through you."

Brueland deejayed at Club Sabbat, a goth gathering then held Saturday nights at Shooterz in North Park. Despite being told he had a few weeks to live, Brueland made what he called a "holy pilgrimage" in September of 2003, flying to Atlanta to see his favorite band, Nightwish, make its U.S. concert debut. Keyboardist Tuomas Holopainen invited Brueland



HOLOPAINEN AND BRUELAND (RIGHT)

to watch the show from the stage in his wheelchair, accompanied by family members.

Before launching into Brueland's favorite Nightwish song, "Walking in the Air," Holopainen introduced the band's "very special guest" and brought Brueland onto the stage for a hug. Though on heavy painkillers and barely able to speak, Brueland

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was seen standing up and banging his head during the song.

Inspired by their fading fan, Nightwish recorded "Higher Than Hope," which features dialogue from an interview Brueland did with KFMB/News 8 after his first operation. Before recording was completed, Brueland died from complications related to a rare form of liver cancer. The song appeared on the 2004 album *Once*.

— Jay Allen Sanford

## Now It Can Be Told

Guitarist/singer/songwriter Rich Kunz never told his architecture-firm coworkers about his self-described "stoner-rock heavy metal band" called Ride the Sun.

"I didn't want anyone to know I played heavy rock-and-roll music. Architecture designers almost always wear the same Eurostyle clothes: nice collared shirts and black leather shoes. And everyone liked the same kind of techno deejay music. They all went to the same clubs downtown. I like the dive bars that have hardcore shows."

As of two weeks ago, Kunz, 37, doesn't have to worry about his double life; the Del Mar architecture firm



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## KUNZ, SUN-RIDING WITHOUT ARCHITECTURE

he worked for downsized from six to five people.

"The client I was working with just got hurt really bad in the stock market [and backed away from the remodel]. I was working on a remodel on her \$3.6 million house in La Jolla."

For employment while he's out of his field of expertise, Kunz says he may make furniture or children's pop-up books. He hopes his unemployment benefits will be enough to cover his one-quarter share (\$125) of rent for the band's rehearsal room. With his time off, Kunz plans to resurrect the Fish Tacos, an all-original "acoustic punk" duo in the same vein as the

Dead Milkmen and the Violent Femmes.

Ride the Sun appears tonight at the 710 Beach Club.

— Ken Leighton

**Axed** Six years ago today (10/23/02), during their set at the downtown Hard Rock Café, Rookie Card guitarist Adam Gimbel plugged into a Judas Priest guitar display.

"I've heard reports of other bands interacting with the memorabilia at other Hard Rock Cafés since then," says bassist Jason Hee, "but I think we were the first to do so."

"We decided to stage 'Free Bird' as a big finale for what we assumed would be our first and only Hard Rock performance," recalls Hee. "What better way to end our corporate-rock set at the Hard Rock than by playing the classic-rock-radio staple in its entirety?"

"When we were about three minutes into the six-minute solo, Adam [Gimbel, guitarist] unplugged his guitar and plugged his amp into K.K. Downing's Gibson Flying V, and started strumming! It was still on the wall, still functional, and

probably way out of tune, so it was merely histrionic dissonance.

"A Hard Rock employee realized what was going on and promptly removed Adam's cord from the Judas Priest guitar, and we wrapped up the big solo and ended our set. I'm not really sure the audience realized what was going on. It was late, and they were probably more



FLYING V IN PROPER FORMATION (DOWNING)

concerned with working out their food and drink bills."

Jason Hee currently plays bass with Billy Midnight, with whom he appears at Anthology on November 5.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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## This Week In Music

### Thursday 23

New-wave diva **Alison Moyet** drops in on House of Blues tonight. The English pop singer is best known for her brief partnership with Depeche Mode's Vince Clarke in Yaz (Yazoo, for you Anglophiles), whose 1982 debut *Upstairs at Eric's* remains a new-wave staple for Moyet's soulful blues belt on club hits "Don't Go" and "Situation." She's out behind last year's "theatrical" collection *The Turn*, featuring songs written for comedic stage play *Smaller*. Catch up with the artist with last week's *PopMatters* interview, "The Liberated Chameleon." ... The **Presidents of the United States of America** are campaigning on the last administration's alt-rock ticket. ("Lump" is still a great track, though.) The Seattle-based trio is out to tout new one *These Are the Good Times People*, the band's sixth studio set and first with San Diego expat Andrew McKeag (Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver) on guitar and vox. They play Belly Up with their Nor'west neighbors the **Blakes**.... S'more? Casbah stages young funks the **Tighten Ups** with **Team Abraham** and **Runhoney**...while uptown you got alt-pop acts **Drowning Men** and **War Stories** in the Beauty Bar's backyard...and a Citizen Video-curated horror-flick trailer fest at Whistle Stop, with a very cerebral performance by **Braaiins!**

### Friday 24

Pass the *Emperor Tomato Ketchup*, please. London synth act **Stereolab** tunes in and turns up at Belly Up Friday night. Nearing 20 years of touring and recording, the duo of Gane and Sadier have kept the experimental-pop lab open, rebuilding the sextet; starting their own label,



STEREOLAB AT BELLY UP

Duophonic Records; and releasing this summer's well-received *Chemical Chords*. Lab mastermind Gane has supplanted the krautrock beats of old (and Neu!) with a Motown vibe on their ninth studio set. Bend an ear to opening track "Neon Beanbag." **Richard Swift** and **Monade** set the

Solana Beach stage.... Buenos Aires's **Boom Boom Kid** will be in town at Music Trader in the Sports Arena area (6p) and later at Ruby Room (9p). The Kid's Latin-flavored punk-pop rocks Spanish-language rave-ups. Check his Space takes and make a date to check out Hillcrest's latest live lounge (formerly SDSC). **Tiltwheel** and **Sunny Side** also on the bill... Beauty Bar books a...beauty, with noise-pop peeps the **Lanterns**, **Death Set**, and **Apes of Wrath**.... Also diggin' the Ché's cachet, with punk performance artist **Gary Wilson** and pop minimalists **Christmas Island** and **Mark Lewis**, all hosted by DJ/MC **Don Bolles** of punk progenitors the Germs.... Elsewhere: Bay Area rapper **E-40** will be down at 4th&B...Power-poppers **Thin Man** and the **Powerchords** plug in at Whistle Stop...O'Connells has got SanFran acoustic psych-rock band **Buxter Hoot'n**....and the Casbah bills Boulder's big rock **Rose Hill Drive** and Oxford, Miss, indie kids **Colour Revolt**.

### Saturday 25

Got to get on the **Donkeys** tip, SanDago. The local quartet's getting national press for their Dead Oceans sophomore set *Living on the Other Side*, a collection of sunny SoCal desert rock.



DONKEYS AT KEN

Check out the Dead harmonies and lilting harmonies on lead single "Walk Through a Cloud" for the band's hippie-dippy draw. They're headlining the Ken Saturday night.... Cambodian psych-pop six-piece **Dengue Fever** will play UCSD's Loft space. The L.A.-based band signed to Peter Gabriel's Real World Records for this year's *Venus on Earth*.... Houston hip-hopper **Devin the Dude** delivers his latest raps, *Landing Gear*, to Canes.... Local singer-songer and SDMA standout **Alex Woodard** and his **Naysayers** are apparently going to carry the night at Casbah Saturday with a freebie. Casbah site suggests you "bring money anyway."... Radio Room dials in hardcore sets by Washington's **Neutralboy** and Oceanside trio **Nuthin SpeshL**.... Hard-rawkin'



MOUNTAIN GOATS AT BELLY UP

**Snot** and **DevilDriver** roll up on Brick by Brick.... While the **Nards** teabag Tiki with alternatif rock-roll.

### Sunday 26

Excellent tré at the Ché Café Sunday night features Donkeys' Dead Oceans label mates the **Evangelicals**. They hail from Norman, OK, and made a Web splash with '06 debut *So Gone*'s exuberant experimental rock, but it's the quartet's performances that rule the indie roost. They're out in support of sophomore crit hit *The Evening Descends*, a storybook song cycle. Brooklyn's proggy experimentalists

**Usaisamonster** and U.K.'s chaotic tribalists **Foot Village** rouse the campus collective.... Audioslave and Soundgarden song-smith **Chris Cornell** hooked up with rap producer **Timbaland** for this year's *Scream*, a decidedly R&B-leaning collection for the hard-rocker. The pair will hook again at House of Blues for a daring double bill.... **Gunplay Maxwell** takes aim at Bar Pink with the **Tighten Ups**.... And then you got your Sunday-night specials: a 94/9 Halloween thing at Casbah features **Monsters from Mars**, **Zombie Surf Camp**, **Bunky**, **Mermaid**, free food, and live radio in the Atari, and there's an Oktoberfest fest for lifeguards at Belly Up with music by **Young Dubliners**, **Pop Rox**, and the **Xceptions**. *Cough cough* — anti-booze-ban rally — *cough*.



DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE AT COX

**Greg Laswell**, but there it is. Las'll play Casbah two nights, however, starting Tuesday with the pop-rocking **Get Back Loretta** and Wednesday with **Matt Curreri** and his **Exfriends**.... There's also a fine-looking K Records (Calvin Johnson) thing at the Ché, featuring Olympia, WA, ambients **Lake** and **Desolation Wilderness**.

### Wednesday 29

Outta words. No matter. See you at Cox for the **Neil Young**, **Death Cab** show.

— Barnaby Monk

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# Not Christian

*“This whole world is going to hell in a handbasket.”*

Local record label Single Screen Records was launched in 2007 by Jackson Milgaten (singer-guitarist for the Vision of a Dying World) and Craig Barclift (bassist for the Powerchords). “Both of our own bands are on the label,” says Milgaten, “as are the Sess, Red Feathers, the Paddle Boat, and Cuckoo Chaos. So far we’ve released six records.”

The Vision of a Dying World was founded by Milgaten and his brother Keith while the two were growing up in Las Vegas. After moving to San Diego in 2006 and hooking up with local players, they began writing theatrical and ambitious songs that mix elaborate harmonies with prog-rock guitar, jazz-inspired sax work, and the occasional ukulele solo.

The group was *Filter* magazine’s Undiscovered Band of the Month in December 2007. Jackson Milgaten answered our queries.

## MANY CLAIM THAT YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN-ROCK BAND....

“Everyone from the press to fans to other bands have made that mistake. I’m sure it’s because our lyrics occasionally reference religious imagery. Keith and I were raised by an amazing woman who is very much in love with Jesus and devoutly follows His teachings. She is also a lifelong musician and much of the reason that we got into music. Although we didn’t exactly adopt her beliefs as our own, there are very few people who have had more of an impact on us. I suppose this translates into a certain wonderment with religion and spirituality. Thus, people tend to get confused. But let me assure you that just because we occasionally sing about Jesus doesn’t mean that we’re all up on His jock.”

## WORST GIG EVER?

“Our first show was on a giant stage in the middle of Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas. It

was just Keith and I playing that night, and it was freezing outside. There were about ten people there, and we had absolutely no idea what we were doing. During our last song, Keith was wailing out a gnarly solo comprised mostly of distorted noise. As he was doing this, I noticed a mother and her child walking by the side of the stage. The woman had a look of sheer disgust on her face and was covering the boy’s eyes and ears as she dragged him away. On second thought, that may have been our best show.”

## WHO’S YOUR DREAM DATE?

“No one is dreamier than Taylor Hanson. She’s the cutest thing ever, with her adorable golden locks.”

## MUST-HAVE DVDs?

- Buffalo ’66.* “This is one of the most hilarious yet heartfelt movies I have ever seen. Vincent Gallo is truly a genius in his own demented way, and I enjoy it more and more every time I watch it. The song ‘Right in Front of Mommy and Daddy’ on our most recent full-length *And the Grammar Lamb* is a reference to the film.”
- Jackie Brown.* “This is Tarantino’s most subtle and understated film, but I think it’s his best. The dialogue is incredible, and the characters are so real.”

## WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

- Wham! *Make It Big:* “Because they are the greatest pop band that ever was.”
- Brightblack Morning Light, self-titled: “My favorite modern band. I saw them in Brooklyn, and they blew me away.”

## ONE SONG YOU NEVER WANT TO HEAR AGAIN....

“‘Hotel California.’ Why? Because I hate the fuck-



Vision of a Dying World

ing Eagles, man!”

## FAVORITE BEATLE?

“The quiet one, George Harrison.”

## FAVORITE WEBSITE?

*ytmind.com* “‘You’re the man now dog dot-com,’ with the famous loop of Sean Connery in *Finding Forrester*: ‘You’re the man now, dog,’ over and over and over.”

## UNREALIZED DREAM?

“I have always wanted to call Bono ‘Boner’ to his face. Not that I think I would be the first to do so. I just want to be a part of that team.”

## SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE TO DO WITHOUT?

“Marijuana.”

## DRINK OF CHOICE?

“It seems to change with the seasons. Right now I’m into tequila and tonic.”

## BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

“Total physical and mental enslavement. We didn’t call our band the Vision of a Dying World because the future is looking real bright. This whole world is going to hell in a handbasket, and the ol’ U.S. of A. is at the forefront of dragging everything down. Every day I see some new horror being realized that at one time was contained in the pages of Orwell’s writings.”

## SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

“For the last time, we are not a Christian band!” ■

**THURSDAY: OCTOBER 23**  
**KARAOKE**

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**FRIDAY: OCTOBER 24**  
**DEAD AS DILLINGER**  
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**SATURDAY: OCTOBER 25**  
**SIRENS OF SHIPWRECK**  
**AUDIO OUT**  
**HELL YEAH**  
**DAPPER DANS**

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**MONDAY: OCTOBER 27**  
**BLUES JAM**  
Hosted by  
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**TUESDAY: OCTOBER 28**  
**MIDNIGHT EAGLE**  
**THE AMERICANS**  
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Saturday, October 25  
**Triple Shot**

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Sunday, October 26  
**Rick Ross Trio**

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Monday, October 27  
**Cactus Twang**

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Tuesday, October 28  
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Wednesday, October 29  
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**THURSDAY**  
**Dance/Electro**  
**Andrew Decade, Zerrano & Effin Sweet**

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**FRIDAY**  
**Arabian Nights**  
**Live Belly Dancers**

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## THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown,  
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*Friday*, 8 p.m. — E-40. Hip-  
hop/rap. \$30-\$40.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — BulletBoys.  
Hard rock/metal. \$30.  
*Tuesday*, 6 p.m. — Hinder. With  
Trapt and Rev Theory.  
Alternative/rock. \$24-\$44.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.  
*Friday* — L.A. Guns. With Warner Drive, Silent Treatment, and Dust N' Bones. Alternative/rock/glam-metal.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:**  
4650 Mansfield Street, Normal  
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*Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Eliza  
Gilkysen. Singer-songwriter.*

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

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Steve Poltz. Folk rock/pop. \$24.  
*Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — Melody Gardot. Jazz singer. \$25.  
*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Silent Comedy. Live video taping with Crash Encore and Blackout Party. Indie/folk/rock. \$10.  
*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Judy Wexler. CD-release show. Jazz. \$24.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. — Amel Larrieux. Jazz. \$27-\$29.

**Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:** 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.  
*Monday* — The Jazz Pigs. Jazz.

**Beaumont's:** 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-0474. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Ryan Hiller. Acoustic. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Mark Fisher and Friends. Covers/standards/rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — 5 Miles High. Classic rock.

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

*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — The Presidents of the United States of America. With the Blakes.

Alternative/pop/punk. \$15-\$17.

*Friday* — Stereolab and Monade. Indie pop.

*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Atomic Punks. A tribute to Van Halen. \$16-\$18.

*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — The Young Dubliners. A benefit for the Solana Beach lifeguards. Celtic rock. \$75.

*Monday*, 9 p.m. — Tom Morello: the Nightwatchman.

Acoustic/folk/rock. \$25.

*Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — The Mountain Goats and Kaki King. Folk rock/experimental/indie. \$16.

*Wednesday, 9 p.m.* — Everlast and the Lordz. Rock/hip-hop/blues. \$17-\$19.

**The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Carrier Signal. With Ricardo Beas, SweetTooth, and VulGarrity. Alternative/rock. *Wednesday*, 10 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

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

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*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Moontucky Risin and Thriving Ivory. With a Scribe Amidst the Lions and Sheila Sondergard. Indie/rock/pop. \$8.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Lights. A tribute to Journey. \$10.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Devin the Dude. Hip-hop. \$18-\$20.  
*Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Blind Melon. Rock/jam band. \$15.

**Casa del Prado:** El Prado, Balboa Park.  
*Saturday, 5:30 p.m.* — “Let’s Play.”

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**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*Friday*, 8:30 p.m. — Rose Hill Drive and Colour Revolt. Indie/rock. \$10.  
*Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — Alex Woodward. Acoustic/country/rock.  
*Monday*, 8:30 p.m. — Jeffrey Lewis and Talkdemonic. Indie/pop/folk. \$8-\$10.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Greg Laswell and Get Back Loretta. Alternative/pop/soul. \$14.  
*Wednesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Greg Laswell. Acoustic/alternative/soul. \$14.

**Centro Cultural de Raza:** 2125 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-235-6135. *Saturday*, 6 p.m. — The Brown Bag Event. Feed the People Movement hosts its first annual fundraiser with performances by Suga Bear, Miki Vale, the Magnificent Ruffians, and more. \$5.

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**Cox Arena:** 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. *Wednesday*, 7 p.m. — Neil Young. With Death Cab for Cutie. Folk/rock/indie.

**Croce's:** 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Pocket. Soul/funk/jazz. \$5.

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

**Downtown Café:** 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits.

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

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Hellogoodbye. With Ace Enders, Nevershoutnever, and Say No More. Indie/power-pop.

**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. *Saturday*, 5:30 p.m. — The Blokes. Rowdy Celtic, bluegrass, and surf.

**Galley at the Marina:** 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. *Sunday*, 5 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks. Rhythm and blues.

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

**Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill:** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996. *Thursday* — Jackson United. Punk/rock/surf.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Bayside. With the Matches, Valencia, and the Status. Alternative rock/punk. \$13. *Sunday*, 7 p.m. — Chris Cornell & Timbaland. Alternative/rock/electro. \$32-\$52. *Tuesday*, 6 p.m. — Matt Nathanson. With Jessie Baylin. Acoustic/rock/pop. \$12. *Wednesday*, 7 p.m. — Umphrey's McGee. Progressive rock/jam band. \$19-\$29.

**Humphrey's Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Monday*, 7 p.m. — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz.

**Jack's La Jolla:** 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. Piano Bar. Every day of the week in the Ocean Room.

**Jimmy Love's:** 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. *Wednesdays*, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

**The Jumping Turtle:** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778. *Friday* — Carnifex and Arkaik. With guests. Metal. *Saturday* — Into Eternity and Deathriders. With guests.

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**The Kensington Club:** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. *Thursday* — The Minor Keys and the Midnight Hour. Rock/pop/soul. *Friday* — Slab City, Lover, Wild Weekend. Garage/pop/punk. *Saturday* — The Donkeys. Indie/blues/country.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Live Wire. Covers classic rock and dance. *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.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Anna Troy, Nathan James, Olivia Pierson. With Robin Henkel and Billy Watson. Blues/roots/soul.

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

**The Loft** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — Sonya Kitchell & the Slip. Folk rock/alternative/jazz. \$14-\$16.

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*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Old School. Covers/standards/rock.

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

**Molly Malone's:** 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Lefthand Thread. Rock.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Metal Brigade. Metal/rock.

**Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel:** 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.  
*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5.

**Nancy's Pub:** 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834.  
*Sundays*, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of traditional blues, swing, and rock. Ages 21 and up.

**Neurosciences Institute:** 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.

*Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Ravi Coltrane. Jazz. \$25-\$30.

**O'Connor's Pub:** 8758 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-7675.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Dead as Dillinger. Alternative/punk/rock. \$3.

**Old Town State Historic Park:** 4002 Wallace Street, Old Town.  
*Saturday*, 2 p.m. — The City Guard Band. Performances will be held in the plaza; selections range from Sousa marches to concert pieces.

**Osetra:** 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800.  
*Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge.  
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**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.  
*Thursday* — Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.  
*Sunday* — Blue Largo. Blues/soul/swing.  
*Tuesday* — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B.

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

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Forget everything you knew about **Chris Cornell** — he's not the same guy anymore. In fact, Soundgarden is the first thing that you have to get out of your head if his new collaboration with **Timbaland** is going to work for you. Forget that Cornell was ever the wild-haired, triple-octave, barbaric front man of one of Seattle's more aggressive grunge bands. Most often shirtless and with attitude, Cornell was considered by some to be heir apparent to Robert Plant's heavy-metal legacy.

These days, Cornell owns a restaurant in Paris. His first two solo albums were cut from the same melodic cloth as the Fab Four (even though he turned John Lennon's

plaintive "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away" into a large-scale boozy rant). Recently out of Audioslave, Cornell brought Timbaland in to mix a few songs for his new solo project. Encouraged by the results, Cornell not only finished the album with the rapper but also has launched a major club tour in which the two share the spotlight.

Timbaland is a mega-star hip-hop producer with a client list that includes names like Justin Timberlake and Aaliyah. He is known for creating unexpected melodies and beats that shift all over the place, for which industry insiders say he is paid righteous sums of money. Although he and Cornell are musical opposites, Timbaland's work on Cornell's third solo album, *Scream*, is a hit. The music is as complex as anything Soundgarden ever put out back in the day, but it also blends the artists' disparate influences into a seamless wallpaper of hip-



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ness. This isn't Run-D.M.C. reviving Aerosmith's career with a rework of "Walk This Way" — for a minute, Timbaland's got me half believing that Chris Cornell can pull it off as an R&B singer.

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**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:** 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Natalie MacMaster. Cape Breton fiddler. \$40-\$45.

**Qualcomm Stadium:** 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.  
*Friday* — Great White. Rock/blues/metal. 858-395-3473.

**RT's Longboard Grill:** 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.  
*Thursday* — Stepping Feet. A Dave

Matthews Band tribute.  
*Friday* — gone9. Hip-hop/rap.

**Ramona Mainstage Theatre:** 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Moontucky Risin and Rob Carona. Bluegrass/rock/country. \$7.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn:** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500.  
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**UPCOMING SHOWS:**

11/8 Music for Max Fundraiser w/music by Tim Flannery  
11/8 Stepping Feet: "The Dave Matthews Band Experience"  
11/9 An Evening w/Ruby & The Red Hots  
11/10 An Evening w/Little Feat  
11/11 Fastball  
11/12 Anna Troy w/Gunplay Maxwell & Gayle Skidmore  
11/13 Galactic  
11/14 Groundation

11/15 Stripes & Lines  
11/16 Devon 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  
11/24 Cody Canada & Randy Rogers – to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk  
11/26 Buck-O-Nine  
11/28 & 29 The English Beat  
12/5 Aimee Mann's Christmas Show

12/11 Tom Morello: The Nightwatchman  
12/13 Cash'd Out  
12/18 Venice Christmas Show  
12/19 Young Dubliners Celtic Christmas  
12/26 Bassnectar  
12/27 Karl Denson's Tiny Universe & Robert Walter's 20th Congress Reunion  
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## MUSIC

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**Friday** — 80z All Stars. Covers the hits of the '80s.  
**Saturday**, 10 p.m. — Split Finger. Reggae/rock.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.  
**Tuesdays**, 9:30 p.m. — Bclub'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.

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

**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.  
**Friday**, 6 p.m. — Chiodos and Silverstein. With Escape the Fate and Alesana. Emo/hardcore/rock. \$22.  
**Saturday**, 7 p.m. — Bleeding Through. CD-release show with Stick to Your Guns and Oblige. Hardcore/metal/punk.

**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.

**Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1221 Broadway, El Cajon,

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**Kaki King** first started getting attention about five years ago as a short, young woman who could play the guitar like a brilliant maniac. Her style, inspired by the late Michael Hedges, was as much about pounding percussively on the instrument as it was about strumming strings. Watching her was a little like watching Eddie Van Halen playing acoustic guitar while possessed by the spirit of jazz drummer Max Roach.

She could have had a lucrative career just playing shows for the subscribers of guitar magazines, but instead King turned into a well-rounded artist. Her 2006 album *Until We Felt Red* placed the emphasis on her

singing and songwriting. Since then she's put the guitar pyrotechnics at a minimum and plays in a more restrained, atmospheric style. At times she sounds like Pinback, at times like underground indie-pop heroes the Pastels, and at times like Mogwai.

King has also been collaborating a lot, appearing on albums by the Foo Fighters and Tegan and Sara. Most recently she recorded a mini-album with the Mountain Goats, otherwise known as indie-rock genius John Darnielle. The *Black Pear Tree* EP finds the duo playing on such songs as "Thank You Mario but Our Princess Is in Another Castle." King sings and plays drums and glockenspiel on the simple track. That may be a weird thing for a guitar virtuoso to do, but a truly gifted musician knows to just get out of the way



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Saturday, October 25  
**THE DONKEYS  
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JOHN FOOTHILLS BAND**

Thursday, October 30  
**KEN CLUB KARAOKE**

Friday, October 31  
Halloween Party  
**DEADBOLT  
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Saturday, November 1  
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**Saturday**, 11 a.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Jim Lair and Warren Bryant. Contemporary jazz/global music.

**University of San Diego:** 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600.  
**Thursday**, 6 p.m. — Alabaster. Punk/pop/rock.

**Winstons:** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.  
**Friday** — The Mutaytor. World/electro/rock.  
**Saturday** — The Devil Makes Three and the Screamin YeeHaws. Punk/blues/country.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
**November 1** — Rose Royce.  
**November 8** — TV on the Radio.  
**November 18** — Café Tacuba.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
**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 30** — Amel Larrieux.

**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 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.

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**Oct. 23rd** Reggae: **Irie Side Faded Chroniclez Mean Dinosaur**

**Oct. 30th** HIPHOP HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY  
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**Nov. 6th** HipHop: **Grape St. Blues Insufficient Funds The Boxx w/ Dannu Afaar (of the Visionaries)**

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Tuesday, October 28  
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Thursday, October 30  
**FULL BLOWN STONE**  
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Sunday, November 2  
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Tuesday, November 4  
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## Calendar MUSIC

February 28 — The Lalo Schiffrin Trio.

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:** 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.

November 15 — The Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
November 1 — Dead Man's Party.  
November 6 — Hard Echo, Motus, Deaf Zero.  
November 7 — Collie Buddz and Rise of the Revolution.  
November 8 — Jedi Mind Tricks and Outerspace.  
November 13 — Method Man & Redman.  
November 15 — Wild Child.  
November 19 — Mest.  
November 21 — Vokab Company and the Concrete Project.  
November 22 — Tainted Love.  
November 26 — Lights.  
November 26 — The Melvins and Big Business.  
November 29 — Cash'd Out.  
December 12 — Murs.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.

October 30 — Ted Leo & Pharmacists.  
October 31 — Wild Weekend and Black Hondo.  
November 1 — The Heavy and Kenan Bell.  
November 2 — Chuck Ragan, Tom Gabel, Ben Nichols, Tim Barry.  
November 4 — Magnetic Morning and Drew Andrews.  
November 5 — Sole & the Skyriider Band.  
November 7 — No Use for a Name.  
November 8 — Electric Six and

Local H.  
November 11 — King Khan & the BBQ Show.  
November 12 — Dead Confederate.  
November 13 — Port O'Brien and Crooked Fingers.  
November 14 — Torche, Black Cobra, Clouds.  
November 15 — Mudhoney.  
November 16 — Gang Gang Dance, Growing, Rainbow Arabia.  
November 17 — Love Is All and Vivian Girls.  
November 18 — AIDS Wolf.  
November 25 — My Brightest Diamond and Clare & the Reasons.  
November 28 — Deerhunter and Times New Viking.  
November 29 — Blitzen Trapper and the Parson Redheads.  
December 1 — Holly Golightly and Delaney Davidson.  
December 5 — Alex Woodard.  
December 6 — The Sea & Cake.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, UCSD, 858-534-2311.  
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 30 — Rise Against, the Alkaline Trio, Thrice.  
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.

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*November 7* — The Material and Blamshift.  
*November 15* — A Cursive Memory and So Long Davey.

**Gaslamp Quarter:** , Downtown.  
*October 31* — Monster Bash.

**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.

**Hornblower Cruises:** 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.  
*November 7* — The Bayou Brothers.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
*October 30* — Modern Day Moonshine.  
*October 30* — Apocalyptica.  
*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.  
*November 11* — Blues Traveler.  
*November 12* — Joe Satriani.  
*November 13* — Lordi.  
*November 14* — Melissa Ferrick.  
*November 14* — The Kottonmouth Kings.  
*November 15* — Mason Jennings.  
*November 16* — Hanson.  
*November 16* — Matt Wertz and Everybody Else.  
*November 17* — Jay Brannan.  
*November 17* — Matisyahu.  
*November 18* — ohGr.  
*November 19* — The Misfits.  
*November 20* — Alejandra Guzmán.  
*November 21* — Scars on Broadway.  
*November 22* — Face to Face.  
*November 23* — G.W.A.R.  
*November 24* — Eric Benét.  
*November 24* — Ben Kenney.  
*November 25* — Who's Bad.  
*November 28* — Tesla.  
*November 29* — The Sisters of Mercy.  
*November 30* — Bell Biv DeVoe.  
*December 3* — Secondhand Serenade and Cute Is What We Aim For.  
*December 4* — Five Finger Death Punch.

*December 5* — Wu-Tang Clan.  
*December 9* — Meshell Ndegeocello.  
*December 10* — Helmet.  
*December 11* — Los Lobos.  
*December 21* — The Vandals.  
*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.

**Humphrey's Backstage Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.  
*November 24* — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.  
*November 6* — Jordan Reimer and Rob Dee.

**Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino:** 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.  
*October 30* — The Jones Revival.  
*October 31* — The Fabulous Pelicans.

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## Chargers vs. Chiefs

November 9



**Madonna**

November 4

**Australian Pink Floyd**

November 24

**Cheech & Chong**

November 28

**Wowowee**

November 29

**"Larry the Cable Guy"**

December 12

**Metallica**

December 15

**Cheetah Girls**

December 21

**"Walking with Dinosaurs"**

January 1-4

**Chargers**

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October 28

**Neil Young**

October 29

**Rise Against**

October 30

**Jason Mraz**

October 31

**Carrie Underwood**

November 8

**Alanis Morissette**

November 10

**k.d. lang**

November 13

**Jonas Brothers**

November 15

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra**

November 22

**Celine Dion**

November 25

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# Calendar MUSIC

4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387.  
November 14 — Fast Heart Mart.

**Open Air Theatre:** 5500 Campanile Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.  
October 31 — Jason Mraz.

**Petco Park:** 100 Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-795-5000.  
November 4 — Madonna.

**Price Center:** 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-6467.  
November 1 — Jenny Lewis.  
April 15 — Seun Kuti & Egypt 80.

**Rimac Arena:** 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla.  
November 30 — Smashing Pumpkins.

**San Diego Civic Theatre:** 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown, 858-570-1100.  
November 10 — Alanis Morissette.

**San Diego Sports Arena:** 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.  
November 8 — Carrie Underwood.  
November 15 — The Jonas

Nov. 4  
6 PM

George Lynch  
Guitar Clinic

Nov. 5  
5 PM

Acoustic Set Meet & Greet

Nov. 11  
4 PM

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Brothers.  
November 22 — The Trans-Siberian Orchestra.  
November 25 — Céline Dion.  
December 1 — Celtic Thunder.  
December 21 — The Cheetah Girls.

**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.  
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.  
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**Album:** *Plastic, Fake and Frozen* (2007)

**Artist:** The Apes of Wrath

**Label:** self-released

**Where available/price:** At M-Theory in Mission Hills for \$6.99. Online at Amazon for \$6.23; Emusic and Rhapsody.com for \$6.83.

**Band:** Jake Bankhead (bass), Andrew Geldmeier (guitar), Robert Kent (vocals, guitar), Dustin Elliot (drums)

**Songs:** 1) Bubble 2) Ramses 3) Wide Awake 4) S.O.B. 5) Ready to Work 6) Kinda Like It 7) Chuck Norris

**Website:** [myspace.com/apesofwrathmusic](http://myspace.com/apesofwrathmusic)

Favorites of Anti-Monday night at the Casbah and Fridays at the Ken Club, the Apes of Wrath fill out San

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November 7 — The Spinners.  
November 20 — Amber Ojeda.  
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*Plastic, Fake and Frozen* garnered a SD Music Award nomination as well as attention from Brian Karscig, Louis XIV's guitarist, who has involved himself in the Apes' next project. (But the boys won't discuss what role



The Apes of Wrath

Karscig's playing. Ooh, intrigue.) Bigger and better things lie in store for the Apes.

My favorites on the album: "Ramses," "Ready to Work," and "Chuck Norris."

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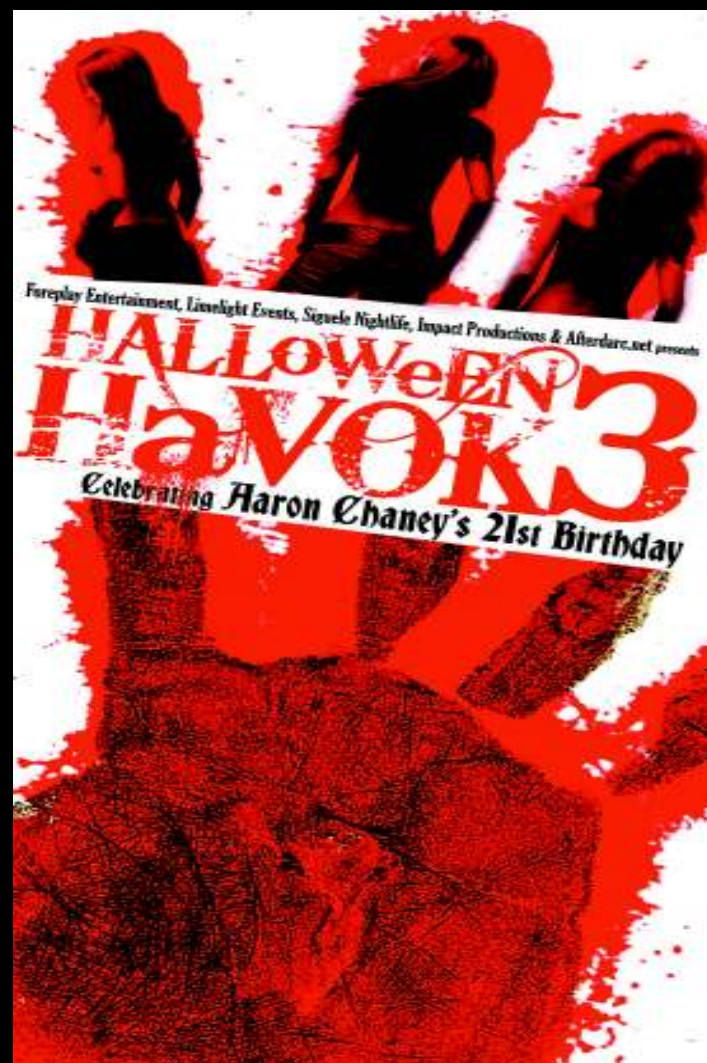
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# Crasher

## IGNORE THE JOKER

by Josh Board

There were two parties I missed that I was bummed about. These guys that throw an annual jet-ski party called me afterward and said that they got around the beach booze ban by drinking out on rafts in the water. They said one raft had 25 people piled on it.

Another party was an opening for a children's museum. I was told that Pat Benatar would perform there, but I couldn't make that event either.

I did, however, party with some "famous" people at the "Intense Individual Party," which a group of locals have been putting on to raise money for "Arts — A Reason to Survive." I was told everyone dressed as someone intense.

I went with the Joker look. I figured it would be easy to spray my hair green, put white makeup on my face, and paint on a crazy smile.

My girlfriend kept changing her mind on whom she'd go as. She thought about Hillary Clinton and was going to buy



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an orange pantsuit.

Then she thought about going as Sarah Palin. The problem is, she doesn't look like her. I can't even remember whom she went as.

The event was at a hall in Banker's Hill. When we arrived a deejay was spinning music.

"Hey, I have a drink named after me. That's pretty intense!"

A woman dressed as Edward Scissorhands walked by and said, "If anyone needs a haircut..."

There was a table set up with flyers about how the arts

programs help victims of abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Reading about all these kids and how much money was

needed for an arts center made me feel guilty that we got in without paying the \$20 cover.

The cover was probably one of the reasons that there were only around 100 people

here. But, you pay more to go to clubs downtown.

There was a woman dressed as an Olympic volleyball player. I assumed she just wanted to show off her body — not that there's anything wrong with that.

At one point, she was hitting a ball around with a guy. I couldn't figure out who he was earlier, but then I realized he was Tom Hanks...with Wilson. I saw someone else dressed as Tom Hanks in *Forrest Gump*. He

went on stage and introduced the band, talking as though he was Forrest Gump. The band was local group the Exfriends, who played an entertaining set.

There were a lot of snacks but no real food, so we walked down the street to a Mexican restaurant. It wasn't until right before we walked in that I realized I still had the stuff on my face. We sat down, and it took a waitress 15 minutes to come over. Maybe it was the face. I thought about saying to the Latina waitress, "Did you ignore me because I'm white?"

They didn't have the meal I wanted because they "ran out." The second thing I chose, they had also run out of. I decided I'd just have chips and salsa and soup. My girlfriend ordered an entrée. While we were waiting for the Cokes we ordered, the waitress came over and said, "We don't have the chicken tortilla soup." We said, "Okay," and got up and left.

I figured I'd just eat a lot of popcorn from the old-fash-

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ioned machine they had going at the party.

The Exfriends played another couple of songs, and then the deejay was back. When he played a Cher tune, someone dressed as Cher got on stage. For some reason, I had assumed it was a guy. My girlfriend said, "I don't know why you thought that. She's actually really pretty."

After Cher lip-synced her song, a woman dressed as Amy Winehouse got up. She sang along to "Rehab." She did a little too much method acting.

As she stumbled around as if she were drunk, she fell backwards over an amplifier and off the stage. Security ran over, but she was fine.

Miss Piggy walked by with Kermit strapped to her back.

One guy was dressed up like Eugene Levy in *American Pie*. He was carrying around a pie. "Are we going to cut that up and eat it?" I asked him. He said possibly later. Then I heard someone say, "He's giving new meaning to the phrase 'pie hole.'" The *American Pie* guy was on

the dance floor dancing with his pie. He put it on the floor and pretended to make love to it. The crowd loved it.

I saw a guy in a wheelchair and thought that he might be imitating Stephen Hawking — he had a laptop with him. I thought that someone wouldn't get a wheelchair just for a costume. This guy was really disabled. At one point, women were dancing around him. He seemed to be enjoying himself until a guy who had had too much to drink came over and started

gyrating around him obnoxiously.

Then another guy in a wheelchair rolled by. He was in costume. My girlfriend asked me who he was, and I said, "I think Ron Kovic, the guy Tom Cruise played in *Born on the Fourth of July*."

He had his legs strapped under the wheelchair, and they stayed that way the entire time. I realized then that my costume was really... convenient.

I saw Forrest Gump kissing Shirley Temple. I asked her what was intense about her character. She said, "Hey, I have a drink named after me. That's pretty intense!"

It was fun people watching as the dance floor filled with costumed dancers — John McEnroe, an Olympic gymnast (who would occasionally run and do flips), a cowboy and his horse, Sarah Palin with a VP badge...

I thought I saw another Joker but upon closer inspection realized that it was Beetlejuice.

The deejay said he was

going to slow things down and played Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On." The intense folks got mellow and slow-danced.

I couldn't figure out who a bald guy was supposed to be. My girlfriend said, "He's Howie Mandel. Look at the two women with him...and the suitcase."

When I saw a guy wearing the Jack in the Box head, I realized that some people wore their Halloween costumes or some old thing that they had in their closet, such as the guy with the Viking horn helmet.

Several guys wore shorts, which was probably more comfortable. One had on an Oregon shirt and headband, and I couldn't figure out if he was the founder of Nike or runner Jim Fixx.

The deejay played some older hip-hop tunes and then Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back," which filled the dance floor. I said to a woman nearby, "Am I the only one who hates this song?" She said, "Yeah."

There was a spacious balcony where they had artwork for sale. We went up and watched the party from above. Someone upstairs said, "It's probably expensive to rent this huge place. I think they're losing a lot of money."

I noticed some people brought signs, such as Rosie the Riveter, who had her "We can do it!" sign. Later, someone asked her what her name was. When she said, "Rosie," I overheard another woman whisper to her friend, "Not Rosie O'Donnell?"

I walked by Indiana Jones and heard a woman say, "He can use that whip on me."

Forrest Gump was on the dance floor doing the "running man."

When we were getting ready to leave, I filled the Batman head I was carrying around with candy bars for the road. I was like a kid on Halloween.

As we were walking out, a woman in blackface got on stage. When she started to speak into the mike, I realized she was supposed to be Tyra Banks. She was giving that spiel that Banks gave when a magazine criticized her for gaining weight. She put her hand on her hips and finished with a loud "You can kiss my fat ass!" The crowd went nuts. That became my favorite costume, bumping the astronaut wearing diapers.

As we walked to the car, I heard two guys talking: "I'm still not positive if that was Dolly Parton and the other chick was Britney Spears. It was too hard to figure people out at this party." ■



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# Heat Lightning

Enter the Dragon! I am breathing fire after enjoying the spicy cuisine of Szechuan every night for a week. One of my favorite occasional email pen-pals, a UCSD social science prof (another expat New Yorker), disclosed that he was heading for a sabbatical in New York City. I waxed enthusiastic about the explosion of regional Chinese restaurants in the borough of Queens (think Tierrasanta, but bigger, denser, poorer, and totally international). He responded that he and his Mandarin-speaking wife feel that San Diego holds its own — that the food at DeDe's and Ba Ren in Kearny Mesa are more authentic and tasty than any of the famous Szechuan restaurants they've previously tried in Manhattan.

I'd seen raves for both restaurants on several food blogs, but coming from someone whose palate I personally trust, this one sent me into action. My buddy Sam, who grew up on spicy Korean food, would have no problem with authentic Szechuanese heat levels, and better yet, he invited his old pal Ted and Ted's Szechuan-born wife April, who would prove an invaluable guide. Thanks to her, we tried numerous dishes I never would have thought of ordering. Two other friends backed out of dinner at the last minute, but never mind — we ordered enough for them, their entire clans, and even the horses they didn't ride in on. The bill was just piddling, half the cost of a happy-hour grazing meal at any Hillcrest bistro: Figure about \$20 per person for a feast, especially if you bring along some extra mouths to feed and share with. (With six you don't get egg roll, but you have a chance to spread out and adventure — do some real budget travel.)

DeDe's proves to be a reasonably nice, medium-size restaurant, neither palace nor dive. The floor is carpeted, but the room is noisy in a convivial way, including lots of families eating with kids. (No, there is no kiddie menu! In the rest of the civilized world, children learn to be civilized by eating regular food.)



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But you need to know that the genuine Szechuan cooking at DeDe's bears *no* resemblance to the lackluster, compromised "Szechuanese" dishes on San Diego's typical multiregional Chinese mish-mosh menus. In southwestern China, just across the mountains from Tibet, hilly Szechuan is highly fertile but perpetually foggy — chilly and wet in winter, gray and muggy in summer. In Chinese medicinal gastronomy, hot peppers are considered especially healthy (warming and drying) to eat in wet climates. The Szechuanese have taken this prescription to heart.

Many restaurants of "spicy" ethnicities will ask how hot you want the food, but if you're American,

they may ignore your answer to give you no hotter than three on a scale of ten. At DeDe's, you will instead find an accurate measure right on the menu, which graphically depicts the dishes on a scale of zero to three chilies. They're not going to detune the food for foreign tastes but will cook the dishes as they should be cooked and trust you to decide how much spice you can tolerate. The hot chilies take a multitude of forms in this region — fresh, pickled, dried, flaked, infusing heated oil, or bashed and pulverized into condiment mixes.

While you don't have to order such a preponderance of spicy dishes as we did (there are plenty

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**NEED TO KNOW:** Simple decor, a bit noisy, family friendly (but no kiddie menu). Possible for vegetarians, but animal-based cooking stocks used in many dishes (ask!). Reservations accepted; English spoken okay. Many fiery dishes (accurately identified by one to three chili symbols on menu); plenty of milder choices. Food arrives quickly; consider ordering a few dishes at a time to space it out. Parking lot crowded but fast-moving: Seek and ye shall find.

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of milder choices on the menu), many of the most authentic regional dishes are not just spicy—they're vibrant, riveting, a wake-up call for the mouth. And, oh yeah, some of the classic dishes include animal parts that Westerners scorn as "offal." Chinese people don't waste food the way Americans do. Did the last Manchu Empress (with the nine-inch gilded nails) eat tripe and tendons and kidneys, and relish them, too? As the lipstickied female pit bull might say, "You betcha!" With great cooking, all food becomes good food.

For our first course, we enjoyed a silk purse (figurative) made of (literal) sow's ears. The menu offers a choice of three cold appetizers for \$6, which you pick out at a glassed-in counter in the back of the dining room. We delegated the choice to April, of course. Texture is a strong value in Chinese cuisine: Gourmands (and even peasants are gourmands) of every region are enchanted by variations in softness, chewiness, sponginess, bounciness, etc., as much as by variations in taste. Pig's ears, sliced ultra-thin, had a delightful silky-firm chewiness and a pleasant mild piggy flavor spiked by a splash of hot chili oil. "Husband and wife" (not named for the contents of the dish but for a married pair of street vendors who apparently invented this specialty in Chengdu in the 1930s) traditionally marries tender beef slices with beef organ meat—here, resilient, bouncy beef tendon (similar in texture to Chinese "tree-ear" or "wood-ear" mushrooms).

A seaweed salad was clean and refreshing, and the counterperson, perhaps enchanted by April's delicate beauty, added a fourth taste, a tart pickled cucumber and baby fava bean salad. I was surprised to find these Mediterranean beans on an Asian menu, but Fuchsia Dunlop, in her new, definitive Szechuanese cookbook, *Land of Plenty*, notes that favas reached Szechuan long ago and are the favored beans in regional preparations, both as vegetables and as the basis of the local version of the staple condiment of "chili bean paste."

I had to order hot and sour soup (#46 on the menu)—I haven't had a good one at a

restaurant in over a decade. DeDe's rendition is a little more hot than sour, judiciously thickened with cornstarch to a mouth-filling, satiny texture and loaded with lengths of soothing soft tofu, strips of rehydrated wood ear mushrooms, bamboo shoots, and Chinese leeks. It was like meeting a dear old friend again.

From the list of "House Specials," April chose stir-fried pork kidney with vegetables (#6), which according to Dunlop is one of the region's greatest specialties, literally translated as "fire-exploded kidney flowers." "Wow, pork kidneys are so much nicer than veal kidneys," I noted. Partly, it's that pig organs seem to taste gentler than bovine innards; if you get a chance to try pork liver sometime, you'll be amazed. But another secret to this dish is that the strong-tasting dark centers of the kidneys are carefully cut out and discarded, ridding them of, um, overly intimate bodily flavors. Stir-fried swiftly at the highest possible heat, to keep them from overcooking, the small pieces of meat were rich and tender-firm, balanced by an array of chopped Chinese celery, tree-ear slices, and flower-cut carrot slices. If you have leftovers, eat them at room temperature—nuking at any power destroys the precious texture of the kidneys.

The masterpiece of the dinner, April's favorite dish at DeDe's, bears the misleading title of "boiled sliced fish in hot sauce" (#14), which sounds like some awful New England mess of cod drenched in Tabasco. It's nothing like that. Dunlop doesn't include a recipe for this exact dish but offers a similar one with beef that's adaptable for fish, eels, organ meats, etc.: "Szechuanese people joke that outsiders, wary of the fiery local flavors, order this dish in restaurants, in the hope of eating something mild and soothing," she writes. "In fact it's sensationally hot." The fish isn't dumped into boiling water but "velvety" first in a marinade of rice wine and cornstarch, and whatever happens next (instant-boiled in water or simmered in sauce?), it emerges on the perfect border of softness and firmness, along with the accompanying large crisp-tender

leaves of a cabbagelike Chinese green, aswirl in a thin bright-orange colloid that's simultaneously incendiary and irresistible. It's one of those complex, hot combinations that doesn't obscure but highlights the underlying, supporting flavors (garlic, ginger, wine, etc.). Every bite tastes a little different from the last. When retasting the leftovers at home, I found myself vocally reenacting Meg Ryan's famous "deli scene"—but this time the moans were actually about the food.

Inland Szechuan's fish are purely freshwater species from the Yangtze and other mountain rivers. I don't know or care what species DeDe's used, the dish was great. If you prefer, you can get the same preparation with pork chitlins, with pork kidneys and beef, or with chicken and pork.

When we ordered another of April's favorites, spicy hot pot with pork blood, tendon, etc. (#13), our friendly middle-aged waitress finally gave me a doubtful look—this was obviously carrying things to the very edge. I murmured, "You've heard of the Filipino dish *dinaguan*, pork blood stew? I eat that, too." Meanwhile, April was probably reassuring her in Mandarin. Between us, we communicated that there was no cause for alarm (except maybe the fire alarm). The hot pot looked like a soup—a blazing, oil-coated, red-orange soup. "Don't drink a lot of the broth," April said. "Just spoon the solids over your rice." The pork blood came in a very few little squares, solid, but soft and savory. The primary meat was white, soft, fluffy, lacy—was it tripe? Didn't taste funky! It was delicate, and the sauce was wicked hot. The mixture had a brilliant array of textures and flavors (including tender slices of pork liver)—but it was also one of the spiciest dishes I've ever tasted the whole world over, five chilies on a scale of three. (If I had to do it all over again, after devouring Dunlop's book, I'd probably order the Chungking hot pot [#2]—another three-chili dish—not because it's better, but because it's *the* emblematic regional dish, and I've never eaten it.)

One of the favorites of *Chowhound* bloggers, and

rightly so, is Ma Po Tofu (#93), bean curd cubes in another spicy sauce. The favored style of bean curd in Szechuan is marked on packages (even here) as "silken," meaning, extra-soft, in contrast to the firm tofu used for deep-fried and stuffed tofu dishes in southern China and Japan. "The tofu tastes almost buttery," said Sam. It did, too. With a texture of velvet and cream under the taste of hot chilies, the mixture attains a fine balance. This dish typically includes ground pork, which I didn't taste here and didn't miss much, although I'd have valued it as another texture.

Yes, a lot of spice. Thing about hot pepper is, once you plunge into it enough that your mouth accepts it as a base-state flavor, then your palate has all the room in the world to discover the refinement and delicacy than can coexist with the capsicum in dishes that are done right. As I discovered in a year of fire-eating, cowriting my first cookbook (*Totally Hot*, Doubleday, out of print), it becomes almost a new comfort zone. It's like a much nicer version of an all-day motorcycle trip in a rainstorm. Once your leathers, your sweater, your thermals, your socks, and your flesh become totally soaked, you just forget there was ever such a state as dry, and you accept your lot as a water creature in an eternally cold, wet world (*ribbit*). Hot peppers do the same for your mouth, but more alluringly—first a bit of pain, then a lot of pleasure. Physiologists

studying their effects say they slightly raise your heart rate, pulse rate, adrenaline secretions, and endorphins (pleasure hormones). Like a motorcycle ride in perfect weather, or some high-thrills drug, capsaicin (the active chemical component that produces these reactions) is a little addictive. But unlike chemical uppers, the stuff's actually good for you—loads of vitamin A and C and even natural antibiotics in those peppers.

Among the less-spicy choices, DeDe's most popular dish with the bloggers (slightly outpolling a reputedly good, crispy version of sweet-and-sour pork) is lamb with cumin (#81). I asked April if this were a Szechuanese dish. She'd never heard of it. According to Dunlop, there are small Chinese Moslem (Uighur) communities in Szechuan, and they substitute lamb for pork—but she doesn't include any recipes for it. Not all that impressed with the cumin lamb (which Ba Ren also offers), but suspecting it might be a case of hot-pepper palatosis, I retried gently reheated leftover lamb at home before eating anything spicy. It still didn't impress me much—slightly tough meat strips, a hint of seasoning, a tangle of pea shoots, no big deal.

We also tried twice-cooked pork (#67), a Szechuan classic made of streaky fat-and-lean belly pork (uncooked bacon) and veggies. Nice, and with only a "one chili" rating, actually soothing. Not quite as riveting

as the version I tried at a Hong Kong Szechuan restaurant but, unlike that rendition, grease-free.

A special that evening, evident on about half the surrounding tables, was tea-smoked duck, another Szechuanese invention. It was pleasant (good skin, a bit dry in the flesh), but there are more interesting-sounding poultry dishes on the menu—chicken with dried orange peel, and particularly, a duck hot pot with yam cake (#89), another famous regional specialty.

Is DeDe's as good as my e-penpal said? Whew, every bit! Over 100 items on the menu, and I really want to try another 30 or 40 of them—maybe not the Chinese-American standards, but certainly some of the universal pan-regional dishes like dumplings and wonton soup—what's a Szechuanese wonton like? And will the "special dumpling" be closer to a Peking pot sticker or to a Tibetan *momo*? Of all the lower-priced places I've been eating at lately, DeDe's certainly gives the most thrills for the money—it's actually the most rewarding meal I've had in months. The purring sense of well-being even carried over to the next morning, and as I worked my way through the leftovers, the warm glow rekindled after every "doggie's dinner." Those chili-endorphins in the good food of Szechuan—they can turn you into a human Olympic torch. ■



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# Breakfast Beer

*Well, as they say, it's five o'clock somewhere.*

**'E**nd Times Christian Soldiers Mission," says the church near Oak Park School. Lord, why does everyone love this "end is nigh" stuff? I'm aboard the 955 bus, heading south toward National City. On the other hand, Carla's told me the end will definitely be nigh if I don't replace the washing machine's push-pull knob I busted last night. "Machine's Linda's," she said. "She's back from Florida tomorrow."

So my buddy Rod told me about this parts place in National City. Then he sweetens the pot by mentioning there just happens to be a place he goes to down there for breakfast, tucked in behind the parts warehouse. "Ya gotta go," he says. "Real old San Diego. Great breakfasts. No coffee — or, okay, maybe instant. But, basically, all they've got is beer."

"Beer for breakfast?"

"You can handle it, can't you?"

"Uh, not my usual thing, but..."

The bus grinds to a halt right by the Eighth Street trolley station. "Walk south a couple of blocks," says the driver. I do, on Harbor Drive, tramping on wood chips, outside the Naval Base. No sidewalk. Finally do a dogleg onto McKinley. It's dusty but nice and settled with big eucalyptus trees and low, Quonset hut-type businesses, like Ken's Custom VW. No sign of an eatery. I finally ask this guy leaning back on a swing seat under a fig tree.

"Next door," he says.

Huh. It's a long, low, cream-painted wood building with a Wild West-style high square frontage.

Don't see no sign yet, except for one on a pay

phone that says "25 cents." Metal grilles protect windows and door. I stoop through into a low-beamed cream-walled room with a pool table up front, counters on either side, loads of beer ads, and a huge map of Mexico on the right. Actually, it's three joined rooms leading to a patio in the back.

I sit down on a well-worn red counter stool. The cook, Lourdes, is stirring a huge pot of frioles on the gas fire. She drops a menu in front of me. It's mainly Mexican, of course. Tacos, burritos, combo plates. The tacos run from \$1.45

(for, say, shredded beef or chicken), through \$1.75 (carne asada, carnitas), to \$2.25 (shrimp, fish). Burritos start at \$2.75 (with just beans in it), through \$3.25 (beans and machaca), to \$3.50 (chorizo with egg), to \$4 (chile relleno or pork chile verde). It tops out at \$4.50 (for shrimp, natch).

Combo plates come with rice, beans, and tortillas. Chile Colorado costs \$6.99. So does a carne asada plate or fish. Carnitas is \$7.25, breaded shrimp goes for \$8.25. An order of *cabeza* (flesh from the cow's skull) is \$5.99.

Which I think about...but then, this is breakfast, right? So I go for the \$3.50 breakfast burrito, with egg, potato, and bacon inside.

Lourdes asks what I want to drink. "¿De tomar?"

Well, as they say, it's five o'clock somewhere. She points out that she has the house brand, Estela's Pale Ale. But only in a pitcher, six bucks. No way I'm up to that without sleeping off the rest of the day, so I ask for a bottle of Miller Genuine Draft (\$2). Hey, it's a buck cheaper than Red Bull, and I'm wide awake already anyway.

Lourdes starts making my breakfast, right there in front of me. She does everything from scratch.

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She gets a whole raw potato, chops it up with a knife, puts it into a basket in a little pan sizzling with oil, then cuts up some ham on a wooden plank. "I'm sorry," she says. "I'm out of bacon." She tosses the ham into a sauté pan next to another one where the eggs are scrambling. She flaps a flour tortilla on the griddle, chops up some lettuce and slices a tomato, and pretty soon hands me a steaming burrito with a small side salad.

Gotta say, it's a pretty delicious combo. The potatoes and ham are *sabroso* enough not to be dulled by the tortilla wrap. And, hey, the Miller's pretty darned snappy with it. The burrito seems to soak up that one bottle just fine. Heck, I'd go for another if I didn't have to work.

I get to talking with the owner, Lydia. It turns out there hasn't been an Estela for decades. "Estela's has been going 35 years already," she says, "and the building is much older. Very old." It had been an ice cream parlor. Lydia put in the full kitchen and made it what it is. Turns out her mom is Lydia of Lydia's in I.B. That is one famous joint. This Lydia was brought up down there behind the counter, so it's in the blood. Lydia says this place really gets into gear later, when all the workers from the factories around here get off and come

for a couple of drinks. The kitchen closes at three in the afternoon, but I get the feeling they'll cook you up something later if you need it. Man, I'd love to come later, when this place is rockin'. And I can see from the jukebox it'd be pretty much all *roc en español*.

Half an hour later, I blink out into the morning sunlight. Next time, I swear, I'll have the pitcher. Bring Rod. 'Course with the end times a-comin', I'd better make it soon, heh-heh. And then I have my own end-times thought: Carla. If I don't have enough *dinero* left for that washing machine button... Oh, man. I start emptying out my pockets. Sweat breaks out on my brow. It's enough to drive a man to drink. At breakfast. ■

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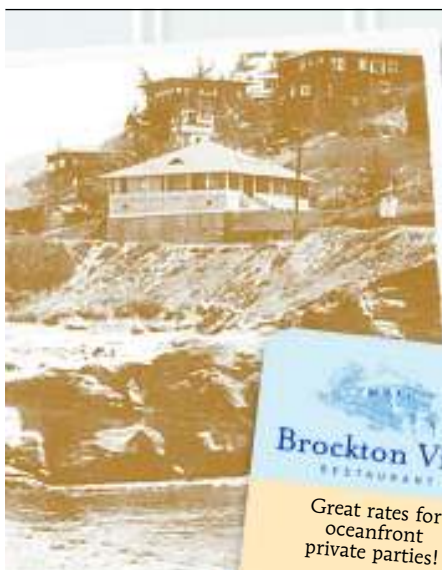
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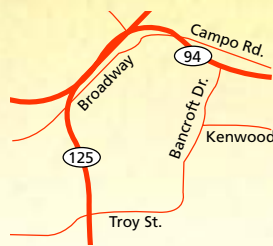
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**Bull and Bear Bar and Grill** 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077. "Bull" and "Bear," as in stock market moods. It's not surprising lots of soigné financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian

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.

**Bully's La Jolla** 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very '60s. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It does a hang-ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

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**Kabuki Sushi Restaurant** 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a minicanal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Karinya Thai** 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**La Jolla Brew House** 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multigenerational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's

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**Michele Coulon Pastries** 7556-D Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of the Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — N.W.

**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.

**The Pannikin La Jolla** 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. La Jolla and Del Mar three meals daily, Encinitas breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Saska's & Saska's Sushi** 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-fla-

vored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M.

**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.

**Sportsmen's Seafoods** 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

## BAJA

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**Big Boy Restaurant** 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Baja, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian upon request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Café la Especial** Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Baja, 664-685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs.



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**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.

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**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.

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**Arrivederci** 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café; on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrivederci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and-white awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with toma-

toes), “straw and hay” (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you’re that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar** 410 Tenth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531-8869. The whole brick, postindustrial thing that rules the Gaslamp really works here. This ex-horse carriage repair shop is one cool hangout, left as is except for a “relaxing room” that divides the two eating/drinking areas by a metal coil curtain and “rugs” made of old inner tube strips. But what really defines Basic is Connecticut, the state that — who knew? — gave us the pizza. Direct from New Haven comes the “thinnest pizza in the country,” according to the owners. Try the mashed potato pizza with cheese melted on top, bacon, and red peppers, or the Little Neck clams. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Batter Up!** 342 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp’s late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be pub grub, but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First-timers should request sauces (especially

the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what’s on TV); quiet patio outside. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sundays. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Bay Café** 1050 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-595-1083. If you’re hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish-and-chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Bertrand at Mister A’s** 2550 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor, Banker’s Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug’s airy, open renovation of this formerly “ancient regime” eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler’s modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages, and origins, including “ripe” first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair

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**Café Zia** 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia’s great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you’re hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Dakota Grill and Spirits** 901 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes

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**Dublin Square** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you’re looking for food, too, there’s a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz’s Deli on the Lower East Side — it’s that wee touch o’ the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd’s pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish-and-chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

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**The Fish Market** 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-3474. There’s something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain’s Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a “local” species it merely means it’s from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The Ichiban Hamachi (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W.*

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**Indigo Grill** 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake flautas). The wine list includes interesting varieties. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M.

**Inn at the Park** 3615 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Gay and straight mingle nightly at the piano bar of this charming spot (although Fridays are *très gai*), brought together by lively performances of Broadway show tunes. Across the aisle is the dining room, where the fare could be described as Log Cabin Republican cuisine — despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's mainly the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. But mainly, this is one of the world's sweetest scenes, always fun for a drink and a bite. Lunchtime weekdays, the scene shifts to the rooftop Top of the Park, for scenery with the sandwiches. Reservations advised, as hotel guests have dibs on tables. — N.W.

**Jsix** 616 J Street, Downtown, 619-531-8744. Chef Christian Graves is proud to be a card-carrying Slow Foodie, a movement dedicated to preserving tra-

ditional ways of farming, cooking, and caring for our food and planet. At Jsix, the kitchen bakes the breads and chef Graves cures charcuterie and makes sausages. The menu offers gently reared free-range meats and local produce. The chef's assortment of charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. "Small plates" are not so small and will have you wiping the platters with the fresh bread, especially the devastating white-corn ravioli in season. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are even better — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Wine list is wide and creative. The rooftop J-Bar Lounge is crowded but fun for cocktails, sandwiches, and snacks. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, plus weekend brunch. Dinner reservations advised, especially on weekends. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive. — N.W.

**Jyoti Bihanga** 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "peace blossom," or boarding his Italian "*treno della pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped Neatloaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Kansas City Barbecue** 610 West Market Street, Downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise

and Kelly McGillis did their sleazy bar scene in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Kemo Sabe** 3958 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible froufrou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chipotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Moderate. — N.W.

**Kensington Grill** 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This long-standing, comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for flavorful, seasonal California cuisine with adventurous touches of Asia and Mexico. It's way beyond what most neighborhoods would expect. Well-known local chef Hanis Cavin (a big, low-key guy) proves an alpha griller, ensuring that every bite is cooked precisely until it's done, not a second longer. Almost everything is more than tasty. Most desserts come from upscale sister-restaurant Laurel, although the house-made choices are fine, too — no baby-food sweets here. Wine list is adventurous with lots of affordable choices; full bar. Small parking lot attached. Always a few dishes for vegetarians and a vegan entrée. Reservations recommended. Dinner nightly. "Early-bird" three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**King's Fish House** 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

**Lydia's Café and Nightclub** 1628 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like taquitos, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the *birria*.) Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood** 827 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-ten-



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**Molly's** 333 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-230-8909. Chef Timothy Au's seasonal cuisine offers creative twists on California "slow cuisine," with as much as possible made from scratch in-house including the fresh cheeses, smoked fish, and dried-aged meat. Superb local produce used lovingly adds to the delicious flavors. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more the astute combinations of ingredients. Even if the menu of the moment includes no "official" vegetarian or vegan entrées, ask and ye probably shall receive — this kitchen loves fresh local veggies and does wonderful things with them as sides or garnishes, adaptable to entrée status. Vast, venturesome choice of international wines includes half-bottles and generous pours by the glass. Full bar with creative cocktails. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open for dinner. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Napa Valley Grille** 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

**Parallel 33** 741 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. When this restaurant's chef-originator, Amiko Gubbins, left the cooking line at last, she left the kitchen to a young hand-picked successor, Benjamin

Moore, who has been gently making the menu his own. And it's fun to eat here again. The fare remains near global, touched by the flavors of the world's warm temperate zone, including North Africa, the Middle East, India, China, Southeast Asia, and, of course, Southern California. There's no attempt to reproduce the classic dishes of these cuisines — the regions are more like exotic inspirations for creativity using their ingredients and flavors. Some hits include Indian-inspired potato cakes, pomegranate-glazed duck breast, and a splendid date and nut b'stilla for dessert. Wine list is interesting and international, enough by the glass, with sharply escalating prices but sufficient affordable bottles. Full bar with fun cocktails, happy hour appetizer menu, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. nightly. Next-door Blue Lotus Lounge bookable for parties. Reservations advised (room is small). — *N.W.*

**Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant** 2302 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly (service until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Moderate. — *N.W.*

**La Posta de Acapulco** 3980 Third Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Wash-

ington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Rainwater's on Kettner** 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Enjoy culinary time travel with this vintage restaurant's classic chop-house fare — wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with luxurious "Continental" sauces, plus some seafood, poultry, and other odd meats (including milk-fed calf's liver), served in what looks like a cozy English gentlemen's club writ large. If you've ever wanted to try Beef Wellington, the chef here is one of the few who can pull it off correctly. At weekday lunches, the place buzzes with downtown movers and shakers, but dinner hours are usually serene and gracious (reserve anyway). An awesome international wine list, strong on great French bottles (and scant on affordable ones); no corkage Friday & Sunday. Full bar. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive, but offers three-course prix fixe menu for \$40/person. — *N.W.*

**Sally's Seafood on the Water** One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. One of the city's favorite romantic restaurants. Sally's is an outbuilding behind the Grand Hyatt at the edge of Seaport Village and boasts lovely scenery, with cityscapes or bay views seen through picture windows or enjoyed from the outdoor patio in fair weather. The fare is Asian-fusion, emphasizing seafood and also offering sushi and sashimi. An appetizer sampler for two makes delicious shared grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon layered on fried wonton strip, while black cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Another option is reserving the "chef's table" in the kitchen for a custom-made meal. The mostly Californian wine list is rather steep, with plenty by the glass (at high markups), plus a serious sake list on the sushi menu. Full bar. Long walk from the hotel garage (with validated self-parking) but no barriers to mobility devices; dining room noisy at times. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**El Sol Mexican Restaurant** 2037 University Avenue, North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera cooked at Danny's Palm Bar in Coronado for 18 years. In 1994, President

Clinton came to town and the Secret Service came to Danny's with a big order for burgers. Instant fame! Now Nacho has his own place and serves the same burgers with the spice recipe even the Secret Service couldn't get out of him. He also does breakfasts and the whole range of Mexican food, including seafood (*tostada de ceviche* is great). But if you want the burger, ask for his Clintonburger with cheese, bacon, and french fries. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Soleil @k** 660 K Street, Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crab sticks. Desserts are witty as well as tasty; entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds"; full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom** 4645 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers, and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghormeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Stingaree** 454 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes — little, medium, and large. It's a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich in-

ternational wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40. — *N.W.*

**Taste of Africa Cuisine** 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Taste of Szechuan** 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypal Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip-mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot and spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open till midnight Monday through Thursday, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Sunday until 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D.*

**Tofu House** 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proofpositive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself

from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

**Top of the Market** 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost formal by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Zensei** 3396 30th Street, North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W.*

## NORTH INLAND

**Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant** 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned Pho Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (nonfried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce

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and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. —E.B.

**Cabana Cove** 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from surfing spots around the world, includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

**Golden Egg Omelet House** 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDG&E driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicapped access; sturdy high chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Madras Café** 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the

last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Mille Fleurs** 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on "Bistro Wednesdays" when simpler food is served. — N.W.

**Onami Japanese Restaurant** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M.

**The Original Pancake House** 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, bat-

ter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B.

**Super Buffet** 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, "with over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

## NORTH COASTAL

**Addison** 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Carmel Valley, 858-314-1900. At this gala, gorgeous restaurant a mile or so uphill from the hotel at Doug Manchester's new luxury resort, the brief menu offers dishes made with superior ingredients, executed flawlessly. However, it may be hard to warm up to the chef's palate, which seems to favor sour, tart, and acidic notes, with no concessions to culinary comfort. The creative cooking involves strange flavor combinations, such as well-seasoned lamb



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### Lotus Thai, Hillcrest

When we used to live in Hillcrest we would get delivery from Lotus Thai all the time. Now that we live in South Park, it's been awhile since we had the pleasure. Last night we did a pick-up order of all our old faves: crab-fried rice, eggplant, green curry, red curry, vegetables, and pad thai. It was even better than I remember it! If you're craving Thai food, Lotus Thai should be the first place you call on ~ you won't be disappointed!  
By **Spark** 8:14 p.m., Oct 13

### Peohe's, Coronado

My favorite spot is Peohe's. I have been coming here for years and years. To say that it's great every-time is an understatement. Not to miss are the Coconut Crunchy Shrimp and Halibut Maya - they are Island-esque and keep me coming back! The smoking "Volcano" drink (like on Sunday's TV broadcast during the SD Charger's Game) is so much fun and very tasty too! The straws are two feet long. It's the waterfalls, the Koi pond, the massive martinis and great prime rib that keep it my family's favorite. There is no better view of the city, and taking the ferry over there from SD is a treat. It's not just tourists that love Peohe's - it's the locals too!  
By **Fusti** 3:35 p.m., Oct 15

### Islands, Chula Vista

I typically eat here twice a month and am a big fan of the Island's chain. There Kobb Salad is one of the best I've ever had and their cheese fries are a delicious appetizer. I only negative thing I can say about this place is that the service can be kind of spotty at times. Your experience hinges highly on your server. You can sit down, have your order taken, and have your food out to you in 10 minutes, or you can be sitting there staring at the surfers on the TV monitors for a good 30 minutes before anything comes out. My suggestion is to sit in the bar area. The two guys working the bar area are great. They are quick, friendly, and don't forget to bring you re-fills. Plus, you have all the TV's that you can watch sports on.  
By **spooks69** 7:57 p.m., Oct 15

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## RESTAURANTS

shank with a goat-cheese tart served over a slick of acidic lemon-sorrel sauce plus uncured house-made sausage with a puree of Japanese *umiboshi*, fiercely sour plums that seem to come from a different universe than the meat. Or an amuse of tart yogurt punctuated by sour quince and puckery gooseberries. It seems to be more about the chef's self-expression than about your pleasure, but many people love it — it apparently depends on what night you eat there. Service is formal, deluxe, and quite rigid: The bussers are your bosses. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday only. Reservations essential; request detailed route directions. Extremely expensive. — *N.W.*

**Le Bambou** 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere “phojoint,” this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of prewar Saigon — and the owners’ daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching Westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of ground shrimp on sugar cane so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and Star of the Sea curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam’s own “33” brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

**El Callejon Restaurant** 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeados* with a rich sauce of chiles and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There’s even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to

serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. — *N.W.*

**The Calypso Café** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. This “Calypso” has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there’s nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W.*

**Firenze** 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spoiced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with half-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W.*

**Jake’s Del Mar Waterfront Grill** 1660 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Offering surf and turf by the sea, Jake’s not only hugs the oceanfront, with a patio overlooking the waves, but has a smaller patio next to Powerhouse Park, with its fragrant mimosa plants, where you can walk off the calories. A branch of the well-known Hawaiian chain, Duke’s, Jake’s fare is competently cooked, if not inspired. The seafood may flaunt fusion-y, sugary touches, while steaks are Prime or high-grade Choice. Portions are huge — the tasty Dun-geness crab cake appetizer is sizeable enough for a substantial lunch, offering loads of crab and little filler. Location is very popular with locals and tourists both, so reservations urged for any meal,

essential for the à la carte Sunday brunch. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Lunch and brunch moderate, dinner expensive. — *N.W.*

**Paul’s Place** 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey burger. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Ruth’s Chris Steak House — Carmel Valley** 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from fine (albeit wet-aged) USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. All side dishes are à la carte, sized for two or more. The broiled tomatoes — caramelized with a touch of sugar — are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. Starters include gooey stuffed mushrooms and an outstanding take on America’s now-ubiquitous seared ahi. But there’s another side to this restaurant. True to its New Orleans origins, it offers a number of Louisiana dishes cooked in the rich, delicate, non-spicy manner of a French plantation (or old NOLA stalwart Antoine’s) including shrimp remoulade; a thin tomatoey gumbo; an atypically creamy BBQ shrimp and a terrific, authentic bread pudding drenched in whiskey sauce. Non-beef-eaters can also choose from luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobellos, and more. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious. The downtown location harbors a stunning seaside view. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Vigilucci’s — Encinitas** 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant’s motto, “a little piece of Italy,” is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that’s Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with

honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it’s crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci’s Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci’s Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W.*

**Vivace** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here’s the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian haute cuisine which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You’ll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the *mamma mia* joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. Resort-casual — no hats, shorts or jeans, or sandals — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

## SOUTH BAY

**Galley at the Marina** 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you’re gonna buy when you win the lotto. It’s run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego’s greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Lai Thai Restaurant** 1430 East Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn’t come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you’ve got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Swaddee Thai** 1001 C Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee’s quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals’ gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *sate*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave-

but-tender *farang* taste buds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Thai Café — Coronado** 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217. Tourists may not take this little open-sided kiosk restaurant at Coronado’s Ferry Landing seriously, but this has to be some of the best-prepared Thai food in the county. It’s all laid out buffet style in chafing dishes. You can sample before you commit. They’re all good. None of the watered-down versions of, say, green curry, you sometimes get elsewhere. Grilled satay is excellent, as are spicy basil chicken, *panang* curry, Thai pork salad, and talapia topped with sweet veggies and Thai chili sauce. Pick two (the best deal), find a table under the shade of a fig tree. Go “Ommm.” You’re approaching nirvana. Daily, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; summer until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Village Club Card Room** 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it’s mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here’s the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players’ bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 4 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## EAST COUNTY

**Fix Me a Plate Café** 9168 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Café, and now he’s got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po’ boy is (as France’s Michelin Guide might say) “worth a detour,” as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffées are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skippy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break in between). Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Johnny B’s** 4728 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This “Burgers and Brew” bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker’s patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. 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.*

**Ranas.Com** 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It’s a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Tyler’s Taste of Texas** 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that’s sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.*

**West Coast Barbecue** 606 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-3663. This relocated revival of the popular former Bekker’s BBQ serves pit-smoked Texas-style “cue” that seems more like the Bushes of Crawford, Texas than the soulful south: Meats are leaner and less smoky. Best bets are the full-flavored ribs (beef, baby back, spare) and chicken wings. Other cuts (brisket, pulled pork, chicken) run a little dry. The red soppin’ sauce is thin, very sweet, with some tang but no heat. Most sides are rather bland, regionless picnic fare except for the good pinto beans and the outstanding, authentic Texas bean-free chili, well seasoned and classically garnished with chopped white onion and melted yellow cheese. It deserves promotion to an entrée. Dessert is a choice of canned-fruit cobblers topped with shortening pie crust. Beer and house wine; small outdoor patio. Low-moderate, inexpensive for shared takeout. Full catering services available; not confined to BBQ. — *N.W.*

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**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



Appaloosa

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; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Beverly Hills Chihuahua** — Canine comedy, directed by Raja Gosnell, with the

voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia, George Lopez, Cheech Marin, Paul Rodriguez. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16;

RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Blindness** — Serious-minded science fiction, allegorical as you like, about an epidemic of “the white sickness,” a new form of sightlessness that plunges the sufferer into blinding light instead of traditional darkness. We experience this from the point of view, so to speak, of several dozen people left to their own devices in 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 seriousness: 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-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 Di-



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Caprio 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Breakfast with Scot** — Gay domestic drama, set against a backdrop of Canadian hockey, with Thomas Cavanaugh and Ben Shenkman, directed by Laurie Lynd. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/24)

**Burn after Reading** — The Coen brothers revisit their favored stupidity theme: *Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski* (that one above all), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the secondhand *Lady-killers*, at least the Llewellyn Moss protagonist in *No Country for Old Men*. Back to the well once more. The placement of this timeless theme within the Washington, D.C., intelligence community is, however, highly strategic, calculating, revitalizing, resonating, and, well, intelligent. (The memorable line from the original *Manchurian Candidate* swims up from the depths: “Intelligence officer! Stupidity officer is more like it.”) The central theme has been interlaced with secondary themes of deception, discontentment, self-delusion, double lives, so that while the film is unmistakably a comedy, it’s a pretty deep one. And regardless how repetitive the theme, there is no slacking off in technique and execution. The fast hour and a half is consistently, uninsistently funny, with only a rare lapse in taste (a homemade marital aid, a couple of splashes of Scorsese-esque gore) and never really a lapse in tone. And although the regular and reliable Roger Deakins has been replaced with Emmanuel Lubezki (*Children of Men*, most noteworthy), the cinematography doesn’t suffer, with its crystal-clear air, its fine-line focus, and its scythe-like camerawork, angling slightly upwards, attacking from all sides, intermittently cutting a path in a spurt of purposeful fluidity. George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, John Malkovich, Richard Jenkins, David Rasche, J.K. Simmons. 2008. ★★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**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-park. 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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Dark Knight** — Fashionably “dark” comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for “the bat man,” as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan’s restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment, although we must acknowledge that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker —



Body of Lies

banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal

voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan’s lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can’t trust it to convey its import (in spite of all

the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008. ● (HORTON PLAZA 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, unshadowngly surrounded by Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper, Hayley Atwell, Simon McBurney, and Charlotte Rampling, commands the screen with force and nuance and bone structure. The camera, as they say, loves her. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; 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 ordinar-

ily likable, or in these circumstances, pitiable. With Billy Bob Thornton, Rosario Dawson, and Michael Chiklis; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2008. ● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Express** — Grind-it-out sports bio on Ernie Davis, the running back who took over Jim Brown’s position and jersey number at Syracuse University and went on to become the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy. Good efforts from Rob Brown in the lead role and Dennis Quaid as his old-school coach, Ben Schwartzwalder, but the writing (Charles Leavitt) and directing (Gary Fleder) are heavy-footed. With Darrin Dewitt Henson, Omar Benson Miller, Charles S. Dutton, Nicole Behaire. 2008. ● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

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## DOWNTOWN

**Gaslamp 15**  
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**Appaloosa** (R); **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Blindness** (R); **Body of Lies** (R); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **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); **Yella** (Not Rated)

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**Burn after Reading** (R) Fri. (11:20, 1:45, 4:05) 7:10, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:45) 4:05, 7:10, 9:25; **City of Ember** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 2:15, 5:30) 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 2:15) 5:30, 9:00; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10) 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; **Lakeview Terrace** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:35, 4:15) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; **Pineapple Express** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; **Quarantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:50, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (11:10, 11:45, 1:25, 2:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:50) 7:15, 8:05, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 11:45, 1:25, 2:00, 3:40) 4:20, 5:50, 7:15, 8:05, 9:45, 10:20; **Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30, 5:35) 7:40, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50

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**Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15 Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50) 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30 Sun. 1:45, 4:40, 7:35,

10:30; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:15) 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; **Morning Light** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30a.m.); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 6:50; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10; **Saw V** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Sex Drive** () Fri.-Sun. 4:05, 9:35; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25 Sun. (10:35) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; **What Just Happened** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00

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**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

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405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
**Appaloosa** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 7:00; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 12:35, 2:45, 3:05, 5:20, 5:40) 8:15, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 12:35, 2:45, 3:05) 5:20, 5:40, 8:15, 10:35; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:55, 10:10; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 7:10, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:10, 10:05; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri. (12:00, 12:20, 12:40, 2:35, 2:55, 3:15, 5:10, 5:30, 5:50) 7:45, 8:05, 8:25, 10:20, 10:40, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:20, 12:40, 2:35, 2:55, 3:15) 5:10, 5:30, 5:50, 7:45, 8:05, 8:25, 10:20, 10:40, 10:55; **Lakeview**

**Terrace** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:50) 9:50; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:35, 7:55, 10:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:35, 7:55, 10:00, 10:25; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:25, 9:45; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:55, 10:00; **Quarantine** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:25, 2:30, 2:50, 4:55, 5:15) 7:20, 7:35, 9:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 12:25, 2:30, 2:50) 4:55, 5:15, 7:20, 7:35, 9:45, 10:05; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Sex Drive** () Fri. (12:25, 3:00, 5:35) 8:10, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:45; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15

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**Rancho Del Rey 16**  
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**High School Musical 3: Senior Year** — Disney youth movie with Zac Efron and Vanessa Anne Hudgens, directed by Kenny Ortega.

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**How to Lose Friends and Alienate People** — A names-changed adaptation of

the memoir by Toby Young (now Sidney Young) on his disastrous stint at *Vanity Fair* (now *Sharps*), an impudent Brit-wit, played impudently but not wittily by Britisher Simon Pegg, who aims to breathe a breath of foul air into the Manhattan *beau monde*. On screen it becomes a conventional romantic comedy about a flopping fish-out-of-water netted eventually by a beautiful co-worker (Kirsten Dunst) whose favorite movie, significantly, happens to be *La Dolce Vita*, the one to do with the journalist who sells his soul to mingle with the rich and famous. The whole thing plays to the groundlings: no bona fide Smart Set *bon mots*, but instead low-comedy pratfalls, puke, coke, a dead dog, a drag queen, and, as a climactic *coup de grâce*, an awards-show brawl on live television. With Jeff Bridges, Megan Fox, Gillian Anderson, and Danny Huston; directed by Robert Weide. 2008.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Igor** — Camped-up computer cartoon

about a humpbacked lackey who bucks the class system in the land of Malaria and aspires to be an evil genius instead of just the lispng, switch-pulling assistant. The backdrops are sufficiently Gothic, but the figures are ghastly, and not in a good way. With the voices of John Cusack, Steve Buscemi, Sean Hayes, Molly Shannon, Eddie Izzard, Jennifer Coolidge, and Jay Leno; directed by Tony Leondis. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 10/24; MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 10/24; 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 hosing-down. 2008.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 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)

**Morning Light** — Documentary on a team of novice sailboat racers, directed by Paul Crowder.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA CINEMAS; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** — Tolerably sweet teen romance, uniting two strangers from the same Jersey high school in a night-long search of Manhattan for a rumored concert by their mutual favorite band, Where's Fluffy? Gross-out gags are limited to a single, if ongoing, grossery: a drunken girl fishing her cellphone and a wad of chewing gum out of the public toilet into which she has just upchucked. A gag that truly gags. The leads, however, are charming: Michael Cera, of *Juno* and *Superbad*, as the heartbroken heterosexual in a gay garage band called the Jerk-Offs, tooling around town in a balky yellow Yugo ("I think it might be the only Yugo in the country"); and Kat Dennings, of *Charlie Bartlett* and *The House Bunny*, as the pouty 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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14)

**Pineapple Express** — A buddy comedy, a stoner comedy, a crime comedy from the House of Apatow, about a user and his dealer — best friends — on the run from the mob. As the two dopers, James Franco mimics the classic symptoms with dedication, while Seth Rogen is content to be Seth Rogen or else powerless to be otherwise. The rampant violence and gruesome mayhem are meant to be as full of merriment as, say, the puke on the computer printer or the English subtitle beneath the Asian thug, "Prepare to suck the cock of karma." It might be interesting as a penal experiment (for you Apatow devotees, that has nothing to do with the penis) to compel anyone amused by such stuff to sit through, in succession, *George Washington*, *All the Real Girls*, *Undertow*, and *Snow Angels*. Those are the complete previous credits of the director, David Gordon Green, instantaneous poster boy for the Indie Sellout. With Danny McBride, Gary Cole, Rosie Perez. 2008.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Pride and Glory** — Corruption in the NYPD, with Colin Farrell, Edward Norton, and Jon Voight, directed by Gavin O'Connor.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/24)

**Quarantine** — Fright film with Jennifer Carpenter, Steve Harris, and Jay Hernandez, directed by John Erick Dowdle. (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

**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 Hath-

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*Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber’s extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood’s besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don’t believe what’s happening to me,/ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of



Sex Drive

wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton’s fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning

and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV’s

*The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams’s *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there’s a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**W.** — Oliver Stone’s biopic on the forth-third U.S. President, with Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Banks, James Cromwell, Ellen Burstyn, Richard Dreyfuss. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Weather Underground** — Sam Green’s and Bill Siegel’s documentary on

the militant political group of the Vietnam era. (GASLAMP 15)

**What Just Happened** — Hollywood Semi-Confidential: a fictionalization of producer Art Linson’s chatty, catty tell-all. (The bearded, overweight Alec Baldwin, for example, becomes a bearded, overweight Bruce Willis, “as himself.”) The producer protagonist is curiously undercharacterized — though heftily embodied in Robert De Niro — and the fictionalizing renders the whole thing less personal and pointed. An occasional observation rings a bell and fetches a chuckle. With Robin Wright Penn, John Turturro, Stanley Tucci, Catherine Keener, Michael Wincott, and (also “as himself”) Sean Penn; directed by Barry Levinson. 2008. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Yella** — Christian Petzold’s drama about a woman from East Germany seeking a new beginning in the West, starring Nina Hoss. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 10/24)

**Young Frankenstein** — Mel Brooks’s insular spoof on the old Universal Pictures horror series — it doesn’t reach very far in any direction, but it expends a good deal of comic energy within the narrow confines. Basically, it resembles the sort of affectionate parody of old movies common on the *Carol Burnett Show*, although it is larger, fuller, and usually funnier. Brooks’s stature as a moviemaker is boosted considerably by his efforts to carry the parody even to the Hollywood studio techniques of the 1930s. On that score, he noses ahead of his closest competitor in screen comedy, Woody Allen, who has long gravitated toward old movies in search of subject matter, but whose comic copies achieve the proper cinematic style haphazardly at best. Same goes for his acting style. Whether he is impersonating a bank robber, a Latin American revolutionary, a robot, or a Bogart tough guy, Allen is always undermined by his feelings of imposture; Brooks suffers from, or at any rate displays, no such insecurities. With Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle, Cloris Leachman, Terri Garr, Marty Feldman, and Gene Hackman. 1974. ★★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/23 THROUGH 25, 7:30 P.M.)

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### Burn After Reading 2008

Another free pass from Duncan to the Coen Brothers. When other movie makers go “back to the well once more,” you criticize them for it. But old Ethan and Joel get a pat on the back. (Plus a friendly slap on the butt for their left-wing ideology.) I remember you used to think Goerge Clooney among the worst actors on earth...but wait, he was in a Cohen Bros. movie. And, what do you know, he’s not so bad after all. At least try not to sound like a shill for these guys, Duncan. I understand that your job requires you to swim in the torrent of sewage that flows south from Hollywood, and therefore talent like the Coens’ must seem like a clean refreshing mountain stream. But still...try to maintain some objectivity here.

By **Joaquin\_de\_la\_Mesa** 10:17 a.m., Oct. 16, 2008

### Body of Lies 2008

The star power and the trailers sold me a bill of goods that did not deliver. If you’re a fan of DiCaprio, you might want to see this because he’s in almost every scene. If you’re a Crowe fan, maybe not; he doesn't do much acting in this one, and the middle-age paunch they gave him to wear ain’t pretty. The movie isn’t terrible, but it isn’t good either. You get some education on the futility of fighting the current war on terrorism, and you get a lot of really good action scenes. In the middle of everything is filler conversation that just gets you antsy waiting for the next action sequence. A little bit of romance and the judicious use of a hammer are the only memorable pieces of an unmemorable movie.

By **Pilote** 10:31 a.m., Oct. 17, 2008

### Quarantine 2008

A downtown Los Angeles apartment building is quarantined after a mysterious deadly and highly contagious strain of rabies breaks out. A reporter and her cameraman are among those trapped inside.

For all you moviegoers, I have to defend *Quarantine* because the film is brilliantly entertaining. The movie is not at its best, but still manages to indulge you into the plot. The point of film is to get the hands-on experience and feel of what it could be like when the everyday rescue team (firefighters and police officers) are guinea pigs under such chaos that no one knows you’re there. Picture this. An old woman nearly bites you while blood drips from her mouth; the building is locked down shut from the top of the roof to the foundation; and questions lead to no answers. You’ve got a plot.

Jennifer Carpenter, known for her roles in *White Chicks* (2004) and *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* (2005), is a natural talent. Unlike Heather Donahue, who tried to persuade the audience with her terrorizing performance in the hit *The Blair Witch Project* (1999), in which she used her real name for the film. I enjoyed Carpenter’s performance in *Quarantine* the same way I felt about her performance in *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*.

So the big question you probably want answered: Is the film worth 10 to 11 bucks? Yes, I found the film to be wildly entertaining. We all know Jennifer Carpenter’s character Angela Vidal dies at the end, just watch the trailers, and she states in an interview, “Everyone knows she dies. It makes the conclusion of the film so easy, but it’s the process of what is killing and that’s what makes the film terrifying” (*ign.com*). Warnings: the film is not original. It is a remake of the Spanish film *REC*, written and directed by John and Drew Dowdle. Also, the film uses shaky camerawork style. If you suffer from motion sickness or you were one who vomited in the theaters while watching *The Blair Witch Project*, then this film is not for you.

By **romania23** 12 noon, Oct. 17, 2008

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# Freak Show

*"My concern is with the living," he says as she dies trying to bite him.*

When it opened on Broadway in 1933, Jack Kirkland's subhuman dramatization of the Erskine Caldwell novel *Tobacco Road* received mixed to negative reviews. Even though it had "spasmodic moments of merciless power," wrote critic Brooks Atkinson, it was "one of the grossest episodes ever put on the stage." The production looked headed for sudden death.

## REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

The producer posted a closing notice. But to create the dirt-poor, sharecropper milieu of Georgia's Tobacco Road, he'd put so much sludge and rusted junk on stage he couldn't pay to clean it up. So he let the beast run, in spite of the notices. After a while, word-of-mouth caught on: Great Depression's got you down? Come watch degradation like you wouldn't believe! People did, and the production ran for seven and a half years and a record, at the time, 3182 performances.

Set a dozen miles from Augusta, Georgia, Caldwell's novel walks a skinny path between X-rated sleaze and a portrait of rustic determination. The Lester family is caught in what economist Jeffrey D. Sachs calls (in his remarkable book *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet*) a "poverty trap." One billion people in today's world suffer from what Caldwell was among the first to describe in detail.

The only thing growing on the Lesters' farm is the interest on a loan that Jeeter can't repay. His family's so hungry, a single turnip's a feast. Extreme poverty has ripped away psychological boundaries, making the Lesters selfish, violent, and sexually rapacious — as when Jeeter stands on a chopping block, peers through a window, and Peeping Toms his son's wedding night.

Unlike his *God's Little Acre* (1933), a more overtly proletarian novel about striking "lint-head" mill-workers, in *Tobacco Road* Caldwell complicates matters by adding unsentimental comic touches. And for most of the novel he distributes the blame: from society and ruthless economics to something inherent in the Lesters themselves. Then, after Jeeter and wife Ada are burned in a fire, Caldwell writes an eight-page elegy to the man who "would lots rather grow a big crop of cotton than go to heaven."

Caldwell approved of Kirkland's script, but it's hard to see why. Kirkland tweaked the squalor scenes, which trundle into each other without relief, and pruned what little humanity exists in the novel — including the last eight pages. Instead of

Jeeter and Ada dying in a fire, she gets hit by a car driven by her dim-bulb son Dude (who observes, "I guess the wheels ran over her"). Jeeter feels nothing for his wife.

"My concern is with the living," he says as she dies trying to bite him.

The novel's ending turns outward, into social commentary; the play tries to top itself with a twist even more bizarre than the others. Kirkland reduces the Lesters to their lowest common denominator. Caged animals are more civil. But then again, caged animals don't make for a box-office sensation.

At the La Jolla Playhouse, director David Schweizer uses expressionistic touches to overstate the obvious. Lights and sounds blare and ingratiate. In the original ending, a rotting shingle falls on the porch. On the playhouse stage, the Lesters' shack — tilted like Dorothy's home plunked in Oz — loses its walls in act two. And, in case anyone's missing the point, sections of the plywood walls above the set peel away. They slam the stage like a hammer, as does the production, a freak show of Homeric proportions.

David Zinn's set is abstract and overactive. His relentlessly unappealing costumes, however, are a daring choice. Tattered, filthy beiges and browns, they define what it means to be dirt poor. When they get a washing, which may be once a month at best, it's with brackish water from a downstage hand pump. And all the soap in Georgia couldn't scrub out the sweat. The costumes are so realistic, one feels sympathy for the actors. The cotton shirts and shifts clinging to them like glue must reek to high heaven.

The production is most eloquent when the cast doesn't say or do anything. Those worn faces (Lucy Ann Albert's mute Grandma) and deformities (Kate Dalton's harelipped Ellie May, rejected by a family of rejects) tell a much deeper story. As does Jan Leslie Harding, a Craig Noel Award-winner for her performance in the Playhouse's *Adding Machine*, who loads the weight of



Lucy Ann Albert, Mary Deaton in *Tobacco Road*

**Tobacco Road**, by Jack Kirkland, based on the novel by Erskine Caldwell  
**La Jolla Playhouse, UCSD**

**Directed by David Schweizer;** cast: John Fleck, Lucy Ann Albert, Catherine Curtin, Kate Dalton, Mary Deaton, Joel J. Gelman, Jan Leslie Harding, Jesse MacKinnon, Chris Reed, Sam Rosen, Josh Wade; scenic and costume design, David Zinn; lighting, Christopher Akerlind; composer and sound designer, Shahrokh Yadegari  
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the world onto Ada's slumping shoulders. Catherine Curtin gives Sister Bessie notes of hope when she considers marriage. John Fleck, the great performance artist, doesn't skimp on Jeeter's blind selfishness or depravity.

PR for *Tobacco Road* makes claims to rele-

vance, the mortgage crisis in particular. But the question the production keeps asking is: What will this menagerie of demented bumpkins do next? If you are a schadenfreudian, if you derive pleasure from the sufferings of others, you'll love this mongrel. If not, stay away. ■

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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. 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 of-

fers few chances for physicality. Brendan Griffin (Kent), Nick Mills (Adam), and Joaquin Perez-Campbell (Raul) perform ably. Even before you realize that Perez-Campbell's playing Canseco, the twitches and rooster-neck jerks are a pure match for the right fielder off whose noggin a ball once careened for a home run, a feat ESPN recently voted as the number-one baseball blooper of all time. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

### Backwater Blues

As part of its Q Play series of gay-and-lesbian-themed plays, Compass Theatre presents a world-premiere musical, lyrics and book by Michael Thomas Tower and David M. Newcomer and music by Tower, which asks, "Why does love make such a mess of things?" Lindsey Duoos Gearhart directed. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 26.

### Bash

Amid the familiar, the unspeakable. In three Neil LaBute one-acts, a Mormon father talks to a stranger in a Vegas hotel room, a young woman confesses to a police tape recorder, and a college-age couple retells two versions of a trip from Boston to a (gay)bash(ing) in New York. Each story begins so 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. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. 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 Leslie Gore wrote the song in response to the Four Seasons. Now in its fourth — fifth? — version, *Boomers* has grown a great deal since it premiered in 1993. It's added social dimensions (the original was mostly about middle-class whites), more period details, and a much better understanding of one's later years (gained from experience: authors Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington are now 15 years older). Ostensibly the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to 1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of "name that tune" in fast-forward. Boomers in the audience gulp "oh's" of recognition when a musical fragment triggers memories. One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie's Aretha-strong voice do all of "Respect" or Keith



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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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### **Britannicus**

Compass Theatre presents Jean Racine’s tragedy about Nero’s rise to power in ancient Rome (which went through young Britannicus, son of the Emperor Claudius). Miriam Cuperman directed. COMPASS THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 23.

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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.

### **Don’t Dress for Dinner**

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Marc Camoletti’s farce in which a carefully planned, clandestine weekend soon runs awry. Rosina Reynolds directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 16.

### **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 child-



Bleeding Kansas

hoods? As Kelly and Peter sift through shards and cinders, the answer threatens further demolition. Cygnet Theatre does a capable job with a tricky, now-you-see-it, now-you-don’t 90-minute play. Nick Fouch’s revolving set and Eric Lotze’s eerie, expressive lighting make Kelly’s apartment look as if it’s suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Jessica John’s appropriately drab brown costumes complete the impression. Kelly’s a tough assignment: how to play a character who’s neutron bombed emotionally? Christy Yael has moments where she flattens Kelly out too much, but for the most part she succeeds as a woman cast adrift. Sean Cox plays both brothers and convinces as the tough Spec 4 Craig. Director Fran Gercke and Sean Cox have avoided giving Peter stereotypical gay gestures. But Cox needs to ratchet up his subtextual menace. The Baghdad Correctional Facility isn’t the only place where torturers ply their trade.

### Worth a try.

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### **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. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. 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 Heiress**

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages this psychological drama of love, innocence, and betrayal, based on the Henry James novel *Washington Square*. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWNE CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA. 714-708-5555. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2:30 AND 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 16.

### **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. SATURDAYS, 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 music lasts.

### Worth a try.

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play “Emotional Sympathy,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit re-



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warded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try. MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRIDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M.

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Taxi Dance

The Blue Trunk Theatre Company presents a staged reading of Joe Powers’ new play about “where bruised and calloused hearts collide.” Powers directed (among the cast: Sylvia M’Lafi Thompson and Antonio T.J. Johnson, who per-

formed so wonderfully in *Cygnets’ Fences* earlier this year). LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. MONDAY, 7 P.M.

Tobacco Road

The La Jolla Playhouse stages Jack Kirkland’s dramatization of the Erskine Caldwell novel. During the Depression, the impoverished Lester family’s headed for oblivion. David Schweizer directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, UCSD. 858-550-1010. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH OCTOBER 26.

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, SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO. 619-527-5256. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 3 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 2.

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The Women

The Old Globe’s staging of Clare 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 ultraconservative, Luce approved of the House Un-American Activities Committee and shed no tear after JFK’s death (she often called him a “commie”). And she was no feminist, revisionism to the contrary. When Anne Bogart staged *The Women* at the Rep in 1989, she directed it through Luce’s eyes, fangs first (in rehearsals, she encouraged actors to steal each other’s choices). For the Globe, Darko Tresnjak’s version’s much more balanced. The upper-class Manhattanites still gossip and connive, but Tresnjak prefers farce to fury; no one’s really hurt, or hurt for long. And looking glamorous trumps everything (this is, first and foremost, a style show, and the style smooths things over). Tresnjak offers a humane take on an anti-humane comedy. The ensemble cast functions so smoothly it’s hard to single out individuals, though red-haired Nancy Anderson (who croons to beat the band before acts 1 and 2) comes closest to Luce’s vitriol.

Worth a try.

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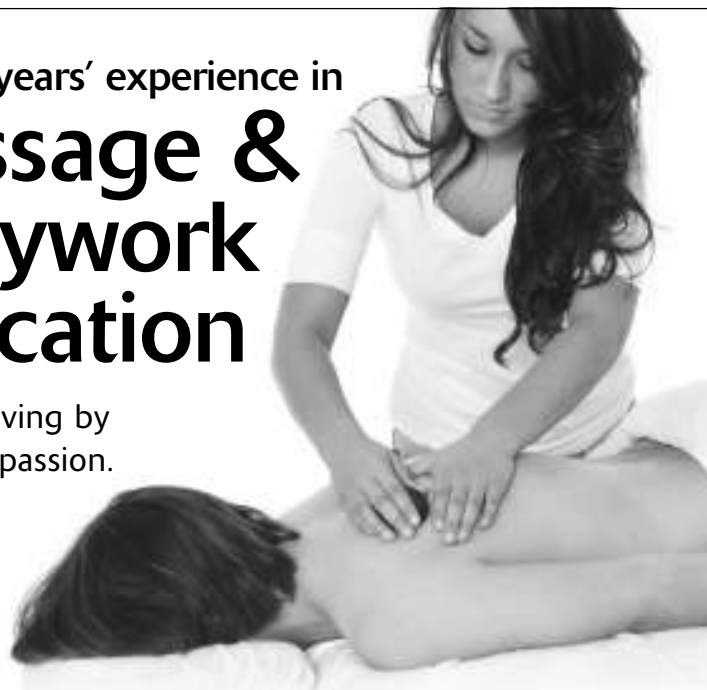
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**Gordon Kanteena (San Diego) \$30**

## Keep That Sign Moving

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## Restaurant Listings

p.118 Karl Strauss heads *should be* Karl Strauss headed

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## Letters

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3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.  
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.  
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And now for the really small print:  
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.  
2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.  
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.  
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Across

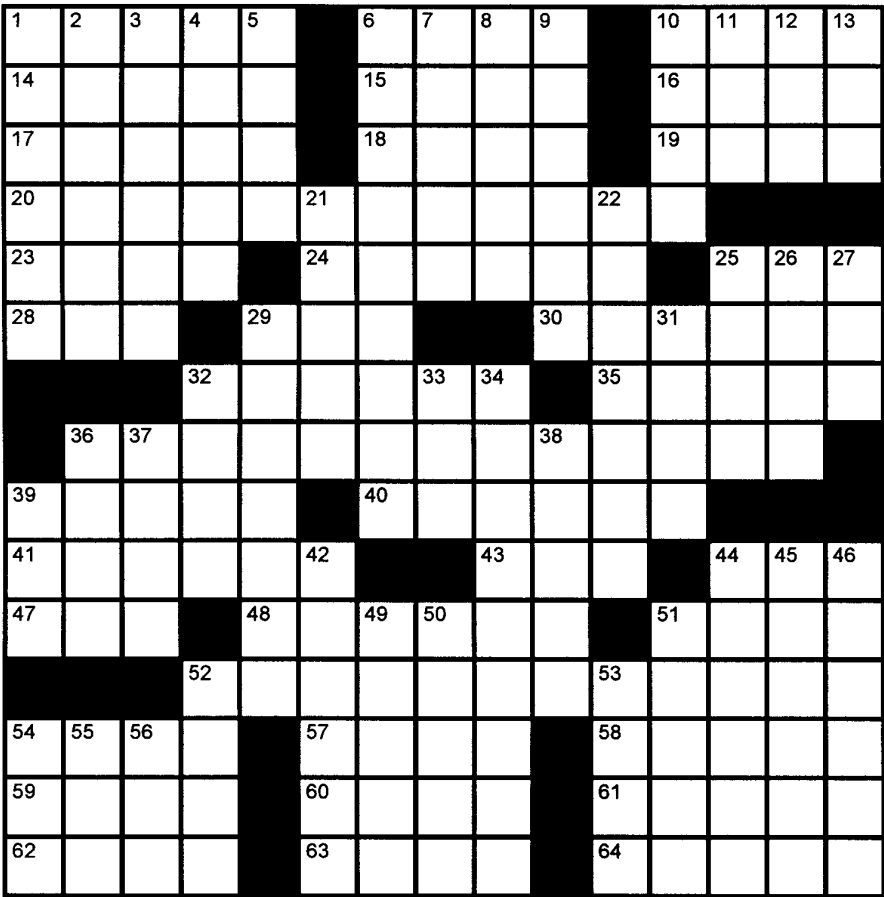
- Pixar garbage collector of 2008
- "It's all gone!"
- Let (up)
- Columbia and Cornell, e.g.
- Guadalajara greeting
- Look inside?
- Didn't participate, with "out"
- Not a copy: Abbr.
- Cruise stop
- It may be found in front of a saloon ... or a punny clue for 64-Across

- Jazz's Fitzgerald
- Prepares for a massive stroke?
- "That's more than I need to know," in text-messaging
- Florence-to-Rome dir.
- "Good Will Hunting" sch.
- Warn
- Hoedown move
- Fictional mariner and others
- Where a car might be when it's "in the shop" ... or a punny clue for 64-Across
- Singer Lena
- "Turn! Turn! Turn!" songwriter Pete
- Champagne and orange juice cocktail
- LAX listing
- Second ltr. addendum
- Based \_\_\_\_ true story
- "Don't worry about me"
- General Robt. \_\_\_\_
- Amtrak stop in Washington D.C. ... or a punny clue for 64-Across
- Teri of "Tootsie"
- Supermodel Taylor
- Broken piece
- They've got a lot of pull
- Not mint
- Counting word
- They're made by maids
- 13-Down woe
- See 20-, 36- or 52-Across

### Down

- Genie's offerings
- Helps

- Chicken \_\_\_\_
- Nikon rival
- Bk. of the Bible named after a woman
- Speech study
- Sign wrong?
- Turns over, as a pancake
- Touch with one's mitt
- Leave
- "\_\_\_\_ gratia artis"
- Mineo of movies
- Ophthalmologist's study
- Answer to "Who's there?"
- Record player
- Voluminous work
- "Dial \_\_\_\_ Murder"
- Hypotheticals
- Becomes someone's roommate, say
- Nedved of the NHL
- Early 007 nemesis
- Emmy winner Ruby
- City near Camp Pendleton
- "\_\_\_\_ conclusion ..."
- Humorist Bombeck
- "Snowy" bird
- Grp. with a copay
- It tops a B
- Flexible
- City on the Illinois River
- Fax user
- Impose (upon)
- One way to sing
- Waters of gospel
- Holders of ashes
- Riding the waves
- Soft mass
- Send packing
- Bloodshot



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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

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**Lil Wagner, Clairemont, 19.** "Thanks for the name change."  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 18.** "Keep pedaling, everyone. We're almost there."  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 18.**  
**Julie Osburn, North Park, 18.** "The cream continues rising to the top."  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 18.** "Last week five of eleven first time submitters won T-shirts!"  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 18.** "Dr. Bridgette Duggan is my hero!"  
**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 17.**  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 17.** "Party on, Carol! Happy 50th birthday!"  
**Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 17.**  
**Pamela Swain, College Area, 17.** "It's almost over."  
**Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 16.** "You go girl! And don't come back!"  
**Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 16.** "A man without chop sticks has sticky fingers."  
**Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 16.** "Dan says thanks for the shirt! www.paintwithdan.com"

**Janet Goff, Cardiff, 16.** "Thanks for the shirt. One more, please."  
**George Jackson, Oceanside, 16.**  
**Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 16.** "Hating you makes me all warm inside."  
**Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 16.** "Go Scripps United. Beat Notts Forest!"  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 16.** "For Kimberly, Spencer, and Reese - the marshmallows in my cereal."  
**Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 15.** "Pepe, Kevin and I say, Go Chargers. Peace."  
**Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 15.** "Eighteen more days!"  
**C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 15.** "Blew it x2. 3rd one's a charm?"  
**Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 15.** "IG - You are the light of my life, my darling!"  
**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 15.** "Those nails are for the other side of the house! - HB Rena"  
**Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 15.** "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."

**Jim Odell, Vista, 15.** "Hey Lil, I'm voting for Ron Paul."  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 14.** "Sorry Drew Brees, Chargers beat you!"  
**Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 14.** "Damn you, Lil(lian)! You're a cross-word machine."  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 14.**  
**Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 14.** "I'm still back."  
**Tom Seaman, Alpine, 14.**  
**Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 14.** "Delay the World Series? Take your hand out of the cookie jar, Obama."  
**Lisa Torresco, Spring Valley, 14.** "Ugh! We're slippin', Kell."  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 14.** "Character is how you behave when no one is watching."  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 13.** "Good for the gray matter."  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 13.**  
**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 13.** "Unitarians are now in San Diego! www.usandiego.org"  
**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 13.** "Audrey Azzeh is a smart, creative aquakick."  
**Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 13.** "Go Chargers in Buffalo and London!"  
**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 13.**

**Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 13.** "The Dude abides."  
**Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 13.** "See you at the shoot! House."  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 13.** "Go Kier! Go Palomar! Go Bodo! Go Obama!"  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 13.** "Count your blessings."  
**Marie Turock, North Park, 13.**  
**Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 13.**  
**Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 13.** "I'm getting closer, Lil. Someday, just maybe."  
☛ **Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 12.**  
**Leslie Chase, Campo, 12.** "Orange you glad we found each other?"  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 12.** "Cheers! Here's to the word warriors!"  
**Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 12.**  
**W. Hodgson, Escondido, 12.** "Deja Moo: Heard that bull s\*t before."  
**Barry Newman, Escondido, 12.**  
**Jeff Smith, University City, 12.** "Help! Help! I'm being repressed!"  
**Dave Washington, La Jolla, 12.** "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."  
**Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 11.** "Where does logic go when the political debates begin?"

**Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 11.** "Columbus Day holiday did me in!"  
**Jim Koziol, UTC, 11.** "Great save, Lukie!"  
**Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 11.** "Prophet Isaiah, Eucharistic wafer, Nicene creed: go Christian tradition scholars!"  
**Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 11.** "Gotta hand it to DLW - that was fun!"  
**Eddie Spaghetto, Coronado, 11.** "143UNIT15! Shall we don matching suits for your 30th? CIUM21"  
**Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 11.** "P-town 4 life."  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 10.** "K is for keeping kangaroos."  
**Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 10.** "Back in the saddle again!"  
**A. T. Certik, Bonita, 10.** ☛ **Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 10.** "Send the Padres south and give us the Rays."  
**Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 10.**  
**Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 10.**  
**Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 10.** "Novus ordo seclorum. It's on every dollar."  
**Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 10.** "What's a handy nasty? Heh."  
**Diane Sengir, Downtown, 10.** "Don't get mad, just get even."

**Nathan Petty, Santee, 10.**  
**Shirley Stafford, Carlsbad, 10.**  
**Tom White, University City, 10.**  
**Kelley Wilson, Santee, 10.** "Welcome Ryder Solis! Congrats Chef Brandon!"  
**Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 10.**  
**Ivan Yanev, Santee, 10.**  
**Carl Bennett, Escondido, 9.**  
**Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 9.**  
**Neal Brown, Santee, 9.**  
**Margaret Buckner, Santee, 9.**  
**John Bullock, Santee, 9.** ☛ **E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn, 9.** "Go Vikes!"  
**Matt Dene, Santee, 9.**  
**Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 9.**  
**Andre Desilets, Downtown, 9.** "Go Tampa Bay. Beat the Boston Beavers."  
**Ed Edwards, Santee, 9.**  
**Harry Engel, La Jolla, 9.**  
**L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 9.** ☛ **Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 9.** "89 days and counting."  
**Gary Kuske, Santee, 9.**  
**Clarice Albinana Larson, UTC, 9.** "Double digits, baby!"  
**Rick Marin, Santee, 9.**  
**Kevin McNearney, Santee, 9.**  
**Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 9.** "Zappa plays Zappa today in the land of Canadian bacon."



## THIS WEEK'S CONTENTERS CONTINUED:

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**Heber Moore, Santee, 9.**  
**Kevin Moreau, Santee, 9.**  
**Eugene Padua, Santee, 9.**  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 9.**  
**Stacy Tool, Santee, 9.**  
**Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 9.** "I'm back! Did you miss me?"  
**Dan Abernathy, Santee, 8.**  
**Doretha Albee, Santee, 8.**  
**Rick Austin, Santee, 8.**  
**Roy Bailey, Santee, 8.**  
**Brian W. Beadle, Clairemont, 8.** "Dissolve the Federal Reserve or be forever a slave to the mega rich."  
**Bruce Bell, South Park, 8.** "Design a new T-shirt. Thanx."  
**Derek Besand, Santee, 8.**  
**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 8.** "For 100 years stay with me, the best for us is yet to be."  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 8.** "My mind, body, soul, affection, and P belong to my O."  
**Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 8.**  
**Dave Capehart, Santee, 8.**  
**Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 8.** "Willis rocks. Jen, I'll miss you."  
**Jill Dickens, Santee, 8.**  
**Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 8.**  
**Mike Downey, Santee, 8.**  
**Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 8.**  
**Eduardo Emmett, Santee, 8.**  
**Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 8.**  
**Emma Friemuth, Santee, 8.**

**Marie Grace, College Area, 8.** "Machado's makes great margaritas!"  
**Mike Gross, Santee, 8.**  
**Hugh Hagues, Santee, 8.**  
**Ward Harrington, Santee, 8.**  
**Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 8.**  
**Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 8.** "Once upon a midnight bleary while I pondered a crossword query."  
**LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 8.**  
**Eric Jespersen, Santee, 8.**  
**M. Jordan, Santee, 8.**  
**Sara Khwaja, Poway, 8.** "Go Chargers."  
**Troy Knapp, Santee, 8.**  
**James La France, Escondido, 8.** "The deadline should be 10 a.m. on Mondays."  
**Eben Maat, Santee, 8.**  
**Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 8.** "Give DL Wilk a hand!"  
**Donald Millsberg, Santee, 8.**  
**Ken Milne, Santee, 8.**  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 8.** "8 is not enuf."  
**Bill Pischke, Ramona, 8.** "Rubbing sticks together starts fire; we start an orange glow."  
**Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 8.**  
**Richard Rose, Santee, 8.**  
**Nathan Squire, Santee, 8.**  
**Edward J. Swain, Downtown, 8.** "Salus populi suprema lex esto."  
**Matt Taylor, Santee, 8.**

**Laurie Teemsmas, Santee, 8.**  
**Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 8.**  
**Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 8.**  
**Sue Worthen, Santee, 8.**  
**Ken A., Ocean Beach, 7.** "Octoberfest: A lame excuse for people to get hammered and drive drunk."  
**Stuart Augner, Chula Vista, 7.** "Brain? Why would anyone want a depressed tongue?"  
**Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 7.**  
**Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 7.**  
**Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 7.**  
**Billy Horton, Santee, 7.**  
**Steve Jenks, Santee, 7.**  
**Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 7.** "Don't worry, honey - it'll all work out. We know the secret."  
**David Papworth, Santee, 7.**  
**Glen Patricio, Mira Mesa, 7.** "Act your wage!"  
**Don Romero, Ramona, 7.** "Wo ai ni Mei Ling!"  
**Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 7.**  
**Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 7.** "Gulf-fanti 4 Vista School Board."  
**A. C. Alvarez, Chula Vista, 6.** "Obama is the one."  
**J. Breckenridge, Santee, 6.**  
**Traci Doddy, Gaslamp, 6.** "I'm back."  
**Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 6.** "Sadly, Pinky and the Brain have come to an end. I will miss you Brain."  
**Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 6.** "Close only counts in horseshoes!"

**Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 6.**  
**Jeff Smith, Santee, 6.**  
**Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 5.**  
**Ed Heffernan, La Mesa, 5.** "Abba - Grandad's punkin!"  
**Sande Penuliar, Mira Mesa, 5.**  
**Elizabeth Rainbalt, Mission Valley, 5.**  
**Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 5.** "Happy 89th, Muriel!"  
**Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 4.** "Yipee."  
**Robin Cory, Mira Mesa, 4.** "www.diabeticsluvchocolate.com"  
**Daniel Day, Pacific Beach, 4.** "My landlord could find a quarter in a black hole."  
**Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 4.** "Go crazy!"  
**Diane Hutchings, Santee, 4.**  
**Juan Mercado, El Cajon, 4.** "Buy Julia's paper towels."  
**Rumir Miravelles, San Diego, 4.** "Mabuhay ang mga pinoy!"  
**Eddie Muraira, San Diego, 4.** "24A Handy nasty! Go Trojans!"  
**Denis Rees, Alpine, 4.** "That's enough Obama mama!"  
**Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 4.** "13 weeks to go."  
**Ken Smith, San Carlos, 4.** "Four on the floor."  
**Michael Williams, Downtown, 4.** "What's in a name? Well, Scott Espiritu Esplago Madrid Bobadilla Patterson..."

**D. Tarantino, Hillcrest, 4.** "College isn't the place to go for ideas. - Helen Keller"  
**Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 4.** "Janet, you are still the one! Always!"  
**Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 3.**  
**Liadom Dervalen, La Mesa, 3.** "Tina Fey for president!"  
**Alfredo Garcia, San Diego, 3.** "Back on the board!"  
**Ron Hootman, Santee, 3.** "Hoot 101 - still on it."  
**Donovan McGlynn, Golden Hill, 3.** "Read Proverbs for advice in the Bible."  
**Aleksa Mendive, College Area, 3.** "All with the little help of margaritas!"  
**James Thomas, Downtown, 3.** "Hope I win T-shirt. I'm trying."  
**Robert Edwin, San Diego, 2.** "Hello Austin, Justin, and Sierra."  
**Sondra Frisch, Del Mar, 2.** "Thank you all for coming to our Sukkot party!"  
**Terry Golden, Clairemont, 2.** "Mom and I are persistent!"  
**Erin Grimmer, Solana Beach, 2.** "You guys owe me two verified faxes with correct answers! Handy nasty!"  
**Bob Harper, Lakeside, 2.**  
**Sarah Johnson, Hillcrest, 2.** "Vote on November 4th!"  
**Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 2.**  
**Barbara Richards, Cardiff, 2.** "I'm in love with my best friend Damon!"

**Dan Blar, Linda Vista, 1.** "NYSE, world's biggest gambling device. Do ya feel lucky?"  
**Robert Christie, North Park, 1.** "Disc golf 4 ever."  
**Tommy Thick Fingers Corwin, Ocean Beach, 1.** "I dorted the dort out of this dorting puzzle!"  
**Davey Brown Sugar Deiters, Ocean Beach, 1.** "I like my women like I like my voting - no on D's! Ban the ban!"  
**Larry Hartpence, Santee, 1.**  
**W.L. Johns, University City, 1.** "Get waxed by Tamara."  
**Gloria Kaufman, El Cajon, 1.** "I'm 68. I have no computer. No help with puzzles."  
**Barry Kenny, San Diego, 1.** "Go Chargers! Go away Bo!"  
**Sidney Lynch, La Jolla, 1.** "Happy Birthday, sweetie."  
**Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 1.** "Does this count as my 15 minutes?"  
**Chris Schmidli, San Diego, 1.** "Obama/Biden '08"  
**Johnny Spaz, Ocean Beach, 1.** "Was that rain last week or the tears of all the loser Cub fans?"  
**Art Spencer, Oceanside, 1.**  
**Larry Van Horn, Carlsbad, 1.**  
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We all have things that terrify us. It's important to get them out in the open. Keeping them secret just gives them more power.

Birds. I'm terrified of birds.

Like hawks and vultures?

Yes.

That's certainly understandable.

And pigeons.

Oh.

And Big Bird. The way his right arm just hangs there. God, it's creepy!

As I've said before, knowledge is fear's enemy. Learn as much as possible about that which you fear.

Effortlessly, the trained Hornbill swoops in for the catch when his trainer throws a grape into the air.

I stand corrected.

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Fear is seldom rational, so others might not understand your fears without explanation.

It's their sharp little beaks and talons. It's like they're designed to pluck out my eyeballs and eat them like grapes.

You're being silly.

I am?

Yeah! I doubt birds even eat grapes.

Greater knowledge will lead to greater understanding, which will usually lead to less fear.

Hunting and deforestation have endangered many of these beautiful, irreplaceable creatures.

They don't seem so scary now, do they?

No, clearly we have the tools to defeat them!

That's not ... eh, that'll do.

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**ADOPTION EVENT!** Small dogs will be available for adoption Saturday, October 25, from 12-3pm at Muttropolis, 7755 Girard Street, La Jolla. This is a collaborative project with SNAP, Chula Vista Animal Care Facility, Muttropolis and Ark Antiques.

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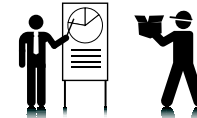
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1. The ears of what animal, "sliced ultra-thin," became an appetizer that Naomi Wise enjoyed at DeDe's Tea Juice City?
2. Some 70,200 cubic feet of water per second gushed through Mission Valley in what month of what year?
3. Weeks before dying of liver cancer in 2003, local goth deejay Marc Brueland made a "holy pilgrimage" to see his favorite rock group's U.S. debut. Who was it, and where did they play?
4. Tourism, according to Don Bauder, ranks as which of San Diego's biggest industries?
5. In a cab taking him to UCSD Medical Center for a liver transplant, David Clark eyes a statue of what Egyptian god on the fare box?
6. Josh Board and his girlfriend attend a costume party. They leave, he forgets that he's wearing "Joker" makeup, and he has trouble getting served where?
7. What U.S. president, a fan of the satirical Capitol Steps, was disappointed to be left out of a performance they gave for him?
8. According to Matthew Alice, the stoner code "420" originated among a group of burners located where in California?
9. Ex-Soundgarden front man Chris Cornell owns a restaurant in what European city?
10. Blogger Rodney Akins spends the night at St. Vincent de Paul. He and his fellow guests put their belongings in a garbage bag so the items can be decontaminated in what?

## Last Week's Answers

1. Depends. (p.46)
2. Garden of Eatin or Garden of Eatin' Baked Crunchitos. (p. 20)
3. Brightblack Morning Light. (p. 92)
4. *The Iron Chef*. (p. 22)
5. A couple of uninterrupted miles. (p. 14)
6. "Drive America." (p. 104)
7. Sharps rifles. (p. 130)
8. *Billy: The Early Years*. (p. 86)
9. Salesman. (p. 94)
10. A German experimental film from the 1960s. (p. 102)

## Last Week's Winners:

Kimberly Fuhrmark, Maryann Cummings, Dana Collins, Karina Cerezo, Allison A. Vaughn

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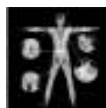
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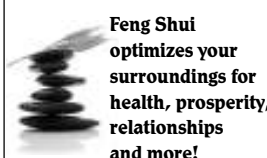
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Bill Jones  
*Unemployed*  
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It was back when I was writing for an opinions website. I was really involved in it on different levels. I was an advisor, team leader, and I wrote pieces. I ended up meeting a lot of people online. One guy even sent me a video of a movie I had mentioned. That was a pleasant surprise.




Amy Hall  
*Ship Repair*  
*Lemon Grove*

I met someone online, but we never actually met in person. I was stationed in Italy, and in a Yahoo! profile, this guy emailed me. It was probably in 1999. He was a train cop. He also did security at the Vatican. For two years we talked online and sent pictures. He ended up meeting a woman, and after six weeks they got married.




Patrick Trumpet  
*Semiconductor Services*  
*San Carlos*

I'm married now, but there was a time I went on something called *Lava Life*. It was an online dating service. I met this woman who was a grizzly bear. I think she may have even had a beard. The pictures she had were way back from high school. I did end up trying another service and met a few people, but nothing ever worked out. With that woman, I was a gentleman and still paid for the dinner.




Gina Vaya  
*Contractor*  
*National City*

I met a woman on *craigslist*. It was under the listing for women seeking women for platonic friendships. I was bored. At first, she wanted a woman to go on a double date with her. I didn't do that, but I told her I liked the way she wrote. You can tell if someone's cool by the way they write. And, we eventually just started hanging out. We'd go to malls together or happy hour.



Marie Smith  
*Artist*  
*North Park*

I met a real nice guy online but then never met him in person. We go to this Peg Leg Smith Liars' Contest on April Fools' in Borrego Springs, and you have to tell stories about this old prospector. I started asking this chat group about camping areas there, and this guy named Bill was really witty with his responses. I was guessing he was probably really smart and nerdy because he was a good writer. I was looking forward to meeting him, but we ended up not going.



Sven Maxwell  
*Beer Taster*  
*Julian*

I have two: the dating one and the nondating one. Both were in the same chat room. It was about ten years ago, and we were talking. And we stayed friends. The one I dated from that chat room was a long-term relationship that lasted almost three years. She was thinking marriage; I wasn't.

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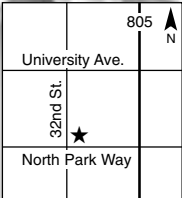
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**MISSION BEACH.** \$1315. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Parking. No pets. Nonsmoking. Small patio/storage. New carpet/paint. Appliances. 725 Rockaway Court. Juno, 619-275-3455.

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**LEAD STORY**

— The ashram-museum in Ahmedabad, devoted to Indian icon of freedom Mahatma Gandhi, recently reinstalled a replica of the spiritual leader’s personal toilet because Gandhi’s hygiene consciousness was such a part of his legacy. It is said that he cleaned the toilet daily and referred to it as his “temple,” but ashram officials had removed it in the 1980s as somehow inappropriate, according to a September dispatch from New Delhi in London’s *Daily Telegraph*. Gandhi had written that “a lavatory must be as clean as a drawing room.”

**Inexplicable**

— Joseph Shepard, Sr., 53, sat quietly in St. Louis–area lockups for more than two years expecting that his lawyer, Michael Kelly, was working for his release on bond, but it turns out neither Kelly nor prosecutors nor the judge was doing anything at all. In fact, Shepard seemed happy when a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reporter told him in August that he had looked into the case himself and that Shepard would be released soon. Shepard’s attitude: “If I just sit here long enough,

something’s going to happen.” Three days later, federal judge Carol Jackson released Shepard and chastised Kelly. (Shepard’s drug charges remain.) — After a 14-week trial in 2003 in Durham, N.C., Michael Peterson was convicted of murdering his wife with a fireplace poker and is now serving a life sentence, but his former neighbor, Larry Pollard, is certain that Mrs. Peterson was killed by an owl gone bad. Pollard offered voluminous information about owls to buttress his theory, but acknowledged earlier that no feathers had been found at the scene. However, in August, the State Bureau of Investigation disclosed that one “microscopic feather” was on a clump of hair in Mrs. Peterson’s hand. Shouted Pollard, “[T]he feather has been found” (although it was likely a household speck of down).

**Can’t Possibly Be True**

— Jose Rivera, 22, survived two tours in Iraq. Back home in California, he took a job at the high-security Atwater federal prison, where officers cannot even carry non-lethal crowd-control weapons. After ten months on the job, Rivera

was murdered by two inmates armed with hand-made shivs. “Every single inmate in there is armed to the teeth for his own protection,” complained one officer, but a Bureau of Prisons spokesman told CNN in August that “communication” with inmates is a better policy than even modestly arming guards. — When Eric Aderholt’s house in Rockwell County, Texas, burned down in June, it wasn’t because the fire department was too slow. They arrived within minutes, but none was aware that local hydrants were locked. Departments are supposed to know that hydrants in rural areas have been shut off as part of post-9/11 security; they must be turned on with a special tool, which no one brought that night. Texas law requires shut-off hydrants to be painted black, but the fire-fighters still arrived without the tool, and by the time they retrieved it, Aderholt’s house was gone. — A member of Pakistan’s parliament stood his ground in August, defending news reports from his Baluchistan province that five women had been shot and then buried alive as tribal punishment for objecting to their families’ choosing hus-

bands for them. A defiant Israr Ullah Zehri told the Associated Press, “These are centuries-old traditions, and I will continue to defend them,” despite condemnation by Zehri’s colleagues. “Only those who indulge in immoral acts should be afraid,” Zehri said.

**People with Too Much Time on Their Hands**

— In December 2003, Yves Julien worked a regular 11-hour shift, plus overtime, all at premium pay, for the Canada Border Services Agency, and then demanded an additional \$9 (Cdn) for a sandwich he had purchased when asked to put in the extra hours. The agency said he was not entitled, by contract, because the overtime was already at premium pay. In September 2008, after nearly five years of multiple reviews, hair-splitting legal decisions and lengthy appeals, Julien won his \$9.

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Thirty Years Ago

On this hot morning in May, as I load up my old battered red backpack at the Inaja Memorial Picnic Ground and prepare to head off into the brush, there’s a cowboy sitting in his jeep a few yards away watching me in his rearview mirror and trying not to laugh.

I have decided that if there is any true wilderness left in San Diego County it will probably be found on the San Diego River between the Santa Ysabel Valley and the El Capitan Reservoir. I’ve never been there before, and don’t know anyone who has.

—“RIVER RUN,” Steve Sorensen, October 26, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

[T]he Fuller wave and tie-down were made popular in San Diego by the presence of black Navy men from the East Coast, where the style has been popular for the past two years. In the past six months, the style has caught on with the nonmilitary population here. According to the stylists, High Rollers alone services 40 to 50 men a week with Fuller waves, and owner Bill Smith says he sells nearly 200 tie-downs a month.

—CITY LIGHTS: “MEN WHO WANT TO BE TIE-DOWNED,” Abe Opincar, October 27, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

Is Republican congressman Bill Lowery gunning for Jim Bates? Several local Democrats, Bates included, say Lowery’s aides have phoned politics reporters at the local dailies and provided details about Bates’s alleged sexual harassment of female staffers. “I’ve been told that Lowery’s office is behind the story and is pushing to keep it in the media.”

—THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Krueger, October 27, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

Food that had a mother can make us uneasy. Health concerns aside, part of the appeal of vegetarian menus is that eating, for instance, cole slaw, we don’t empathize with a cabbage head as readily as we do a cow’s or pig’s. When we bite down on slaw’s shredded cabbage and carrot and bell pepper, we don’t find our mind’s eye staring into a calf’s huge brown movie star eyes; we don’t hear echoes of slaughterhouse horrors.

Everyone who eats meat is responsible for the slaughter of 22 warm-blooded animals per year, 1500 in a lifetime. If we do eat meat (and I sometimes do), the very word “meat” (and “beef,” “pork,” and “poultry”) shields us from the facts of the lives of animals whose

sliced flesh lies on our plate.

—“WHEN THE TONGUE IN YOUR MOUTH ISN’T YOUR OWN,” Judith Moore, October 28, 1993

Ten Years Ago

This morning I took inventory of my medicine cabinet.

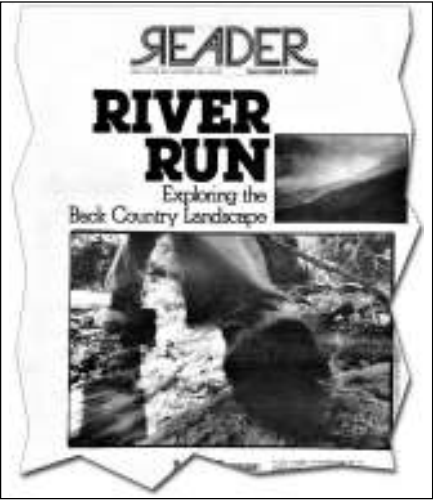
As if I had tried to organize things in alphabetical order, the first items in the upper left corner are three Ace bandages. I’ve had them for years, and I’ve forgotten the occasion for their purchase, much less, why three?

Bausch & Lomb ear drops and a plastic squeeze bulb: I tried these after a Megadeth concert at SOMA. Here’s a plastic box of Mack’s Ear Plugs: “Doctor’s choice for swimming, sleeping, noise, snoreproof, waterproof...” I darted across the street in the middle of an Anne Murray concert for those. Don’t ask.

—“BATHROOM SECRETS,” John Brizzolara, October 29, 1998

Five Years Ago

As the clock ticked down this summer on the final campaign for Gray Davis, the embattled California governor turned to some old friends from La Jolla for some last-minute financial support.... Seats on the [Del Mar Fair] board have long been used as political



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plums and high-society stepping stones; plaintiff’s lawyer Fred Schenk, brother of Davis chief-of-staff Lynn Schenk, was named to the board last December after he and members of his firm gave the governor at least \$30,000 in campaign money. This year he kicked in another \$10,000 to Davis’s anti-recall committee.

—CITY LIGHTS: “FAIR AND FOUL PLAYS,” Matt Potter, October 23, 2003

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GEORGE W. BUSH IS AN AMERICAN HERO, and let me tell you why: because if he can make it, anyone can. All it takes is money. Look at him. That stiff Porky Pig impression every time he smells a microphone. His fake frontier gibberish (the MF'er went to Yale, and you're telling me he can't sit down for five minutes and memorize the pronunciation of "nuclear"; that "nu-cu-lar" garbage is as purposeful as Palin's winks and "you betchas"). The insistence that he hold every company he ever worked for underwater until its lungs filled to capacity and its legs quit kicking.

Really, the only thing he's shown to be really good at is drinking and watching baseball and, hell, I can't fault him on that. That's why I think he's a hero, man. I want to be president. I can set 'em up and knock 'em down and root root root for the home team. Let's do shots! Ain't I qualified? (Notice the "ain't"? It connects me with lumberjacks, crab fishermen, and strippers. Oh, strippers are huge on non-standard contractions.)

There hasn't been a lot of Georgie in the news lately, except that his approval ratings stumbled past Nixon's like a one-legged opera singer down a fire escape. Senators McCain and Obama have drawn the spotlights away from Georgie; although, last week, Georgie popped his head out the Rose Garden door and saw his shadow. (CNN's calling for six more weeks of autumn.)

We've left the president to scurry from the oval office to the Lincoln bedroom undetected. He paws and nibbles crumbs from the carpet, and if you search for him under the tables of the kitchen, you can sometimes catch him licking his coat clean. If you shine a light on him, his eyes glow bright red. Make too much racket, though, and you'll spook him.

I think he's happy this way. No scrutinizing media, no meetings with people who have funny names, nothing on the calendar except "Mountain bike ride — I'm kickin' Condi's ass today! Woo!" And no more asking Dick if he can borrow his notes because when What's-Her-Face was talkin', George was drawin' nudie girls.

Yes, we've almost forgotten about ol' George II. And I think that's a shame. I'd like to announce my candidacy for president in 2012. I'm runnin' on the Bush doctrine of a beer in every bong and no fat chicks. WOO! Ollie 2012!

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WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23  
BABE WINKLEMAN'S OUTDOOR SECRETS VS. 7:00 A.M.  
That just sounds dirty. It's on the channel that only runs fights, bull-riding, and hunting programs, so I'm guessing it's about hunting — you know, being crouched down, hiding in bushes, and covering your clothes in deer "scent." Oh, maybe it's about when I went to prom.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE THURSDAY WEEK-END UPDATE  
NBC 9:30 P.M.  
Still waiting on some news outlet to tell me what exactly John McCain carries in his jowls. A friend of mine guessed he keeps the keys to his steam-powered horseless carriage and a note that reads, "I hate Barack

Obama!" I think he stores Oreo cookies in there.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24  
AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL  
CW 9:00 P.M.  
Since we have a new standard of acceptability in this country, I have to wonder, *How does this affect Joe the Plumber?* This is important stuff, and I want to get Joe's take on it since nothing can be accomplished without his consent anymore. JOE THE PLUMBER FOR KING OF AMERICA!

THE EX LIST  
CBS 9:00 P.M.  
Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's in San Diego. Everyone wants to tell me all about it. Super. You want a show about an interesting San Diegan? Well, here I sit in my Shirley Temple outfit, sipping absinthe from a conch shell, and practicing amateur taxidermy.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

WES CRAVEN PRESENTS: DRACULA 2000  
XDTV 8:00 P.M.

I have never heard a valid argument against vampirism. You gain super powers, immortality, and fangs. You lose sunburns and the innate distaste for flamboyant shirts. In exchange for everlasting life, I'm really willing to overlook the requirement for ornate sleeves.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

POLTERGEIST  
FAMILY 9:00 P.M.

Oh, here we go. The week before Halloween and they're running fake scary shows. Oh no, a little blonde girl gets sucked into a TV. How ter-

rifying. If I ran a channel, all this week would be blocked out by a marathon of *The View*, followed by every episode of *Donahue*. (EEEE! I gave myself the creeps!)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

17 KIDS AND COUNTING  
TLC 10:00 P.M.

See, TLC has the right idea. This is truly spooky. Oooo-OOoooh!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE WITH  
DAVID GREGORY  
MSNBC 10:00 P.M.

Now we're talking. I'm so sick of this election, I say we get it over with

right now. Give all the candidates a whip, a map to Washington, D.C., and a Ben-Hur chariot with those spiked wheels. Start them all in Long Beach, and the only rule is "No hair-pulling because that's how girls fight."

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

PARKING WARS  
A&E 10:00 P.M.  
Again, A&E reaches to the top shelf for the jar of dignity but only succeeds in pushing it farther away.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

SPEEDERS FIGHT BACK  
TRU 8:30 P.M.  
Somebody needs to get a pool going



Speeders Fight Back

on which of these fly-by-night channels is going to collapse in this "economic restructuring." You've got the

golden goose if your square is ION or TRU and lines up neatly with "before Easter."

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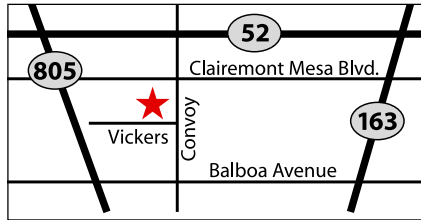
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# T.G.I.F.

My own fascination with the dark side is probably more common than I would like to think.

By John Brizzolara

Now is the onset of a delicious annual malady that might be called the Halloween syndrome, particular to Southern California. Why Halloween seems to be so thoroughly milked in this part of the world is probably not difficult to explain: things are far too relentlessly cheery and wholesome here for most of the year.

I recently referred to my friend Bill Richardson. He is two years younger than me, and we share not only the same birthday but an abiding interest in the macabre. His supersedes mine only in that he collects enough paraphernalia from old horror films (including movie tie-in paperbacks, etc.) to rival the famous collector Forrest Ackerman. My collection, of necessity, is a matter of memory and books in storage.

Bill has said more than once that he lives, or tries to, in a perpetual state of Halloween. Something to that effect anyway. This is evidenced by his alter ego/performing persona, Jose Sinatra. In his column for the *Troubadour*, "Hosing Down," written under the Sinatra name, you won't find consistent evidence of this, but it is there. Another reason I mention the paper is that for unusually good music listings, the *Troubadour* rivals the paper you are holding. If you turn to "T.G.I.F." for music listings, I can only shrug and suggest you turn pages backward or pick up the *Troub*, as I've decided to call it.

As for other friends I can pro-

mote — no. Just kidding. I really don't know how blatant that appears, but I did want to say a bit more about Richardson. Bill is one of the very few guys I know outside of longtime book sellers who will know whom I am referring to if I mention that great old British hack Dennis Wheatley, for example. Among Wheatley's too many titles are *The Satanist* and *The Devil Rides Out*. I expect to be corrected here, but I believe at least one was made into a Hammer film in the 1960s with Christopher Lee.

My own fascination with the dark side or any number of clichés you care for is probably more common than I would like to think. Oddly enough, I suppose, I have no interest in vampires beyond Bram Stoker's original story, which fascinates me primarily by its lack of resemblance to any preceding novel, including *The Monk* by Matthew Lewis. *Dracula* interested me in its structure: letters, exposition from changing points of view, that sort of thing, and, of course, atmosphere. When it comes to being frightened, conventional monsters do little for me. What I need is something that resembles the unholy thing in that Aleister Crowley story I quoted recently, something along the lines of the homunculus my mother nurtured and created in that fungi-dank recess of my unconscious. I mean that in the best possible way. She was a genius.

Among my favorite bits of horror, recommended in these days just before Halloween, are the following: *The Philosopher's Stone* and *The Mind Parasites*, by Colin Wilson. The latter, with its awful title, is very slim. Together with the preceding novel they form an exhilarating and terrifying story of intellectual discovery. I've read them twice. The first I picked up because in 1975 I was on a Joyce Carol Oates jag and saw her name on *The Philosopher's Stone*, for which she had written a fine introduction. I was 24, and the book changed my life in the same sense that *The Catcher in the Rye* (which I read four times at the age of 14) changed it. Very few others, but some.

More horror: *Camp Concentration* by Thomas M. Disch. More science fiction, really, and about syphilis. Chilling. Also, *The Priest*, same author. Beats *The Exorcist* silly, though I will still stick up for that one as far as visceral fright goes; but *The Priest* is not about exorcism at all. One more by Disch: *The Businessman: A Tale of Terror*.

Then we have *The Dwarf* by Pär Lagerkvist. Good luck finding that one. I would include *The Sheep Look Up* — science fiction again and by John Brunner, but it has already become fact. You're living it. *The Descent* by Jeff Long is still available, very good, and has only tangential similarities to the recent movie (not bad), with all women characters. Long's novel is, say, Jules Verne meets Stephen



King. Very effective and literarily noninsulting. *Lord of the Flies* still works for me, and I have an enduring fondness for the quiet horror of *A High Wind in Jamaica* by Richard Hughes. Try *All Heads Turn When the Hunt Goes By*, written by John Farris. Probably out of print, but I don't know for sure. Both the black-and-white Tyrone Power movie and novel (author's name escapes me for now) *Nightmare Alley* has proven repeatedly dependable for me.

*The King in Yellow*, by Robert W. Chambers. *High Rise*, *Concrete Island*, and *The Crystal World*, by J.G. Ballard (author of *Empire of the Sun*) are scary, each for different reasons. *The Feral Cell*, by Richard Bowes (good luck: Questar paper late 1980s), and *Minions of the Moon*. *The Women of Whitechapel*, by Paul West. *The Hungry Moon* and almost any short story by Ramsey Campbell. Find the short story "The Innocents" by Graham Greene. It's not what you expect. You can thank me later.

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