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BREAKING NEWS

Home stretch It's down to the final week of the campaign, the time when special interests that don't want their contributions widely reported — at least not until after the election — start dumping money into the efforts of their favorite candidates and issues. This year is no exception, with San Diego County's Republican Party leading the way. On October 20, for instance, the local GOP reported it spent \$11,263 on an independent mailer for **Phil Thalheimer's** race against **Sherri Lightner** in the city council's First District. It also laid out \$8434 for **April Boling** in her Seventh District race against **Marti Emerald**.



Phil Thalheimer

Under city law, political parties and labor unions can't give money directly to campaigns; a state law allows them to make so-called independent expenditures on behalf of candidates as long as messages are sent only to members. The parties also don't have to abide by the City's ban on corporate contributions and its \$270 limit on contributions to individuals. That opens a big loophole through which corporations can pour hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The same day the GOP made its expenditures for Thalheimer and Boling, it received \$5000 each from the Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association PAC of Sacramento and S. Lew & Associates of San Diego, run by ex-port commissioner and real estate investor **Susan Lew**. On October 21, downtown hotelier **Doug Manchester** gave \$31,257. On October 24, Qualcomm, Inc., gave the Republicans \$5000. And Blackwater Lodge and Training, builder of a controversial military and police training facility on Otay Mesa, contributed \$5000 on October 26.

For its part, big labor was putting its money into two Chula Vista City Council races. On October 20, a group called San Diego Works!, sponsored by the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, spent a total of \$5182 on printing on behalf of the campaign of **Pamela Bensoussan**, running in the Third District. It spent the same for incumbent Fourth District councilman **Steve Castaneda**. Both oppose a plan by Chula Vista mayor **Cheryl Cox** to build a nonunion convention complex on the waterfront.

The San Diego County Democratic Party also got into the act, spending a total of \$74,010 on behalf of San Diego Third District city council candidate **Stephen Whitburn**, running against fellow Democrat **Todd Gloria**. The party also spent \$18,953 for First District candidate Sherri Lightner. And as of October 18, it had put \$231,891 behind Marti Emerald. Party efforts for incumbent city attorney **Mike Aguirre** got much less: \$29,728.

Chicken hearted Proposition 2, the measure that would lessen restraints of some kinds of farm animals, including chickens, has so far drawn \$7000 worth of support from **Jerry Cesak**, one-half of the famous Jeff & Jer radio team on Clear Channel's Star 94.1 FM. Accord-

ing to the Prop 2 website, Cesak has also raised \$10,879 from 136 people toward a goal of \$15,000.

Other local media types backing their favorite causes this campaign season have included Clear Channel's **Roger Hedgecock**, with \$1000 to the Yes on 8 anti-gay-marriage forces, and \$1500 against Prop 8 from **Tim O'Brien**, assistant news director at Bay City Television, owner of TV Channel 6. ... Another San Diego County Indian tribe has joined the battle against Prop 5, the measure to reduce prison time for nonviolent drug offenders and boost treatment programs. The Barona Band of Mission Indians gave \$25,000 last week. Two weeks earlier, the Sycuan tribe gave \$175,000. On October 23, Qualcomm founder **Irwin Mark Jacobs** gave \$15,000 to the pro-Prop 5 campaign. Earlier this year, he contributed \$150,000 to help qualify the measure for the ballot.



Roger Hedgecock

Loony One of the oddest political websites this season is *spikemike.com*, a full-on — if not particularly artful — attack on San Diego city attorney **Mike Aguirre**. At the top of the page is a video showing a couple and their small dog watching Aguirre on TV. As Aguirre says "I could have had the support of the powerbrokers if I'd gone along with their financial scheme," the pup goes ballistic, yapping at the screen until Aguirre's visage switches to a commercial for Aguirre's GOP foe **Jan Goldsmith**. A deep-voiced announcer then intones, "Sometimes, you have to go with your instincts. Spike Mike." A line at the bottom of the page says, "Not authorized by a candidate or committee controlled by a candidate" but doesn't offer a clue to its sponsors. As it turns out, the site is bankrolled by the San Diego County Lincoln Club, a group of pro-development, Republican business types. According to state disclosure forms, the group paid \$9500 to Sacramento consultant **Mike Madrid** to gather anti-Aguirre hits from the *Union-Tribune* and throw up the seemingly amateurish site. "There was a lot of Aguirre stuff to work with," says Madrid, explaining the relatively high price he charged.



Among those helping to finance the Lincoln Club's endeavors in recent weeks, including the anti-Aguirre effort: talk show host **Roger Hedgecock** (\$2500); Semptra Energy (\$100,000); and Suncoast Financial Mortgage Corporation (\$10,000), the company of **David Malcolm**, who pled guilty in April 2003 to a felony conflict-of-interest charge arising from a South Bay power plant deal he secretly engineered while a port commissioner.

— Matt Potter

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Smear Machine

By Don Bauder

What do you get when you cross Little Mary Sunshine with the Abominable Snowman? You get an email newsletter named

Wolverine Network, sent to a list of prominent San Diegans, some still powerful. The publisher is John Kaheny, who as the second-highest official in the city attorney's office advised the San Diego City Council in 1996 when it increased pension benefits and decreased pension contributions — a move that started the City on the way to financial perdition. Kaheny did not tell the council to reject the deal, charges City Attorney Mike Aguirre. Kaheny says he was in no position to do so. Their mutual contempt grew. Kaheny, after retiring as Chula Vista's city attorney, is running this newsletter that drips with both pathetic naïveté and seething hatred.

Get this: on May 5 of this year, Kaheny sent to his network some opinions penned by a Wolverine member. The

member wailed about the "false theories of bankruptcy and the pension 'crisis.'" By putting the word *crisis* in quotes, the Wolverine correspondent was saying the pension debacle



John Kaheny

was fabricated. This is a conclusion that one investigator after another has thoroughly rejected. Opined the writer, "No one in City hall had ever uttered the word bankruptcy in a meeting." (Is that a surprise?) The Wolverine Network writer went on to bemoan "the savage raid on San Diego's good name and reputation...orchestrated, manipulated, and fueled by Shea, Shipione, Lam, and Aguirre's greed." (That's lawyer Pat Shea,

pension whistleblower Diann Shipione, former U.S. attorney Carol Lam, and Aguirre, the main target of the Wolverine Network's venom.)

By now, most San Diegans know that in 1996, the council and pension board voted to increase pension benefits and decrease funding. The idea was to raise money for the Republican convention, which was to be a vehicle to tout then-Mayor Susan Golding for higher office. Then the council went on to add more pension goodies for employees and stated that if the pension ever got below 82.3 percent funded, the City would have to kick in more money. By 2002, it was clear that the pension deficit would be crashing through that 82.3 percent safety net. So in 2002, the council and pension board voted to ignore that threshold — and further boost benefits to appease the labor unions. Shipione, a member of the pension board, complained loudly, calling the move "almost corrupt." Two years later, the pension fund was not even two-thirds funded.

Shipione pointed out that the City was putting false information about the pension deficit in its bond prospectuses. When Aguirre got into office, he wanted to see the wrongdoers punished. The Wolverine Network lamented that the bad publicity began with "Pat Shea and his Bush/Republican/back east

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Neal Obermeyer



Bait and Switchblade

By Catherine Cranston

Armando was looking forward to meeting with Lucy that Friday evening, October 26, 2007. A laborer for a tree-trimming company, he borrowed his sister's '96 Mustang and drove to where Lucy asked him to meet her, across the street from the small stucco house on the corner of Maple and West Felicita in Escondido. It was after dark, not yet 8:00 p.m.

Lucy was outside when

Armando arrived. She ran across Maple to get into his car, but she stayed on her cell phone, telling him she was speaking with her mother. Lucy got in and out of the car several times, going in and out of the house.

"I had the car running at

first; then she told me to turn it off," Armando (not his real name) would testify in court. He still had the radio on.

He had visited with Lucy once before. "I met her around the neighborhood I used to live at," he said in court nine months later. "I lived on Grape Street," about two miles away, a street of apartment buildings and mostly dingy houses with unkempt yards that runs through the heart of Diablos turf.

While Armando and Lucy sat in his car that October night, someone reached in the open window on the passenger's side and tried to grab the keys.

Then the man walked around to the back of the car. Armando got out to meet the man behind the car, but from the corner of his eye he saw someone jump into the driver's side. He had left the car door open. Now a second man was behind the wheel. The first man was demanding, "Give it to me. Give it to me." But Armando turned his back on him and dashed to the driver's seat, trying to save his sister's car from being stolen.

As Armando struggled inside the car, fighting to put it back in park, he felt someone "punching" him. "I felt like I was just getting hit in my back, maybe my chest." He retreated from the car to face his attacker.

"I realized at some point I was bleeding. I had a white T-shirt, so it was obvious I was bleeding." Amazed, Armando said out loud, "You stabbed me!" and the assailant told him, "Give it to me or I'll stick you again." Armando pulled a \$50 bill out of his pocket and gave it to the attacker. He tried to give him a kick. Then he ran, heading for the lights and activity of the business district one block away.

While he ran, he called 911.

"I got stabbed. I'm bleeding," Armando's panicky voice can be heard on tape saying to the dispatcher. He said that he recognized his attackers. "They hang out on Grape Street," and they are "Diablos."

Escondido police officer Thomas Fidel met Armando at the 7-Eleven on South Escondido Boulevard.

"The first thing I asked him, 'Who did this?'" Fidel testified in court. "He said, 'Shadow, from the Diablos gang.'"

The 235 members of the Diablos gang specialize in street robberies and assaults. Escondido has three other gangs: the 111-member Westside, the 8-member Santos, and the newest, the 6-member Eastside. In Escondido, gangs steal cars to get around or to use to commit another crime. Last year, 86 percent of vehicles stolen in the city were recovered, the majority within five days. Armando's car was one of 115 stolen in Escondido that October. The Mustang was found one week later in the northwest section



Victim with stab wound

of the city.

Detective Erik Witholt, a gang specialist with the Escondido Police Department, recognized the name Shadow. He was Hector Bravo, 33, and he had at least seven other names listed in records in the Superior Court in Vista. "Prison priors" listed in court documents include several convictions for auto theft: one in

signed his name as Hector Javier Alvarado and admitted to willfully aiding and abetting concealment of two stolen motor vehicles. Judge Casserly sentenced him to four years in state prison, but in August 2007, Bravo was released back onto the street.

Two days after Armando was stabbed, while recuperating at his sister's house, he



Daniel Mitts

1991, when Bravo was 16 years old; another in 1993, as well as convictions that year for burglary of an inhabited dwelling and escape from lawful custody; and a third auto theft conviction in 1995. In 1998, Bravo was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful carry and possession of weapon, and "serious felony," wherein the defendant personally used a dangerous weapon, a "strike" under the Three Strikes and You're Out Law.

In 2004, in a plea agreement dated May 4, Bravo

was surprised to see Bravo standing in front of the house next door. Armando called the police, who arrested Bravo in a nearby Laundromat. He was charged with four felony counts: attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, carjacking, and car theft, as well as with four special allegations, which could increase

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An archive of City Lights stories can now be searched on the Internet at SDReader.com



Lucy (2006 booking photo)



Judge Pressman



Cal Logan



Hector Bravo

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Smear machine

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NY Times connections.” Ulp! Such nonsense. Any number of publications cocked an eyebrow at the San Diego scandal: The *Wall Street Journal*, *Fortune*, *Forbes*, *Business Week*, the *Financial Times*, not to mention local publications including the *Reader*, *Voice of San Diego*, and even the *Union-Tribune*. The book *While America Aged: How Pension Debts Ruined General Motors, Stopped the NYC Subways, Bankrupted San Diego, and Loom as the Next Financial Crisis*, by best-selling author Roger Lowenstein, devoted several excellent chapters to San Diego’s scandal. Some investigative entities spent months studying what happened: Kroll Inc., the Securities and Exchange Commission, accounting firm KPMG, the district attorney, the U.S. attorney, as well as Aguirre. **Importantly, the media and investigative entities in essence came to the same conclusion: fraud was rampant as the City cooked the books, drained the pen-**

sion fund while raising benefits, and concealed the illegal activities from the citizenry and bond investors.

But John Kaheny still doesn’t get it. Consider his statement of January 26 of this year: “Granted some things went very wrong in 1996 and 2002, but they could have been easily fixed by real changes until the Emperor [Aguirre] decided it was better to have a witch hunt and a lynching party.” Kaheny is saying that the politicians and bureaucrats of San Diego, blessed as they are with high intelligence and impeccable personal integrity, would have smoked out the pension deficits, honestly addressed them, and set San Diego’s books in order — presumably keeping the populace and bondholders completely informed. If you believe that, you should see a psychiatrist — immediately. You are too gullible to be walking the streets or opening emails from Nigeria.

But Kaheny thinks Aguirre should see the psychiatrist. In his writings, Kaheny refers to Aguirre’s “paranoid mind (or what’s left of it).” He says that Aguirre is “seditious against

his clients.” Seditious?

Now, who receives these emails? Kaheny says the list originally went to friends and alumni of the city attorney’s office. The list “grew by word of mouth.... No one is on the list who has not asked,” says Kaheny. The *Reader* was able to get the Wolverine Network list. To be sure, being a recipient of an email doesn’t mean one believes all the contents. But of the more than 500 recipients, most appear to be San Diegans who, pathetically, believe that the City is clean and its critics are wrong. Of course, **Jan Goldsmith**, the establishment toady opposing Aguirre in the upcoming election, is a member of the Wolverine Network. Not surprisingly, the former bureaucrats who are under indictment in the pension fraud are members: **Cathy Lexin, Mary Vattimo, Terri Webster, and Lori Chapin**. Other hate-mail recipients are ex-bureaucrats cited for wrongdoing by the Securities and Exchange Commission: **Ed Ryan, Pat Frazier**. And those criticized in the Kroll report: councilmembers **Scott Peters** and **Jim Madaffer** and former city manager **Jack McGrory**.

Getting the hate messages are Mayor Jerry Sanders aides: **Kris Michell**, his political manipulator; **Jay Goldstone; Greg Levin; Maureen Stapleton; Patti Boekamp**; along with his former real estate czar, **Jim Waring**, who left in a hurry. There are former councilmembers: **Michael Zucchet, Barbara Warden, Judy McCarty, Harry Mathis** (the last three approved the 1996 deal and Zucchet approved the 2002 arrangement). And officials of the pension system involved in the contro-

versies: **Keith Enerson, Doug McCalla, Fred Pierce, Roxanne Parks**. And **Bruce Herring**, former deputy city manager who retired at age 56 at \$144,000 a year. And former officials of the city attorney’s office who ran for Aguirre’s job, **Leslie Devaney** and **Deborah Berger**. And former district attorney **Paul Pfingst**, who was instrumental in getting Padres majority owner John Moores off the hook after he showered gifts on a former councilmember. And **Tom Story**, former top city bureaucrat who became an official of the notorious Sunroad, and his lawyer, **Pam Naughton**, along with Sunroad lawyer **Steven Strauss**. And, of course, establishment darling **Alan Bersin** and Sheriff **Bill Kolender**.

Consider the media. Recipients of the electronic hate messages are two whose loathing of Aguirre is hysterical in two senses of the word (hyperemotional and so intense that it is amusing to read): **Chris Reed** of the *Union-Tribune* and **Daniel Coffey** of the *Daily Transcript*. Others in the Wolverine Network are TV’s **Gene Cubbison** and **Doug Curlee**, radio’s **Roger Hedgecock** and **Rick Roberts**, and the print media’s **Tom Blair, Scott Lewis, Craig Gustafson, Tim McClain, Gary Shaw, and Eric Wolff**. Aguirre believes all have used slanted materials from the Wolverine Network.

Not surprisingly, corporate-welfare mendicants are on the list: **Moores, Malin Burnham, Mark Fabiani, Dan Shea, Mike Neil, and George Mitrovich** of J. David Dominelli fame, along with **Bill, Dan, Tim, and Mark Mitrovich**, whoever they are. There are lawyers such as **Ann**

Smith, Jerry Coughlan, Mike Conger, and Theresa McAteer and business promoters such as **Bill Holman**, vice president of the local chamber of commerce, and **Frank Urtasun** of Semptra.

I sent emails to 15 of the Wolverine Network hate-mail recipients, asking them, in essence, if they really believed the City was so clean and Aguirre, Shea, Shipione, Lam, et al., were so nasty. Only two replied, and they said very little. Bottom line: while Aguirre has done some bizarre things, anyone trying to reform San Diego — particularly one taking on both business and labor — will be the victim of the same kind of smear machine.

Oh, yes. City councilmember-elect Carl DeMaio strongly told the City of San Diego Retired Employees’ Association at its October meeting that the City’s fringe benefits are almost double the national average and the retirement system may face bankruptcy. Is DeMaio next on the hit list? ■

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the sentence if Bravo were convicted.

The trial was held in July of this year. Deputy district attorney Cal Logan prosecuted the case; court-appointed attorney Daniel Mitts represented Hector Bravo.

On the witness stand, after describing the incident, Armando was asked by Logan if he had scars from the attack. Armando came down from the stand, removed his shirt, and showed knotted scars on his chest and right arm. Armando described pain and difficulty breathing during the weeks of his recovery. He said that after about four weeks he tried to go back to work.

Logan asked Armando what Lucy had been doing while the carjacking was under way.

Armando remembered Lucy standing by the trunk of the car, and “She was crying and sobbing.” He remembered that “Lucy was saying, ‘Listen to what they are saying’ and ‘Do what they say.’”

Lucy has one stolen vehicle conviction. Court records show that she pleaded guilty in December 2006, writing, “I unlawfully received a stolen

vehicle knowing such vehicle to be stolen.” As part of the plea agreement, the district attorney’s office dropped two other charges — felony car theft and possessing burglary tools — and Superior Court judge Timothy Casserly reduced the remaining charge to a misdemeanor. Lucy was 21 years old when she signed the plea agreement, her large, loopy *L* and *A* flowing outside the initialing boxes.

Lucy testified on July 23. Her baby could be heard crying in the hallway before she appeared. Now 23 years old, she sat in the witness stand with her hand at her mouth.

She testified that she did not know Armando, Hector Bravo, or anyone named Shadow. Walking over to stand behind Bravo, Logan asked Lucy again if she had ever seen this man before. Bravo was smiling at her.

“I don’t recall him,” she responded. “I don’t know him.”

Logan showed Lucy and the jury an enlarged photo exhibit of Armando lying on his back with his bloody wound exposed. “I don’t know him,” said Lucy.

Logan asked her whom she had talked to on her cell phone that night. She said her cell phone had been stolen.

“I couldn’t find it.”

When?

“Around that time.”

Logan persisted. Was her cell phone stolen October 26, 2007? A Friday? Lucy replied that it had been “stolen weeks before that.” Logan produced cell phone records, and Lucy admitted that she recognized her mother’s phone number in the list.

Between 5:53 and 8:45 on the night of the incident, her mother’s phone number appeared nine times, pointed out the prosecutor.

“You placed those calls, right?”

“No. I don’t recall,” said Lucy.

She testified that she had never been in the Mustang.

“You don’t like telling the truth, do you?” asked Logan.

“What are you trying to say? I’m telling the truth,” she replied.

Logan pointed out a large peace officer sitting in the courtroom. “Do you recognize this detective?”

“Oh, yeah, he came to my house,” said Lucy, looking at Detective Witholt briefly.

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"You didn't tell him your phone had been stolen, did you?"

"No."

When Lucy finished testifying, Judge Pressman told her to wait in the witness room until the day's proceedings were completed. After the jury had been excused, the judge

made the unusual move of bringing her back before the court. Lucy stood alone in the center of the room, looking up at the judge. Pressman said to her, "You need to know that I find your testimony incredible. There are laws in this state regarding perjury — that is, lying under oath — and I do not take that lightly." He paused. "Were you telling the truth?" "Yes," Lucy immediately replied. Another long pause. "I may

well recommend to the district attorney" that charges of perjury be pursued, said Judge Pressman. Before he dismissed her, he added, "You are a bad example for your children and a bad example for this community."

The next day, Dr. Stephen Kaminski, a trauma and critical care surgeon at Palomar Medical Center, was called to the stand. He testified that when paramedics delivered

Armando to the center, he had "what looked like stab wounds on his arm and chest." The doctor's first assessment of Armando's condition was a "high degree of risk for having injured the heart." Showing the doctor People's Exhibit Number One, the photograph of Armando lying on his back, chest exposed, with a gaping red wound beside his left nipple, Logan had the doctor confirm that this was the patient

he saw that night. The doctor said that scans and X-rays revealed "a pulmonary contusion...injury to the lung directly below the rib.... Had it not struck a rib, it clearly could have killed him." The doctor also described the dangerous proximity to the stab wound of "aorta vessels" and "pulmonary vessels." He testified that Armando's chest puncture was "a potentially fatal, life-threatening injury."

During the trial, Logan introduced as evidence an envelope addressed to the house on Felicita. The address had been written by Hector Bravo, who'd sent a letter from prison to friends living in the house, the same house where Lucy had told Armando to meet her. In closing arguments, the prosecutor reminded the jury that "the defendant has friends" in the house on Felicita; "he writes letters to people there."

In the defense's closing argument, Bravo's attorney, Daniel Mitts, pointed out that no one had said they'd seen a knife, nor was any weapon recovered. "He invented that," said Mitts, referring to Armando's claim of being stabbed. "Maybe [Armando] injured himself on the door," Mitts said.

Mitts characterized Armando's wound as a "moderate injury," which did not warrant a guilty verdict for attempted murder. "It's a flesh wound," he said. "What did it take? Four staples." The victim's sister "said in three weeks he's fine."

"This whole case depends on the believability of their victim.... The victim changed his story, making it stronger each time he tells it."

The judge sent the jury into deliberations just before noon on July 29; it returned with a decision on July 31. The verdict was guilty on three counts: assault with a deadly weapon, carjacking, and car theft. Bravo now had a second strike on his record. The jury also found Bravo guilty of all the allegations, including personally using a deadly weapon and personally inflicting great bodily injury. However, they found him not guilty of the attempted murder charge. One juror who declined to be named stated as she was leaving the courtroom that it was a "problem" that "the only witness was the victim."

On October 6, before pronouncing sentence, Judge Pressman expressed his thoughts on the case.

"The level of violence that has been shown by this defendant is senseless and egregious...creating great bodily injury," he said. "This crime was planned in advance. You were using Lucy as bait.... You are a serious danger to this community."

Bravo was sentenced to 32 years in prison. ■

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One-Sided Report

I live as close to the river as one should, and if and when the 100-year flood hits, it will most likely take my home with it ("There Is No San Diego River," Cover Story, October 23). I live in Mission Valley Village, and our mobile home park was bought by a developer, Archstone Smith, which wants the City to close our park and let them build a four-story condo complex within ten feet of the river, across from the Admiral Baker Golf Course. The City's Development Services Department did an environmental impact report on the project, and there was no input in this report from anyone from any of the river conservatory

groups. At first I thought that it did not bother anyone, and it might be supported by them. However, after seeing how the EIR misrepresented other things, I no longer believe that. What I am trying to find out is if there are organizations that are interested in preserving this section as is and would like to have the easement through here for the river walk and trail. We, the residents, are going before the city council in the near future to try to stop this development and save our homes and the easement.

Homer Barrs

President
Mission Valley Village
Mobile Home Park

River Revival

Nice article on the San Diego River ("There Is No San Diego River," Cover Story, October 23).

I was really surprised to see Mr. Cuthbert quoted as saying, "There was a little activity in the Lakeside area. People there borrowed my reports and exerted a little bit of pressure. They have done some work in developing park space," because that is not the case, and a lot of work is going on out here, about \$17 million-plus in river restoration!

I work for Lakeside's

River Park Conservancy and would like to invite you and Mr. Cuthbert out for a tour of our project and show you that we are saving the San Diego River out here in Lakeside!

Lakeside's River Park Conservancy was founded in 2001, with the mission to preserve and restore the biological integrity and beauty of the San Diego River while integrating recreational uses.

The segment of the San Diego River in Lakeside had long been the focus of extensive sand-mining operations and heavy industry. Such industrial operations are coming to an end, and a new phase in the river's life is at hand, one in which nature and humanity work in harmony and regional quality of life is enhanced.

Phase one restoration of the San Diego River in Lakeside was completed January 2007, which included removal of a constriction in the river to allow for the safe passage of floodwaters.

Phase one also replaced acres of riparian habitat for wildlife and supports a multiuse trail system for runners, walkers, hikers, and equestrians.

Many threatened and endangered species reside at Lakeside's River Park, such as the California gnatcatcher and the least Bell's vireo.

Lakeside's river restoration also created four acres

of constructed wetlands designed to use phytoremediation (sun and plants) as a natural filtration system to treat storm water and urban runoff flows (pollution) entering the site at the mouth of Los Cocheros Creek (a large, 17-square-mile tributary) as it enters into the San Diego River on its way to the Pacific Ocean.

Currently we are in phase two of the restoration process, which began in January of 2008 with Caltrans taking approximately 500,000 cubic yards of fill dirt from the south side (next to Highway 67), saving taxpayers about \$6 million. This dirt will be used as fill in the construction of the Highway 52 extension.

The removal of the dirt is good for the River Park because it will lower the ground level to allow for the natural river bottom to reemerge.

Once the excavation of the fill dirt is completed, Lakeside's River Park Conservancy will revegetate this area with native California plants and create a new wetlands habitat. This new wetland will be home to many animals and birds and also provide additional water-storage areas during floods.

Cindy Collins
Membership &
Volunteer Manager

Lakeside's River Park
Conservancy

Elementary Motivation

Your September 11 cover story in the Reader, entitled "Plague of the Urban Tumbleweeds," moved our school into action. Each year, Fletcher Hills Elementary School's fifth-grade class holds a fund-raiser to raise money for the end-of-year activities. This year's fund-raiser is Project Green, a green fund-raiser selling environmentally friendly, reusable shopping bags with our school's logo printed on them!

Our goal as a school is to sell 1000 reusable shopping bags. If every family at Fletcher Hills Elementary purchases and uses at least one green bag, our school will have reduced plastic-bag use by 180,000 bags per year.

Our fund-raiser kickoff was held on October 25 at Fletcher Hills Elementary School's annual Fall Festival, and the fund-raiser will end November 10. (People can order bags at FHEgoesgreen@hotmail.com.)

Fletcher Hills Elementary is doing its part in the fight against the urban tumbleweed. Thank you for the motivating article that inspired a school, and hopefully a community, to recycle, reduce, and reuse!

Annie DeGraff
Fletcher Hills Elementary
PTA

Answer, Rabbi

Curious why Rabbi Rosenthal ("Sheep and Goats," October 16) was not asked the question found at the end of the other "Sheep and Goats" columns: "What happens when we die?"

Paul Richard
via email

Matthew Lickona responds: I was unable to speak with Rabbi Rosenthal after the evening Yom Kippur service, but I called him later, and here's what he said: "In Judaism, as with many other things, there's not one simple, easy answer. If I could give you a simple answer, the simple answer is, we don't know. Judaism has a range of beliefs; anywhere from physical resurrection at the time of the Messiah; to the eternity of the soul with God in heaven; to the belief that once you're dead, you're dead, and there's nothing afterwards. There's also the belief that you may die physically but you live on in the thoughts and minds and hearts of the people you leave behind. And I found out that Jews who practice mysticism do believe in reincarnation. So it's pretty much 'You can believe whatever you want to believe.' The only thing we don't believe in, explicitly, is eternal damnation in hell. There's a belief in a purgatory, but there, people even-

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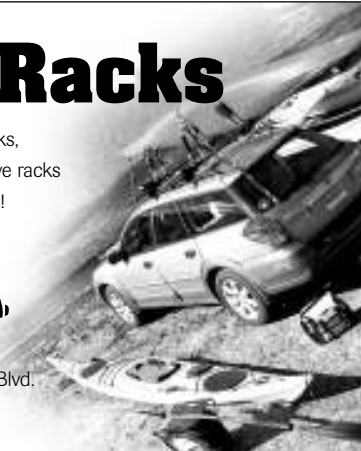
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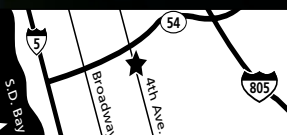
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Hey, Matt!

Last night I was reading Silence of the Lambs, and it got me wondering. When humans are cooked up, are they more like beef or pork? Not that I ever plan on finding out the hard way. But someone has to know. Thanks.

— Anonymous, via email

Great! Here's a chance for Grandma Alice to contribute. Hey, Grandma. C'mere. We've got a question for you.

“Matthew, I'm right in the middle of my Colorado lamb in pomegranate, merlot, and balsamic reduction with mango chutney and baby greens garnish, with a peach- and raspberry-glazed panna cotta for the block party today. Can't it wait?”

Naw. C'mere. You'll be glad you did. This is right up your alley.

“Okay. What is it now? It's always something with you.”

Somebody wants to know what human flesh tastes like.

“What!? Human flesh? Oh, Matthew! Why would I know that?”

Well, you know all about cooking.

“This isn't cooking, it's ghoulishness! Is this some kind of Halloween prank?”

Naw. It's legit. The guy wants to know.

“Well, um, if it will make you go away, maybe I did do a little reading up on it once.”

I knew it! I knew it. You're the man, Grandma. So give us the news.

“Well, we can forget the old joke about chicken. Nobody's ever said people taste like chicken. And, of course, there is the popular urban legend that people taste like pork. Who knows where that story came from. Probably the National Beef Council. That's baloney, according to my sources. Um, people don't taste like baloney, either. Sorry if I confused you.

“Anthropologists have spent a lot of time quizzing cannibal tribes about the taste of humans. To those who eat us, people taste sweet. Black people taste sweeter than whites. Old people are tough and stringy, so young people are preferred, if they have a choice. But most of the folks on the cannibals' menu are enemy warriors, so the meat is pretty tough. Choice cuts are the ribs, loin, and butt, though one cannibal said he finds the palm of the hand to be particularly succulent. One anthropologist was secretly slipped some people-meat for dinner, and he said it tasted like monkey. Cannibals have a mean sense of humor, I guess. But that answer's not too helpful unless you've eaten a chimp.

“The best source to answer this question is William Seabrook. He was an American newspaper writer from the early part of the 20th Century who took an interest in world cultures and wrote a bunch of books about his adventures. He never ate people when he was with cannibal tribes; for some reason he waited until he got to France. While visiting a friend, he decided it was time for him to make the sacrifice and find out what we taste like.

“He knew a medical student who had access to corpses. The student cut a chunk of people-meat from a man who was healthy but had just died in an accident. He smuggled the meat out of the morgue. Seabrook said the raw meat looked like beef, just slightly less red, and was marbled with white sinews. It smelled like good beef too. The fat was slightly yellowish. He spit-roasted part of the meat and grilled the other part in the garden of his friend's villa. Then he sat down to a meal of human being and a side dish of rice with only salt and pepper as seasoning. After eating nearly all of the meal, he concluded that people taste just like veal, not at all highly flavored like pork. The cooked meat looked pale like veal, too. So there's your answer, Matthew. Veal. Happy now?”

Hey, Grandma, you're the best. Uh-oh, what's burning in the kitchen?

“Oh no! Darn you, Matthew! Why can't you have an ordinary job like everybody else?”

Heymatt:

My question is, why didn't you answer my question of 6-27? It was, do dental X-rays cause Alzheimer's?

— Jim, San Diego

Add dental X-rays to the long list of things that don't cause Alzheimer's even though we think they do. If Alzheimer's was caused by something as simple as a picture of your molars, don't you think doctors would be packing up all their Alzheimer's research gear, scheduling news conferences, and moving on to some other disease? In fact, dental X-rays are actually thought to play a helpful role in the early identification of stroke risk.

There's a dental X-ray called a panoramic radiograph that takes a shot of the whole mouth — both sets of choppers, upper and lower, from molar to molar. Another thing that shows up on these pics is both carotid arteries, neck vessels that carry blood to the brain. Plaque inside the arteries shows up as fuzzy white patches, so a doctor can be alerted to a potentially blocked artery, the cause of many strokes.

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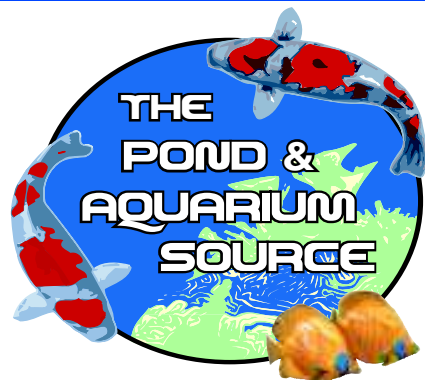


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What Goes There? Part Two

Continuing with Mike Kelly, 64, volunteer coordinator and conservation chair at Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Friends focuses on Peñasquitos Canyon, leading interpretive walks, maintaining trails, helping out, and, when called upon, tracking wildlife, often to prove the presence of animals in areas on the cusp of development.

Kelly has been with Friends for 23 years. The outfit has had a tracking team since 1993 and offers free or very cheap tracking classes to the public, ranging from beginner to intermediate to advanced to "tracking intensive."

I wanted to know what happens to the information trackers gather.

Kelly says, "The data can be used to protect or conserve a wildlife corridor."

"So, you could say to a developer, 'We've got X amount of deer here. Don't build the big box.'"

"We did that recently," Kelly says. "Camino del Sur is being extended from Park Village Drive in Peñasquitos, north to [Highway] 56. It's going to go through a very pretty canyon with some very good habitat. At first it was designed without a wildlife undercrossing. The tracking team studied this canyon for a month and documented the different wildlife species using it. Turns out, we underestimated how used the corridor was."

"What did you find?"

"Bobcat, coyotes, fox, deer. We knew there was wildlife presence in the canyon and that the wildlife was moving up onto Del Mar Mesa, but we didn't know how much it was used. So, based on that information, a wildlife undercrossing has now been designed into that roadway *exactly* where wildlife are currently crossing."

Go, bobcats. "If I was a greedy real estate developer, I'd tell you, 'Well, we don't know how many animals are going to use that undercrossing. Could be just one. Why should I spend my money on one deer? How would you reply?'"

"Actually, that has happened," Kelly says. "In Carmel Valley there are a series of small properties just south of 56. And there is an important wildlife corridor coming out of [Los] Peñasquitos Lagoon. Believe it or not, the wildlife pass underneath the I-5 and 56 flyovers very comfortably. We did prove — and it wasn't just us — we had more than track and sign studies; we had abatement statements and tracking beds and eight or nine infrared cameras that took pictures of wildlife using the corridor. And we had ten years of data on file with the Department of Fish and Game."

"When we got to the meeting, developers said, 'Okay, you win, we're convinced there is wildlife movement there. Let's take a look at the design and figure out how we can accommodate it.' What we found was not something that was going to stop their project, but it did influence their design."

"Is that a typical encounter with real estate developers?"

"Yes, I would say so."

Real estate developer. Chrysler car dealer. Who would you pick for a brother-in-law? Mushing on, "Is tracking also a sport?"

"Oh, definitely. Some trackers in San Diego are world class, have been certified internationally," Kelly says. "There's an international federation of trackers; it's a combination of professionals and amateur citizen trackers. You'll find professional biologists going through training programs. In fact, some of the local biology consulting firms put their people through our program."

"But, for a lot of folks, it is a sport. Unlike what we do on surveys, where you're not following the animal, the sport of it is actually tracking the animal, trying to see the animal itself, not just its track or sign."

I say, "Is anybody good enough — like in the movies, where the Indian tracker is stepping over rocky ground, gets down on one knee, looks around, then tells the cavalry captain seven men were walking this way, they broke into three groups, one man has a limp, and so on. Is anybody that good?"

"Yeah, there are people that good and a couple of them are local," Kelly says. "Barry Martin [San Diego Tracking Team founder] just came back to town. He was up in the Pacific Northwest, helping test and evaluate trackers. There are three levels of certification. Somebody like Barry can look and see a compression, where you don't even have a full track, just a very light compression on some very bad surfaces. He's been at it a long time, and he's very good. But, there are people who are better than him."

"You can spend quite a bit of money going to tracking schools in different parts of the country. We were the first one in San Diego County. I think there was one other program that used citizen scientists, a program in Vermont run by a wildlife photographer. We were the first in California and, I think, second in the nation to have this type of program."

Contact Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve at penasquitos.org or by way of Mike Kelly at 858-342-8856.

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Poway vs. Vista

Posted October 25, 2008, 2:33 a.m.

Poway ended an 11-game winless streak against Vista with a 27-23 win Friday night — but it wasn't easy. The Titans jumped out to a big lead, capitalized on Panthers' special teams mistakes and hung on for the win.

Poway head coach Damian Gonzalez: "It's been a long time since Poway has beaten a Vista team."

Poway did not take long to get on the board, as Brett Thomas returned the game's opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. After a Vista missed field goal, the Titans scored again when running back Nick Ricciardulli took a short pass and raced 45 yards down the sideline to give Poway a 14-0 lead seven minutes in.

Poway could not stop Vista from taking the opening drive of the second half down the field. QB David Fisher capped the nearly seven-minute drive with a three-yard touchdown run to pull the Panthers within a score.

Vista bounced back with a score early in the fourth quarter to make it a six-point game. From there, the game belonged to Poway's defense.



Final score: Poway 27, Vista 23

Size not the whole story

Posted October 23, 2008, 7:02 p.m.

He stands 6 foot, 3 inches tall, tips the scale at 300 pounds, and has a last name that just sounds mean.

"He's got a wonderful smile and a wonderful heart," said Mission Hills head coach Chris Hauser.

According to his head coach, Eddie Nuckols also does his part to lighten the mood at practices. Hauser even gives Nuckols credit for the accuracy of the "Coach Hauser Chapstick," an imitation of one of the head coach's regular habits.

"He does a pretty good imitation of me. I'll be addressing the team and all of a sudden I'll see kids chuckling and smiling. I'll look over my shoulder and there he is mimicking me," Hauser said.

Nuckols has received offers from Colorado, Arizona, Arizona State, Minnesota, and San Diego State.

"His freshman coach used him at tight end, and then he started putting him as a fullback to block," Hauser said. "When he comes up, we're pretty solid at offensive line, so why should I put a 74 on him instead of a 44?"

Most competitive league?

Posted October 22, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

View from the Red Zone

The Eastern League is top to bottom the best league in the section this year. This league features Cathedral Catholic at the top, the second best team in the section this year behind only Oceanside. This unique collection of teams features top teams from Division I (Mira Mesa), Division II (Scripps Ranch, Lincoln, Patrick Henry), and Division III (Cathedral Catholic, St. Augustine). In addition, the Eastern League finished the pre-season a combined 25-5, the best such record in the section. The bottom line: there are no weak teams in the Eastern League.



Panthers defensive back Nate McLaurin breaks up a pass intended for Lancers wide receiver Myles Muagututia

"If it's not the toughest league around, you got to convince me that there's another tougher league around, because I don't see any teams that are weak."

— Lincoln head coach Ron Hamamoto on the Eastern League

"I guarantee that there are not a lot of Palomar and Avocado League coaches that would be getting excited about playing Valley Center, Oceanside, Ramona, and these teams. This is an outstanding league."

— Westview head coach Mike Woodward on the Valley League

"If you play North County football, you're in the same league. You're in a tough conference and every school up here is very competitive in all athletics."

— Carlsbad head coach Bob McAllister on moving to the Palomar League this season

"Looking at the Eastern League scores and competitiveness of it, I would say that one jumps out at me right away. I think the Mesa League with Chula, Otay, Eastlake, and Bonita looks like a really good league top to bottom."

— Mission Hills head coach Chris Hauser on the best leagues in the section

"I'm biased — I like the Avocado. I think there's some teams in our league that are going to make some dents in the playoffs. I think we've got the makings of having 50 percent of the Division I playoff picture come from the Avocado."

— Hauser on the Grizzlies' league, the Avocado League

Comments

Cathedral Catholic dispensed a whole lot of punishment on Eastern league opponent Mira Mesa Marauders Friday night as senior running back Tyler Gaffney, a local neighborhood kid, rambled for more than 200 yards in the 31-21 win. Add the efforts of senior QB Parker Hipp and the Dons' defense unit, Mira Mesa's potent offense was held to a measly 7 points in the first half.

By JustWondering 10:07 a.m., Oct 25, 2008

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Diversity: diverse
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Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 40 minutes
Website: christianworshipcenter.org

“Yes on 8,” read the sign held by the man across the street from San Diego Christian Worship Center.

Pastor Art Evans did mention Proposition 8 on Sunday, but he kept it pretty brief: “We know what the Bible says about God’s definition of marriage, as well as His view of homosexuality. We must see Proposition 8 pass in California, not only for the sake of our children and our families, but for the influence this will have on the church in the days to come.”

The statement was about political engagement, but the focus was on the church itself, and the rest of the service provided insight into this way of thinking. Evans said that voting was “very necessary... as a steward of your place in America under the lordship of Jesus Christ as the God of this nation.... Vote according to your inherent right as a child of God and an American citizen to further His plan and purpose in your generation.”

The songs at the opening were full of adoration and self-abasement: “Majesty, Majesty... Your grace has found me just as I am/ Empty-handed but alive in Your hands.” Evans’s opening prayer sounded a similar note: “We are calling for Your mercy and grace upon America.... We repent of sin.... We declare that because there is a remnant in this land that loves You.... You will turn this nation again to Your glory.... Father, we declare that America is blessed because You are our God.”

That was the principal theme: the church must be holy for the sake of America. As Evans put it, “In the midst of crisis in America, there must rise an edifice of hope, the dwelling place of God called the New Testament church.”

Evans ran down a list of images for that church: “The church is called the body of Christ. Together, we are its members, and He is the head. There is no way to exalt the head except that we build the body. We are a construction crew. The Bible says we are being built together as living stones, unto a holy habitation where

God Himself comes down and dwells in our midst.... We’re an army, engaged in spiritual warfare against principalities and powers. We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation. Every one of us has been given gifts. Your own personal house is important, but your house is not going to be an edifice of hope for the world. I’m convinced that when you build God’s house, He’ll build your house. You need not worry...we’re a hospital. This is not simply a place of relaxation and refreshment. You are in the midst of many, many people who have been broken, who carry diseases in their spirit. This is a place of healing, of hope for the broken.”

But his biggest analogy was to trees, the result of a motorcycle trip up to redwood country. “In Isaiah 61, the Bible calls the church ‘trees of righteousness.’” The redwoods, noted Evans, had endured all manner of tribulation, in part by being interconnected. “The root systems go down only six or ten feet, and then they go out

hundreds of feet.... They put colored water in one tree, and found traces in every tree in a hundred-foot radius. The one tree...was committed to everybody making it. And when one of the trees is sick, the others quarantine it. They continue to feed the tree that is sick and diseased, but they don’t take anything from it.”

That connected character was the key—the reason SDCWC offered small group sessions around the county. “We want you to be connected, cared for, and part of the community. If you are all by yourself, you are extremely vulnerable. The lions in the Serengeti don’t go for the gazelle that are in the herd. They go for the stragglers, those who are isolated. We need each other. We cannot allow the things of this world to separate us. The generation that we’re a part of needs to see the church growing in our love for one

another—an edifice of hope. To see that God is still moving in the world today.”

And as with the one redwood tree, “It’s not just about us making it. There are many who are, right now, in great despair. Is there any hope? Is there any promise of...peace, prosperity, virtue, morality, dignity, safety? Our resounding answer is ‘yes,’” said Evans, pointing to heaven. “We have Him in the midst of the church that we build together.”

What happens when we die?
“If Jesus Christ is the lord of your life and you put your faith in Him for salvation,” said Evans, “we believe that you immediately go into the presence of the Lord. If you go into eternity without salvation in Jesus Christ, you will spend eternity separated from God in eternal death.”

— Matthew Lickona



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—EVE KELLY

Had the kids taken an expedition to the Sahara desert? Their lips looked as if they had — white, peeling, cracking, and bleeding. My daughter had ripped off a chunk of lip, and a bloody mess erupted on her face only to be replaced by a crusty black scab. The Kelly family was not photo-ready, and school photo day was fast approaching. Help!

“What about some heavy-duty lip moisturizing over the next few days,” my pal Kristen suggested during an evening run. It was a good idea, but what type of lip moisturizer? An Eve Kelly poll was in order.

“I’m a sucker for Carmex” (\$1.94 at Walmart), said friend Frank. “I like the medicinal burn — it tells me that it’s working, just like that old dandruff shampoo that tingles. But seriously, no matter how chapped my lips, I can always smile again a couple of minutes after smearing on the Carmex, and that’s important because I’m such a happy guy.”

His wife Bernice begged to differ. “I used to use Blistex medicated lip ointment [\$1.42 at Walmart], but it would always sting my lips. Too bothersome, and the kids will have nothing to do with it.

“Now I use Hyland’s Homeopathic Calendula ointment [\$6.99 for 1 ounce at Henry’s]. It’s light and stays on longer so that the skin underneath can heal better. It puts a nice barrier there, but not too thick. And even my children will use it.”

A mini-dispute erupted. “Calendula works,” agreed Frank, “but you have to deal with that sort of herbal aroma right under your nose.”

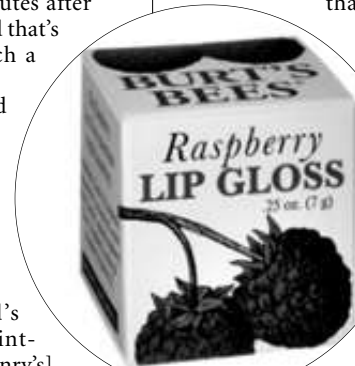
“I appreciate the smell of calendula flower on my lips,” retorted Bernice.

I left them to sort out their differences and moved along with my polling. Pal Erica also uses Carmex in her home. “My daughter gets very dry lips, especially during these Santa Anas,” she explained, “and she likes Carmex. But the rest of us are huge fans of Burt’s Bees

lip gloss [\$3.49 at Whole Foods]. We like the raspberry flavor; it’s very moisturizing.”

“I had a problem with chapped lips for years,” said friend Cherie, “and couldn’t find anything to help — including the expensive stuff from the makeup counters. Last year I started using Burt’s Bees lip balm [\$2.99 at Henry’s], and my lips are much, much better. I put it on under my lip gloss in the morning, and I keep one in my purse at all times.”

“These days I buy whatever is cheap,” laughed sis Nancy. “But I have always liked the Trader Joe’s Virtuoso lip balm [\$2.49 for three tubes]. It has a hint of spearmint to it, not overpowering, just enough to be refreshing.”



“One might ask why a man was buying a lip moisturizer that reads ‘Silk & Shine.’”

Most of the people I spoke with complained about Vaseline, particularly its thickness, except sis Meg. “I use Vaseline; it’s something I always have in the house. Little tubes of lip balm get lost in our home. Can’t really lose a huge jar of Vaseline. And during the winter, I also buy Blistex. Here in Massachusetts, with the central heat on day and night, the household shrivels up like a prune. Blistex feels more medicated. I am not sure it is actually doing anything more, but psychologically it seems better. It must be the tingling.”

“I use ChapStick Moisturizer with SPF 15” (\$.98 at Walmart), offered chum Sarah. “It doesn’t have any scent or flavor. I’m not a fan of flavored moisturizers. They seem too greasy. I want a clean product on my lips, not something that feels like I have left-over lollipops on them.”

Coworker Mike proved to be a rich vein of lip-moisturizing opinions. He raved about ChapStick lip butter (\$2.47 at Walmart). “It gives a nice, smooth covering without being too thick,” he explained. “With other products,

I often have to wipe off excess clumpiness on the outside of my mouth. Not with this stuff — a clean, neutral flavor. I love it.”

“Alba’s pineapple lip balm [\$3.49 at Henry’s] has a refreshing pineapple aroma to it but ends up a bit goopy on the edges of the mouth. Not worth the price.

“The Blistex Silk & Shine [\$1.87 at Walmart]... Yes, one might ask why a man was buying a lip moisturizer named ‘Silk & Shine.’ It turned out to cover smoothly, but it wasn’t without an acidic flavor that was just too much to deal with.”

“Softlips lip protectant [\$2.78 for a two-pack at Walmart] used to be my balm of choice,” stated sis Cath. “It went on as smooth as a baby’s bottom, and it had sun protection in it, but I found it wore off very quickly. I’m still looking for the perfect lip moisturizer.”

After promising to fill her in on my findings, I headed down to Bath & Body Works and the Body Shop to ask the salesladies for their best lip moisturizers. The Bath & Body Works lady pointed me to the C.O. Bigelow My Favorite Lip Balm (\$5.50). “It has shea butter and sweet almond oil in it.” Her second suggestion: “C.O. Bigelow Rose Salve [\$5.50], which is an all-purpose salve you can use on dry elbows or your lips.”

The Body Shop sales clerk recommended LipScuff (\$12). “This is our most moisturizing lip product.”

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Sgt. Tom Yarrington has spent 17 years working as a police officer in San Bernardino County, including three years in a sex crimes unit. He has investigated more than 1000 sex crime cases, most of which involved minors.

The 12-year-old

In an interview published in October 2008, Yarrington spoke of R. At 17, R. began molesting his two stepsisters, initially luring them to “play” with him in exchange for money.

The abuse continued for several years until R. impregnated the younger sister, age 12. He was 24. To help her obtain an abortion, R. insisted that she lie and tell the clinic that she was 14.

Her parents did not learn about the abuse or her abortion until she was 16.

The solution

Yarrington said in the interview he is convinced that if the abortion provider had informed the family when the victim sought its services, the lives of the family would not have been as badly damaged.

“The biggest difference is that the abuse would have ceased immediately,” said Yarrington. “Second of all, she would have been receiving counseling immediately, which is going to help her through the healing process and allow her to move on with her life.”

Yarrington said he believes that family notification for minors seeking abortions would make law enforcement’s job easier and, ultimately, be better for the victims and their families.

“It gives us better investigative leads, allows us to locate more victims and allows us to provide earlier intervention – not only to provide the help that the child needs to make it through this time, but it is also going to assist us in stopping further abuse from occurring to that victim and, potentially, other victims.”



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by Barbarella

The Great Escape

Today, there are three kinds of people: the haves, the have-nots, and the have-not-paid-for-what-they-haves.
— Earl Wilson

Six months ago, when I first felt the rippling effects of the subprime mortgage meltdown, I began systematically forfeiting that which was dear to me but which had proved too costly to maintain.

Facials were the first to go — a disappointing but not entirely heartbreaking separation, as I had only had a few appointments at the diminutive Spa Velia, and things were not yet serious between us. The next to be sacrificed were my regular visits to Walter Todd salon — a sadder breakup, as I enjoyed sharing scandalous chitchat with Todd, and my follicles had grown fond of his conditioning rinse. I cut back on pedicures, looked to World Market instead of BevMo for wine, and I finally heeded my sister Jane’s advice to replenish

If I have a wallet full of pink and blue, my eyes don’t transmit the message “hard-earned moola”; they impart “Monopoly money.”

my wardrobe by shopping within the sensibly priced world of Target. David and I were not at risk of losing the home we’d bought just before the bubble burst. Our bills were getting paid and our life wasn’t shabby, but it wasn’t all champagne and diamonds either.

We were making do. That is until everything went to shit. The Dow Jones became a jar of lightning bugs randomly flashing SELL, BUY, BUY, SELL. The presidential election was soon as topsyturvy as the economy — fear, hatred, and indignation bubbled to the surface and expelled their noxious gases. The headlines and heated conversations on every corner became a pillow pressed against my face with heavy hands. My man and I agreed we needed a

breath of fresh air.

David and I had recently caught a couple of episodes of the new PBS food/travel show *Spain...On the Road Again*, featuring one of our favorite chefs, Mario Batali (bicoastal restaurateur and the Food Network’s *Iron Chef Italian*); Gwyneth Paltrow (Madonna’s buddy); Mark Bittman (a food writer for the *New York Times*); and Claudia Bassols (a Spanish actress). The program carried us along with the carefree foursome as they hurtled across the Spanish countryside hedonistically partaking of the food, wine, and luxury spa hotels.

One episode depicted the group’s visit to the region of Rioja, celebrated for its ancient vineyards and wineries. Mario and pals stayed at Marqués de Riscal, a 150-year-old vineyard that boasts a new five-star hotel designed by Frank Gehry, the architect who is famous for his creation of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao (a two-hour drive from Rioja) and the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

“Now, *that’s* what we need,” David proclaimed.

“Sure does seem like politics and the economy are the farthest things from their minds,” I concurred.

History buffs sightsee at ancient temples and ruins. Art lovers ogle in museums and galleries. Catholics and Muslims go on pilgrimages to cathedrals and mosques. As unapologetic hedonists, David and I

embark on sybaritic adventures. Rioja offered acclaimed food, wine, and an architecturally significant hotel, all set in a charming town surrounded by miles of rustic landscape. In denial of the dollar’s weakness and our own humbled bank accounts, we reserved a primo suite at the fancy-shmancy Marqués de Riscal Hotel.

The euro is treacherous for Americans, and I’m not just referring to the unfortunate exchange rate but also to the physical money itself and the dangers hiding within its polychromatic folds. For one, euros are *not green*. The color of grass is synonymous with cash in the States. If I have a wallet full of pink and blue, my eyes don’t transmit the message “hard-earned moola”; they impart “Monopoly money.” And though my brain knows better, I find it nearly impossible to shake the feeling that even if I lose a whole bunch of the pretty paper, it’s all a game anyway; so really, what’s the harm?

Then there’s the coin thing. Change in the States is always spare. David has actually thrown pennies in the *trash* (please don’t tell my frugal father; I’d never hear the end of it). But in Europe, one coin, the size of a quarter, is worth two whole euros. At the current exchange rate, that’s \$2.68, or more than ten quarters’ worth in one coin. Suddenly, loose change is not to be collected for the parking meter; it’s to be saved for buying breakfast.

I tried to remind myself of all these



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things before arriving in Rioja. But as soon as we rounded the turn toward the small town of Elciego and I beheld Gehry's glimmering waves of titanium amid endless vineyards of red, orange, and green, my practicality flew out the window of our rented Pepe car. I was in a magical world now, a place where any restrictions, regardless of sensibility, were not welcome.

For three nights and four days, David and I went on an opulence bender. Before we'd even checked in to the hotel, a smiling man presented us with cool, fragrant tea in clear glasses and a bowl of red and green grapes. In our suite, we were greeted by a bottle of red wine originating from the vines that could be seen outside the Seussian windows of our room.

We toured bodegas and sampled the same freshly grilled vegetables and regionally favored hake that had been eaten on the show. We walked up and down rows of vines, occasionally plucking and eating one of the surprisingly sweet, blue-colored Tempranillo grapes. Like Mario, David requested with our daily champagne breakfast an egg cooked, as the menu stated, to "exactly 65 degrees Celsius." I opted for the fresh yogurt

Gwyneth had tried and liked. While David roamed the grounds taking photographs, I indulged in a juicy grape facial at the Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa. David, proving once again that he's more of a diva than I, took advantage of the pillow menu, which offered a selection of ten different pillows of varying percentages of down and feather fill; there was even an option for a side sleeper pillow filled with "pure Hungarian goose down." One evening we dined at the hotel's restaurant and opted for the Michelin-starred chef's 12-course tasting menu, paired with wine. It was grandeur at its most salacious, and we loved every minute of it.

By the third day, the binging and relaxing had begun to fog my brain. Returning from the extensive and impressive Museum of Wine Culture at Dinastia Vivanco, I was struck by the beauty of the scenery. "Just look at it, beh beh. Our timing was perfect to get here during harvest season, so we could see all of the colors of October," I said, sounding halfway intelligent. I should have stopped there. "I mean, look at them all, all those...what are they called?"

"Wineries?" David offered.

"No, no, the..."

"Vineyards?" David tried again.

"No, the...the...wine bushes," I said, finding the words at last.

David tore his gaze away from the road to shoot me a bemused look. "You mean the vines?" he said.

"Yeah, sorry, don't know what's wrong with my brain. Look at all those wine vines. It's just beautiful."

"Barb," David said, now laughing at my sudden onset of senility, "they're called *grape* vines. Wine comes from grapes, remember the tours?"

"Right," I said, turning my head back to the window. "I was just kidding." Then, eager to change the subject, I said, "I'm really sad about leaving. I don't want to go."

"We could never afford to stay," David said. And there it was. A sullen heaviness settled over the car as we were reminded of

the craziness that awaited us back at home. But I wasn't ready to think about political frustration or economic alarm. The trip wasn't over yet. In a few days, we'd have a hotel room overlooking the river and be touring the port caves in Porto. Sure, we faced months of canned soup and shopping at discount stores as penance for our irrational exuberance, but I wasn't done escaping, and I didn't want to think about returning to reality.

Using David's step back to give myself a running start, I said, "You know, it's funny. We've tasted the fruit of wine bushes in Provence, France; Montefalco, Italy; Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico; Rioja, Spain; and soon, in Porto, Portugal. And yet we've never taken the short drive up the coast to Sonoma or Napa." David turned to give me a look that inspired more hope than Obama. "Are you thinking what I'm

thinking?" I asked. David nodded. "Great, then it's settled. After we get home...I mean, after we recover from this, and let's not think about that part, but after that, we're totally going to California wine country. Just think of how fun that'll be!"

For the remainder of

the drive, the car was silent and calm, as David and I gazed upon the landscape and thought only happy thoughts. ■

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at Mission Beach. Russ Gish and his son Lance have already been here an hour, sweeping the sand with a contraption that looks like a skinny, upright vacuum cleaner with a coil at the end.

They're treasure hunters, looking for things — metal things to be exact — that were left the day before, or even a few years ago. If they're lucky, they'll find some coins, maybe some cheap jewelry. If they're really lucky, if some beachgoer was flagrantly careless or stone drunk, perhaps the haul might be a platinum ring or a Rolex watch. Can you say "finders keepers"?

When I pull into the parking lot just south of the roller coaster, Russ greets me with a serious look on his face. A self-described "ex-Navy man," he claims 6'4" but appears shorter. I notice that he's wearing low-cut, black neoprene boots. I ask, "Are you trying to make a fashion statement?" "No," he replies. "We wear these diver's boots to protect us from fishing hooks and other sharp objects; they also keep our feet warm when the water's cold." Without much fanfare, he opens the back of his

SUV and hands me a Fisher "Quick Silver" metal detector, a dual-frequency model with an eight-inch coil.

He also gives me a long-handled metal scoop and a pair of headphones. We walk onto the beach and proceed straight to the wet sand, where Russ hopes to demonstrate why anyone (much less a 70-plus fellow with arthritis) would want to leave the house at three in the morning to walk back and forth on a dark, deserted beach.

Strangely, I'm happy to be here at this hour, standing about a half mile north of the jetty. Perhaps it's the balmy air or the warmer-than-expected water, maybe it's the gentle wavelets or the faint light to the east, but damn if this isn't relaxing. Even the sand looks pristine, at least to my untrained eyes. Russ isn't here for the ambience, though; he's all business, a stern but well-meaning instructor in this art and science.

"Start over there, where the sand is shiny." For wet-sand hunting, Russ recommends the area of the beach kept perpetually wet by the tide, so that's where I go. I imitate Russ, who ambles along, passing his coil in an arc an inch above the sand. Back and forth, back and forth — there's a precision, a consistency, so ingrained that it seems mechanical; by contrast, my sweeps seem forced and halting. "Keep the coil parallel to the ground," he admonishes, and "Remember, if your detector can only go about a foot down, and you're sweeping the coil five inches above the sand, you've reduced your range to seven inches." Still, within seconds, my headphones squawk with a tone that sounds like an

amalgam of a siren and a wailing infant, and I jump. "Oh, I forgot to tell you," says Russ. "I'm a little hard of hearing, so you'll want to turn the volume down." My detector continues to sense something every few feet, but as it happens, I've jostled the control knobs; I'm not sitting on a gold mine — these are just false alarms. I call Russ over, and somewhat annoyed, he fixes the settings. I resume my sweeping, but the headphones are now silent for what seems like eternity. Finally, I get a signal and Russ shows me how to position the scoop to dig a well-placed hole. I sift the sand that holds my bounty — an aluminum pull-top from a soft-drink can. A while later, Russ shows me a silver ring with a black inlay that he's

just pulled from the sand. (Before I arrived, he'd dug up an eight-carat-gold band and another ring that looked like white gold with three crappy amethysts.) We meet up with Lance, who's been blanked. Along with a couple of pennies and nickels, that's the morning's catch — possibly worth enough to pay for the gas burned in the round trip between the beach and Russ's house in El Cajon. It's now 6:30 or so, and for me, the predawn magic of the beach has evaporated in the sunlight, which reveals the trash strewn about the seawall and the losers scurrying around the foul cinder-block restrooms. Russ says, "I'd hoped you'd find something good so it would spark your interest in the hobby. It's not as easy as it

looks, is it?" Whether the hunt is a well-financed quest for long-sunken doubloons off the Florida coast or a solitary man looking for old quarters in a local field, one can only describe treasure hunters as obsessive. Members of a small (and at times, secretive) fraternity, they can be found swapping bounty stories online, posting photos of old coins, artifacts, and gold nuggets uncovered by their "guns." In San Diego, as in other parts of the country, most are hobbyists, but rather serious ones; the equipment is expensive and the time commitment can be formidable. It all boils down to separating the treasure from the trash. Among the metal-detecting cognoscenti, there are three generally recognized types of hobbyist searchers: "coinshooters," "prospectors," and "relic/artifact

hunters." Although there is some overlap (driven locally by seasonal considerations), most treasure hunters eventually sort themselves into a niche within this already arcane avocation. (The high-profile shipwreck divers and cache-seekers — those looking for large quantities of old gold or silver — are in a different league.) In coastal San Diego, many treasure hunters, such as Russ, can be classified as coinshooters, folks who comb the beaches not only for coins, but jewelry and watches as well. In the far-inland reaches, gold prospectors scour the desert and mountain backcountry for nuggets and the occasional coin. And although San Diego has neither Civil War battlefields nor Colonial stomping grounds (the sites most popular among devotees in the Midwest and East), the county has its share of relic and arti-

fact hunters, those who look to unearth bits and pieces of history. They haunt both rural and urban sites, whether long-abandoned mining camps in the Cuyamacas or old homes being demolished in Golden Hill. Whatever their specialty, treasure hunters have a distinct argot, a passel of terms that describe not only the lucre but the tools it takes to find it. Unless you're handy with a modified divining rod or have extraordinary extrasensory powers, the first step in the quest for buried treasure is to buy a metal detector. Although they can be purchased online, those who live within driving distance of an actual store generally prefer to acquire them in person; the expertise and guidance of an experienced dealer is key. Unlike many of their rural counterparts, San Diegans have it good in that regard, with

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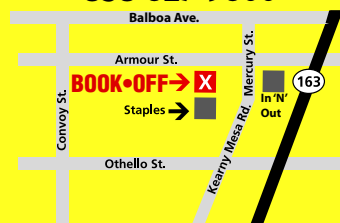
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three full-fledged shops in the county. “Full-fledged” is relative, of course; metal detecting, a rather esoteric and relatively expensive hobby — at least in terms of start-up costs — isn’t popular enough to support many stand-alone stores.

If you head to Columbia Metal Detectors in Escondido, don’t look for a sign with a big neon gold coin or vintage prospector photo out front; instead, pull up in front of the Inkwell Printing Company. It’s not that they don’t sell metal detectors — they have about 60 in stock, along with de rigueur accessories like long-handled, stainless-steel scoops and headphones. But, according to owner Frank Trutta, metal detecting just isn’t big enough to warrant exclusive floor space here. Nonetheless, business is good, spurred in recent years by an upswing in gold and silver prices.

Like most detector dealers, Trutta is a long-time enthusiast himself, initially selling the machines out of his house decades ago. When I asked him what draws people to the pastime, he said, unequivocally, “The thrill of the hunt.” I also wondered, “Do you have to be technically inclined to use a detector?” He replied, “No, they’ve become pretty user-friendly. Even a five-year-old could do it; actually, a five-year-old — with the way kids use computers and cell phones nowadays — could probably do it better than you.”

He added, “If you buy a detector from me, I’ll take you out and show you how to use it.”

It’s a lot easier to uncover a treasure hunter than, say, a Morgan quarter, a widely sought-after silver coin dating from the late 19th Century. Although most participants are unaffiliated with clubs, you can find some of San Diego’s most fervent practitioners at the Coinshooters’ Clique, a group started in 1974.

Russ, the Clique’s president, told me what first drew him to this quirky, esoteric pastime. “As a kid, I loved reading about pirates’ treasure.” Gish, who has been sweeping his coils for over 40 years, is regarded by many as one

of San Diego’s foremost experts on metal detecting — the equipment, the treasure, and the people. As for the last, he says that there are three principal motivators that drive detecting: “Greed, thrill, and an excuse to get

out into the sun or under the moon.”

Although San Diego is not bereft of a past, it’s not the place to dig for Confederate Army belt buckles or Jeffersonian-era coat buttons; Old Town and Presidio aside, and with a

nod to Horton and Serra, local treasure hunters aren’t on the speed dials of museum curators. Gish notes, “Unlike other parts of the country, we don’t have the history here in San Diego; what we do have — the Indian and

old Spanish stuff — it’s all been covered up by shopping centers and houses.” So goes a coinshooter’s lament about the dearth of hoary diggables in Diego. That’s why Gish and his cohorts are largely beach hunters, wet-sand

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who think volleyball is a sport. With forgetfulness and frivolity at a fever pitch, it's now time for the most important ingredient of all: seawater, preferably cold and rough.

Wet-sand hunters love chilly ocean surf, though they seldom venture too far into it.

Gish says that it's the cold water of our not-so-beloved California current — more than any-

thing else — that relieves us of our bangles, baubles, and beads. Thanks to typically sub-70-degree temperatures (often closer to 60, to tourists' chagrin), as fingers shrink in the brine, well-fitted rings become loose, and those that start out loose end up lost.

Gish says that a fingerless ring will be moved three or four feet by each wave. As for relinquished bracelets, necklaces, and

watches, he surmises that "roughhousing and grabbing" in the surf are the usual causes. Whatever the cause, San Diego's beaches yield more than a few items whose value exceeds the "sentimental." But to find them, you've got to "read the beach."

"When I go to the beach, I don't see sand and water; I see dips and hollows, places where the waves deposit things. We could go to the same beach, and you might not find a thing. But after doing this for all these years, I know where to look." Gish doesn't say this with arrogance, just the kind of quiet confidence that builds over decades, much in the same incremental way the ocean crafts a stretch of sand; still, he doesn't discount the chance that a tyro, with good equipment, patience, luck, and most importantly, a mentor, might come across some nice treasures after a few trips to the shore.

Gish says that the Coinshooters' Clique (often shortened simply to "Coinshooters") has roughly 60 to 70 active families, which, in most cases, means a retired man who is sometimes accompanied by his wife. (Gish's own late wife, who lovingly derided him as a "penny hunter," never joined him but did express a willingness to try on any stylish jewelry he came across.)

I asked Gish about the club's name. "Back in the early 1970s, there was a local club called the Gem and Treasure Hunter Association. The president did some, uh, unethical things, like putting all the club dues right into his own pocket. So we broke off and formed our own group; when the prez heard about it, he became hostile and said to me, 'So you effin' cliquish people are gonna start your own Mickey Mouse club?' We thought about calling it the 'Mickey Mouse

Coinshooters' Clique,' but we didn't want to get in trouble with the Disney people, so we just called it the 'Clique.' "

Unlike many of the other Clique members, Gish is willing, even enthusiastic, to be that mentor; he'd like to see metal detecting grow. He acknowledges that most veteran treasure hunters want to keep "their" hunting grounds secret and are typically loathe to share knowledge. He says, "I want to promote the hobby. But I won't let you hunt with me unless you meet my criterion, which is that you must return an item if it's returnable."

What's "returnable"? To many treasure hunters (and, I confess, would-be beachcombers like me), "returnable" items are limited to those things whose repatriation is forced by the point of a gun or the prospect of imminent incarceration. But that's not how Gish sees it at all; in fact, he goes to extraor-

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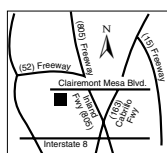
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dinary lengths to reunite owners with their lost lucre. If an item is especially valuable, he may “sit on it” for up to six months, perusing lost-and-found ads on *craigslist*, in local newspapers, and through other sources.

Gish told me that, on occasion, he’s actually commissioned by an owner to look for a missing piece of jewelry or a watch. More often than not, the quest is a “crapshoot,” but not long ago, he found and returned a \$4800 engagement ring for a woman who’d heard of his expertise. He doesn’t charge them but now and then receives a tip for success; at times, “They’ll just put it in their pocket without so much as a thank you.” But he doesn’t care. “The best thing about treasure hunting is the feeling I get when I’m able to return something to the owner. That feeling is indescribable.” That’s not to say, however, that every master of the detector is willing to undo your carelessness for free; Frank Trutta’s rate is \$60 for two or three hours of work — inherently reasonable (some would say downright cheap), given recent repatriations of expensive rings, one worth \$44,000.

Some things, of course — notably, items bereft of distinguishing marks or unique characteristics, especially if lost years ago — are indeed unreturnable and may gleefully be assigned to the pile marked “finders keepers.” Jim Hill, owner of Treasure Trove in North Park, reasons, “Say you find a nice 14-karat-gold chain on the beach. It’s like every other bracelet or necklace you can find at stores all around town. What are you going to do, trace it?” And so it goes: Despite the best efforts of well-intentioned finders, expensive hunks of metal — the stainless-steel diving watch you bought at the duty-free shop in the Caribbean, the gold ring your wife snagged at

Nordstrom — may find their way to auction after a careless jaunt to the beach. Gish (who says that over the years, he’s found three or four rings worth over five grand apiece) recently sold a “nice four-figure,

1000-foot diving watch” on eBay for a “fair price.”

Not every valuable find goes to auction; many veteran San Diego treasure hunters prefer to amass modest collections in display cases, while others,

like Bruce Campbell, a psychologist for the Santee School District, choose to wear their bounty. In Campbell’s case, it’s a piece he calls his “Mafia” or “pimp” ring, consisting of more than a carat of high-

grade diamonds set in 31 grams of gold and appraised at \$3200; he uncovered it on a North County beach in 1999.

As a child growing up in Kansas City, Campbell developed a fascination

for Civil War memorabilia and fossils. Decades later, after moving to San Diego in 1980 just shy of earning a doctorate, he turned to the beaches. For him, the lure of treasure hunting is the relaxation that comes

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with, as he puts it, “using a different part of my brain.” A contemplative man with a gentle demeanor and an advanced degree, he’s been immersed in the hobby since the mid-’70s; he’s a member of the Coinshooters’ Clique, as well as an occasional attendee at meetings held by the Prospectors’ Club of Lemon Grove.

Campbell describes

his occupation as both analytical and “highly stressful.” His head-shrinking tenure *was* punctuated a few years back by proximity to the notorious 1998 Santana school shootings. He says that the hobby is a good way to unwind, though not necessarily socialize. Noting that Campbell differs from most treasure hunters (club-affiliated or not) in his temperament

and level of education, I quizzed him about his fellow detectorists, as they’re sometimes called, asking if he fit the “profile,” as it were. He replied that although he enjoys hanging with buddy Paul Dragos at the “Clique,” he’s rather atypical, except, perhaps, in his attitude about returning items to owners. “Maybe it’s my background; my father was a [Harvard Law School-educated] judge, and my mother was a Mennonite. I was always taught to be honest.”

Campbell recalls one return story in particular. “I was hunting at Presidio Park a few years ago when I found a 1966 class ring from Mt. Miguel High School. It was huge — big enough to put a quarter through it, and it was engraved with initials. I contacted a secretary at the school who looked through an old yearbook. There were pictures of two guys with the same initials, one of whom looked like

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Campbell realizes that he's an atypical Clique member but says that the group — while undeniably plebian — isn't close to the bottom of the barrel. To find the bottom-dwellers, he recommends hanging out with the old coots at the Prospectors' Club, whom he good-naturedly characterizes as "beneath blue-collar."

Most treasure hunters are neither contemplative nor well educated; as a rule, they're taciturn blue-collar retirees — ex-military or military-industrial-complex guys without even undergraduate degrees — rough around the edges and not given to self-analysis. According to Jim Hill, "Folks who use metal detectors are mostly outdoor types who like hunting and fishing; there aren't a lot of doctors or lawyers." In order to understand the psyche of "the type," I spoke with one man, another Coinshooters' Clique member, described by Russ as someone who "eats, breathes, and sleeps metal detecting." Treasure Hunter X, as I'll call him, didn't want his name used but told me, "Everybody will know it's me anyway."

"X" is a gruff redneck and a self-described "10" on a 1-10 treasure-hunting-intensity scale. He's also one of the few locals who has found gold coins — three to be exact — which makes him an object of both respect and envy in San Diego detecting circles. Known for a curious mixture of braggadocio and secrecy bordering on paranoia, he was happy to tell me about the coins — to a point. When I pressed him for details, he said that the

mid- to late-19th-century gold pieces (valued more for scarcity than gold content) had been found, respectively, at "the beach," a "stage stop," and a "World War II training site." Apparently fearing

that I might scamper out to the boondocks to plunder his mini-El Dorado, he wouldn't reveal more precise locations. What he *did* reveal, however, was the profile and mindset of a typical (some would say

stereotypical) treasure hunter: When I inquired as to what sort of people are attracted to the hobby — specifically asking him whether college graduates were common — he seemed

nonplussed, replying testily, "It's mostly a bunch of 'Joe Blows' who get up and go to work every morning." He also said, "You don't have to be personable; very few are social people. There are a lot of

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"Sonny" might typify the loner contingent, the crusty old guys who eschew even the marginal interaction of a club. Living in a Lakeside trailer park, alone save for an old

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cat, he told me that detecting gives him a reason to get out and, more importantly, cash to supplement his disability payments. A retired forklift driver and ex-Marine, he's 66 but relatively new to the hobby. "About five or six years ago I was havin' some heart problems. The doctor told me to quit drinkin' and smokin' and start exercisin'. I still drink and smoke, but I git my exercise by lookin' fer stuff on the beach."

Sonny told me that, unlike treasure hunters who focus on "fancy" beaches like La Jolla

Shores and Del Mar, he prefers Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, and Ocean-side. "I like the lower-down places; the quality's not as good, but there's a lot more of it. Just a while back, I found a couple of — you know, the things colored people put on their teeth — 'grills.'"

Loners or not, they'll almost certainly be men. Although metal detectors are surprisingly light — under five pounds, including the control box — the absence of a brute-strength requirement doesn't translate to a gender-neutral hobby.

While there's no evidence that repetitive sweeping motions — even, albeit, in bosky corners of East County or in chilly surf — would require the manipulations of a manly man, "wimmen" are hard to come by "out there" in the proverbial field. Jim Hill of Treasure Trove says that the distaff contingent is made up of "gals who wear gun boots."

Gender, attire, and personality aside, treasure hunters, to a man (and the very rare woman), positively revel in showing off their finds, if not the coordinates. Whether

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value.

Of all the treasure hunters interviewed, Dragos, a good-humored electrical engineer at Sony, seems the most transfixed by everyday items. He speaks of prosaic things of decades or centuries past that were lost — and perhaps never mourned — but whose discovery now, in the age of the Internet and the cell phone, shines a light, even if faint, on the lives of those who once held them. As with many local detecting hobbyists, he hunts at the beach in the summer (and after big

winter storms) but ventures inland when the mercury descends; he says that's where most of his favorite treasures have been uncovered — places like the ruins of trading posts and missions near Anza-Borrego and amid the remains of abandoned homesteads and mining camps near Julian. When I asked him what finds he values most, his answers were evocative: four silver coins minted in 1732 Spain, worth a modest \$30 to \$50 each; a 1920s brass lipstick holder engraved with a woman's name; and above all, an

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What are you trying to find, and how much money can you spend? — it all boils down to this, goes the consensus. According to Frank Trutta of Columbia Metal Detectors, multiple-frequency VLF machines are generally the way to go for wet-sand beach hunting and general relic/artifact hunting, while those seeking gold nuggets are better off using the PI detectors. In any event, there's always a trade-off; the deeper a detector can go, the less it's able to discriminate; sure, it'll find metal, including nails, pieces of near-worthless alu-

minum, and lead — “trash” to the cognoscenti. On the other hand, if you're looking for gold nuggets, you'll need a unit sensitive enough to pick up small pieces of metal. And, of course, size matters — coil size, that is; smaller coils (8, 10 inches) are good for detecting individual coins, while larger coils (up to 15 inches plus) will go deeper but be less apt to pick up the small stuff.

Ultimately, what counts is what you find and who knows about it. Although the Coin-shooters' Clique is the most visible aggregation of San Diego treasure hunters, many detectorists aren't affiliated with a club. Still, there has been an effort to organize, if for

no other reason than to push back against the constant, inexorable forces of government — both state and federal — that seek to restrict where one can pursue the hobby.

Treasure hunting doesn't have a lobby to match the NRA; hell, they'd be hard-pressed to match the influence of La Leche League, or even Spelunkers Anonymous, if it existed. Nonetheless, via the FMDAC — the Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs — there are attempts, with modest success, to stave off incessant efforts by politicians and cops to fence off any and every good hunting site that might exist.

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sweeping a coil at the base of Mt. Rushmore or around the grounds of Monticello; veteran treasure hunters say that, if the antihunters had their way, the only legal place to detect would be in your own backyard — if you

had a permit, that is. The Federation, as all good, compliant organizations are wont to do, publishes a “code of ethics,” which apparently is designed — by dint of polite (obsequious) rhetoric — to placate those who stay awake

at night fear-stricken at the thought that a misplaced spade might (God forbid) rearrange chunks of dirt.

For San Diego hunters, whose natural range has typically encompassed not only So-Cal beaches but the high

deserts, bans have sucked some of the thrill from the chase; places like Calico Ghost Town and other sites deemed too holy for private-sector exploration have been marked off-limits by the powers that be. However, these arid

reaches are sparsely patrolled and still — to some hard-core aficionados — fair game. After all, if you’ve spent a couple grand on equipment and logged dozens of hours researching historical documents, why let an offi-

cious dork in a Smokey the Bear hat interfere?

Every treasure hunter with whom I spoke expressed frustration at being shut out. Even Russ Gish, a diplomatic and circumspect man, can’t help noticing that these days it’s

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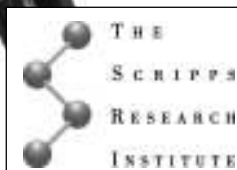


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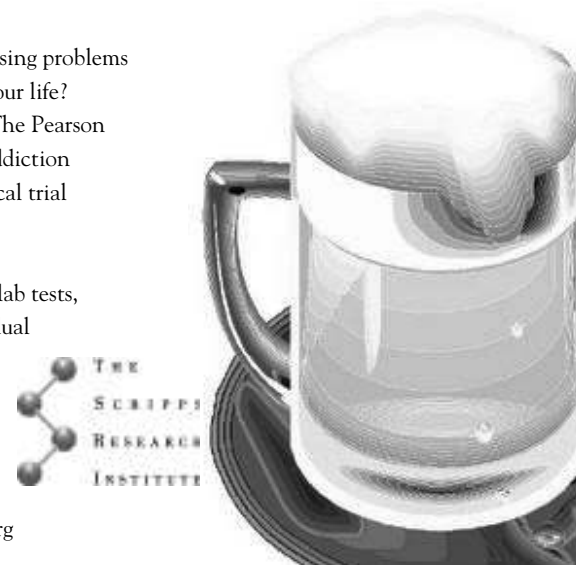
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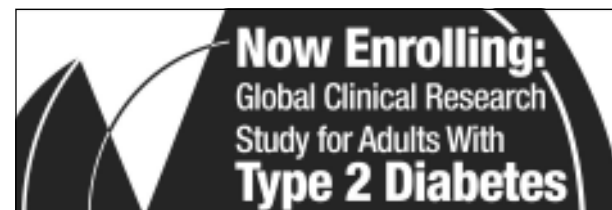
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harder than ever to find a lucrative place to reconnoiter lost lucre without being cited or chased out. Take Balboa Park; as a sprawling, wooded tract — replete not only with modern-day tourists but a good measure of old-enough buildings, walkways, and other likely metal depositories — it's a must-sweep property. There's nothing on San Diego's extensive books banning treasure hunting there, but apparently park rangers defending the sanctity of their fiefdom feel justified in demanding that metal-detector-wielding folks cease and desist. Some once-fertile private-sector sites have dwindled as well, notably construction sites where owners and their minions, citing lawsuit concerns (real or feigned), have increasingly erected chain-link fences and No Trespassing signs.

According to Gish and the others, San Diegans (and Californians in general) looking for subsurface bounty still have it good, at least compared to states like Oregon, where — under the pretext of archaeological concerns — little public land remains open.

Locals also have an intrinsic advantage here — lack of snow cover in the winter and generally tolerable weather. Among treasure hunters, another question surfaces, though: Can a location become "hunted out"? Gish, always the optimist, says that the problem is overstated. To begin with, he notes, "The beach renews itself every time crowds come and lose things and every time there's a big storm which churns things up." Even popular sites that have been visited many times before can yield rewards. "You just have to know where to look."

As it turns out, creativity and research (along with patience and persistence) separate the top-notch, veteran detectorists from their distant, weak cousins — the rank tyros who end up stashing their

"guns" in the garage and selling them at a yard sale. Some of it's pretty basic. For wet-sand hunters, it means perusing the tide charts for the lowest low tides — the "minus" tides — which mostly

occur between midnight and dawn in the summer but during the day in the winter. It also entails heading for the beach immediately after big storm waves subside; the stronger the surf, the greater the


chances that long-hidden objects will reemerge. Find the location of an old pier or landing, and you're ahead of the game. For dry-sand hunters, it's a matter of scoping out concession stands, bus stops,

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afield, but deep into the thickets of historical research, where casual detectorists seldom tread. Although there's no treasure-hunting "bible," there are dozens of books, many quite specialized, offering "where- and how-to" tips. There are also micro-market periodicals, including *Western and Eastern Treasures* (to which Russ Gish has contributed) and — notwithstanding the

hobby's age demographics — Internet forums. If those sources are too "mainstream," there are also the dusty volumes at the San Diego Historical Society in Balboa Park.

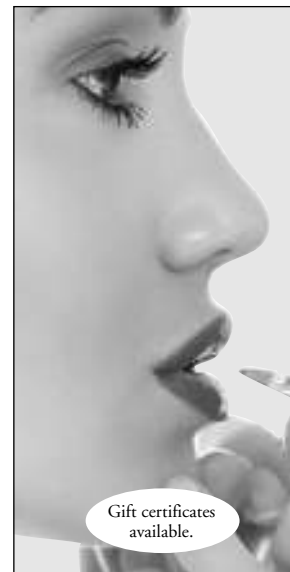
For the layman, this level of dedication might denote a "dweeb" or "wonk," to which Paul Dragos disclaims, "I want everyone out there to know that we're not as

nerdy as they think; we don't wear black socks with shorts."

After all is said and done, San Diego treasure hunters — neither deterred by rules (written or unwritten) nor slowed by high winter surf — manage to bag, through dogged persistence and quiet patience, a sparkling array of metallic currency and finery.

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has a crown jewel, a find whose discovery defines who he is — at least for now — in the hobby. But is treasure hunting worthwhile from a bottom-line perspective?

With the recent spike in precious metal prices, one might be excused for fantasizing that, given a certain level of expertise, a dedicated and skilled treasure hunter might not only pay for his equipment but secure a passable living. Jimi Ellis, owner of Escondido Coin (another shop where detectors are sold as a sideline), told me that some of his customers, fresh from pink slips and the like, buy into the notion. But the initial outlay can be steep; if you buy a decent-quality detector with headphones, along with a scoop and other accoutrements, it's hard to spend less than \$500 to \$1000.

For the serious treasure hunter, equipment outlays can run into the thousands because, as it turns out, hard-core devotees usually have at least two machines, one of which is deemed a backup unit in case the first-stringer goes down. And none of this figures in sweat equity — the ostensibly relaxing, occasionally thrilling, but often tedious hours spent sweeping a detector from side to side over a swath of sand or dirt. According to Frank Trutta, a typical treasure hunter can pay for his equipment in “a couple of years,” and clearly, old hands like Russ Gish and “Treasure Hunter X” can do much better.

Jimi Ellis, even as someone who'd like to sell you your first metal detector, is quick to caution, “Don't give up your day job.” Nevertheless, even the most rational among us find something exciting about uncovering buried treasure.

The Coinshooters of San Diego (who eschew “Clique”) publish a monthly newsletter, “Digs & Scoops.” It looks the way I imagine a small-town

church bulletin might appear: there are committee reports, notices about bake sales and “ice cream socials,” trivia columns, and lists of members with serious illnesses and/or upcoming birthdays.

If you thumb through “Digs & Scoops,” you'll find out that the club meeting always opens with the Pledge of Allegiance and that on December 6, 2008, club members will convene for a Christmas

dinner at the Sizzler in El Cajon. It's “red state” all the way.

Specific to treasure hunting, there's also a calendar of upcoming events, a recap of recent hunts and contests, and a handy

San Diego Bay tide chart. But for my money, it's the “show and tell” portion of the newsletter — which chronicles the prior month's finds — that tells the treasure hunters' story, the tale of San Diego's out-

door repository of lost objects.

The June 2008 edition of “Digs & Scoops” is illustrative of the breadth of what's unearthed — the mundane, the bizarre, and the valuable. Russ

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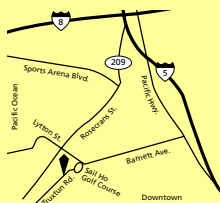
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a silver earring, two working cell phones, a working digital camera, a flash-light, a survival knife, a spring-loaded locking knife, a heart pendant with pink stones, an unusual pendant necklace, a Costa Rican coin, a pot pipe, and a nose ring."

On any given sortie to beach or field, few of the things you'll find, even if you're highly skilled, will turn out to be saleable, much less valuable. There's "trash," of course, detritus and

debris such as pull-tops from cans, mundane nails and screws, and other bits and pieces of nondescript, worthless metal. One step up (arguably) are the morbidly fascinating remnants of San Diego's recent military past; Treasure Hunter X says that he occasionally picks up bazooka shells and other live ordnance near Coronado or Imperial Beach. Above the merely bizarre, but beneath the truly lucrative, are items like watch fobs and lapel pins, considered quasi-collectable by some but just mundane curiosities to most. And let's not forget the nonmetal byproducts of detecting — the patent medicine bottles and such that turn up now and then in the lots of old urban homes and around rural ruins.

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It was okay with the ex for a while, but I sure as hell didn't fit in at Radio Shack, and my ex and I were fighting over the same old shit. Finally she offered me gas money to go back to Nevada. I took the money and went back, but I had burned too many bridges and didn't really feel comfortable there anymore. I ended up back in Pacific

Beach, but this time on the street.

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I'd move the truck in the morning and in the evening.

I like to read. I read a lot. I walked on the beach and hung out at the library.

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marriages in shambles (one twice!). I thought, *To hell with it, I'm just going to do nothing until I can figure out what I'm doing wrong.*

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I got used to cold showers and public restrooms. Finally, he introduced me to

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I finally saved up some money and bought a van. The S-10 was suffering from neglect and severe corrosion from life at the beach. I gave it to one of the Mexican-American guys on the crew. He was an American citizen, but his wife had been busted as an illegal, so they had to live in Tijuana with their three kids.

I took all the back seats out of the van and bought a custom mattress, put in some

blackout curtains, and I was in heaven — so much room to stretch out.

I started attracting drama. I managed to hook up with three severely alcoholic women in a row. Not binge drinkers — these ladies drank from morning until night. I had never seen anything like it. I spent days and days in emergency rooms and hospital rooms. I saw how sick they became and thought they would want to get well. I had no idea what I was dealing with.

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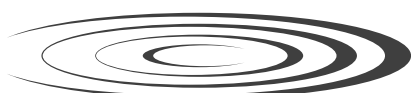
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(as if they could remember what day it was, let alone figure out how to get downtown to the courthouse). So most were continuously sought by the police, and all of them knew the local cops by name.

When I wasn't working with "J" or "K," I made some money playing guitar and singing on the street and driving people around for gas money. To play on the street in P.B. you need a permit. To get a permit you have to go to the Park and Recreation Department in Balboa Park on the first Saturday of the month. I never got one. Most of the cops ignored us (I usually played with one or two other musicians). But one cop pulled up one night and screamed, "The next time I see you down here, I'm taking that guitar." That kind of took the fun out of it for me. (The money wasn't much to start with.)

Even though I was homeless, I always had a vehicle, and that made life far easier than it was for those living out of backpacks. Having to watch everything you own every minute of the day (including when you are asleep) makes for a tough existence. When a homeless person was arrested, many times the cops would leave their belongings behind. Numerous people I met, who had identification, lost it on the way to jail — the cops would just throw it out the window of the squad car.

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There is a definite feeling of family among the local homeless at the beach. They often share what they have and try to watch each others' backs. Most are loners by nature, but there is a definite feeling of extended family when they get together for meals at the local churches.

And speaking of the local churches (were we speaking?), there are four churches in Pacific Beach and one in La Jolla that feed the hungry one day a week, and the church in La

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I was amazed by the commitment of many of the volunteers who spend most of one day a week preparing for the feed, collecting the food, and cooking it. Then they have

to clean the kitchen and dining room and leave the property as they found it. The people coming to dine are always greeted with a warm smile and a hearty welcome. The often-heard criticism of these programs is that they are "enabling" the homeless. I guess the theory is that if the poor could just get hungry enough, they would snap out of it, realize that poverty is their own folly, and then they would immediately become successful used-car salespersons.

I was at a meeting yesterday of the City Council Permanent Homeless Facility Task Force. There were many compassionate folks at the meeting, responsible for years of hard work furnishing shelter, food, and counseling to those living on the street. But the political and much of the financial will behind this group's

efforts emerged gradually—the wealthy owners and realtors downtown were upset that all those folks sleeping on sidewalks were making sales of all those new million-dollar condos difficult.

The chairman just wanted a number—how many beds do we have to provide before we can again start writing "illegal lodging" tickets and round up the strays.

The reason the City of San Diego had a moratorium on rounding up the poor was not out of compassion for the poor. It was because of a lawsuit, filed pro-bono, by two young lawyers who pointed out that if there were no beds available in the community, then the only legal option for those living out of backpacks was to keep moving 24 hours a day, every day. Even a well-fed Olympic athlete might

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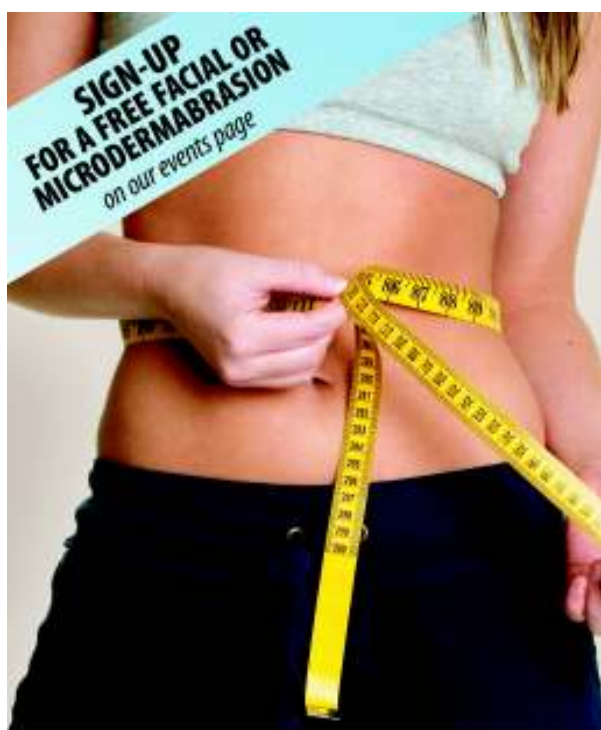


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I had saved up some money and I thought — road trip! My plan was to drive to Norfolk, Virginia, and visit

with my brother and his family.

Before leaving, I managed to hook up with a woman who wanted a ride to some religious community in Arkansas. She didn't make it that far. She jumped ship in Arizona, thank God.

Meanwhile, my leg was getting worse. I had a wild ride one morning talking to 911 on the cell phone and asking where the hospital was in Kingman, Arizona. I was 60 miles out of town, and the operator tried to talk me into pulling over and sending an ambulance for me, but I couldn't leave my van out on the road. I finished the drive

in agony and spent a few hours in the emergency room. The diagnosis was that I had a cyst behind my kneecap. The doctor said to elevate my leg and stay off it for a while. He gave me a prescription for pain pills and I was back on the road. I made it as far as Austin, Texas, when I got a phone call from some friends in Virginia City, Nevada. They said that my wife had been busted for methamphetamine (yes, I'm still married to her) and that I might want to head that way in case she had to go to jail, so I could take care of our ten-year-old son.

I spent a couple of weeks in town getting reacquainted with old friends and trying to set up a visit with my son. Finally, the visit was arranged, but it was instantly apparent that mom had made sure he had no desire to see me. As near as I could find out, she was in no danger of going to jail, and my money was running low; so I headed back down Highway 395 toward San Diego.

I hadn't kept track of my money, and when I got back, I found I was \$2000 in the red. I ended up selling my work truck to pay off my boss.

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I worked with them for a few days but didn't mesh too well with the crew. So I was sent on a job in El Cajon where I had already done a bunch of work for the client at both their offices and at their home. Things went well for a week or so. The clients, husband and wife, had always been very kind. I had spent weeks and weeks at their home previously, installing granite bars around three of their outside decks. They were also close with my boss and his wife.

One morning, they left me a letter questioning why I had billed them for a couple of hours before I arrived at work. I should have just done as they requested and explained that I was picking up materials for the job, as well as picking up some brochures to help design a new front entry that they were proposing, and that I would be happy to take it off their bill if they still felt it was unjust. But NOO! I wrote my own letter, all hostile and defensive. Well, that was the end of that job.

Several things went through my mind. I was getting too old for construction work (I was nearing 60); I needed a way to make a living that used less brawn and more brain, and maybe something would come up. (I secretly hoped that the boss would call me back to work).

I always seemed to squeeze by with enough gas money to keep going. Someone would need to go somewhere, and they'd put a little gas in my tank.

I was back eating at the churches and at Mariner's Point and was learning dumpster-diving from some pros. You have to know when stores dump their outdated food. Some have their employees cut open packages and make them even more unappealing, and some have their dumpsters behind high walls, requiring late-night scavenging expeditions.

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One of my "taxi service" jobs became taking a friend's son to elementary school in Clairemont. One day, I had five passengers in my van,

including the boy's mother. We dropped the boy off at school, and on the way back to P.B., "D" asked if we could stop off at her ex-boyfriend's house in Clairemont and pick up something of hers, as he was moving.

We pulled up in the alley behind a house, and she went in for a few minutes and returned with a gym bag and a backpack. We headed back toward the beach. As we were cruising through a quiet neighborhood, suddenly we were

being followed at high speed by a small car with two people inside. They passed us and came screeching to a halt in front of us, cutting us off. (I later found out this was the ex-boyfriend and his brother.) Apparently, there was a

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major disagreement over the ownership of whatever was in the bags that "D" had picked up from his house. But, at the time, I really had no clue as to what was going on. The ex approached me on the driver's side and started screaming and punching me through the window. His brother stood by his car brandishing a three-foot crowbar and talking on his cell phone.

My two male passengers jumped out the side doors to defend me. (They said later that they couldn't just sit there while this guy wailed on a senior citizen.) There were some fists thrown, my shirt was ripped to shreds, and the mirror on the passenger side of the van was smashed. Somehow, we got back on the road to the beach, but they were still in hot pursuit.

I yelled at "D," "What the hell do they want?" She said she had something he wanted, and I said, "Just throw it out the door, and maybe they'll leave us alone!" So a bag went flying out the door, and they stopped and picked it up. We headed back to the beach thinking that the incident was over.

I pulled into the 7-Eleven parking lot and "M" and "B" jumped out to go across the street to Starbucks.

Two minutes later, a San Diego Police car pulled in behind us. It was soon followed by several more. "D" and "B" were still in the van. "Put your hands where I can see them!" We were cuffed and separated. I was still in shock from the chase and the fight. I asked why we were being detained — they weren't saying. I sat on the curb by the 7-Eleven for about an hour in handcuffs, while the police conferred with each other. Finally, I was put in the back seat of Lt. Summer's squad car. She had a ride-along that was introduced as a shrink with the police department. I tried to strike up a conversation with them about the plight of the homeless. I was starting to feel a little uneasy about what kind of justice we might be facing.

I was taken to Northern Division and put in a glass box. After conferring with each other for a few hours, the cops told me I was under arrest for armed robbery. My

spirits were sinking fast, and I was driven downtown to the Central Jail.

I was fingerprinted, photographed, strip-searched, and given some snappy new clothes. I think I finally got to a cell about 9:00 p.m. I was exhausted and had developed a dry cough. My cell mate told me to roll up my stuff and get the hell out of his cell. I didn't think I could just leave, but he convinced me. He head-butted me in the face and I staggered down the stairs with a towel, trying to catch the blood pouring out of my nose. When I finally got a deputy's attention, he was upset that someone would have to take me down to the dispensary. He asked me if I was prejudiced toward skin-heads. I replied that I hadn't labeled my cell mate a skin-head — he had it tattooed in big letters on the back of his shaved head. While I was in the dispensary, my stuff (really the jail's stuff) was transferred to another cell block.

In a couple of days I was transferred to George F. Bailey Detention Facility. Every seat on the bus was full and everyone was handcuffed to some-

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one else. The bus ride was better than jail. You could see the great outdoors and they played the radio. It took all day to get strip-searched, separated into different units, and assigned a cell.

My cell mate (celli) was the unit spokesman. He tried to fill me in on prison etiquette before I got hurt again. First of all, the prisoners run the units. (2) Absolute segregation must be observed. blacks, Hispanics, and whites all had their own tables — they're not labeled so you have to memorize the pattern. (3) Any hassles on the unit will be adjudicated between the spokesmen for the blacks, Hispanics, and whites. This was a bit of a shock to me, having grown up on Navy bases where (at the time) race was the last thing that you noticed about someone. (4) Do what you're told by the group leader or suffer the consequences. (5) Never rat on anyone to the deputies.

The only serious discipline I ever witnessed was when one of our group was complaining about the exercises he was asked to do because of some infraction. The disciplinarian (his friend) took him in a cell and broke his face. He had to go for some serious medical attention, and he was transferred to another unit. Nothing was ever said to the deputies by either party.

Finally, I was sent downtown to court for my arraignment. It was the first time I had seen my friends from the van since our arrest. "M" and "B" had been arrested in the meantime. We could see "D" and "M" in the courtroom, but they were in separate glass boxes. The only thing that we were asked that day was to sign a statement so our case could be delayed as the lawyers weren't prepared. Back on the bus; back to George Bailey. These trips to court start at 5:00 a.m., and you don't get back until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

After a few more days, I had a video conference with my lawyer. She hadn't received my paperwork yet, and she asked me to tell her what happened. She didn't give me any indication of what she thought of my case, but it was some comfort that I had a lawyer (court appointed, of course). She said my bail was \$40,000, but it wouldn't have mattered if it was \$4 as I didn't have it.

Finally, on my 25th day of detention, we were all assembled in the courtroom (all five

of us were being tried together). We never heard any testimony. After a while, my lawyer came over and told me that all charges had been dropped against all of us. We were jumping for joy and high fives all around (not easy to do with handcuffs on). Back on the bus;

back to George Bailey. I went to my cell and told my celli that I was getting out. I thanked him for watching out for me and told him I'd keep in touch. He said, "No you won't," and went off to arrange for a new celli. He was right — that place freaked me out so bad it has

taken me 17 months to sit and write this down.

It took until almost midnight to "process out." I had my badly torn shirt, shorts, and flip-flops. They gave us a bus token and a cab ride to the trolley. I rode the trolley and the bus back to Pacific

Beach. I found some newspaper and curled up in the sand in front of the new lifeguard tower at the foot of Grand Avenue. I froze my butt off all night. Now *that* is homeless.

My van and everything I owned was in the tow yard used by the SDPD, with a bill

that was \$1382 to get it back. My sister stepped in and bailed the van out and saved the little shred of sanity I had left. My sister and her husband took me into their home, and it has been wonderful for me. "M" lost custody of her son. ■

— Tom Hunter

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usually make up for their sins and go to heaven. So it's really wide open."

Run, Rico, Run!

This is concerning Rico Gardiner's letter (October 16) in response to letters from other *Reader* readers who took exception to his rather harsh views of San Diego.

Mr. Gardiner, you failed to address the question posited by one, if not both, of your critics, which I will now restate: if you hate it here so much, why don't you leave? You are obviously a person of discernment and sophistication who doesn't fit in with San Diego's lowbrow beer-and-burrito culture (or what passes for culture around here). How it must gall you to be surrounded on a daily basis by such a knuckle-dragging bunch of rubes, yokels, and slack-jaws.

You need to spread your wings and fly, man, fly! Off

to the big city you should go, the sooner the better. Why waste your life in this Podunk when you could be basking in the refinement and culture that is the essence of that shining city to the north, Los Angeles? While we San Diegans lack the necessary wit to appreciate such things, you obviously do not.

Again, I must return to the original question of what is it that keeps you here, moldering in the provinciality that defines San Diego? Is it a job? No problem, there are jobs aplenty in L.A. An ankle monitor? Don't worry, parole doesn't last forever. Whatever it is that keeps you here, I hope for your sake that you can overcome it and escape from this awful place.

A few caveats about L.A. They also have "silly sports teams," as do most of the other "real" cities in the U.S., so you will still have to live with that. They also occasionally eat burritos, as well as drink beer up there, but I'm certain that a bon vivant such as yourself will

be able to cope.

Run, Rico, run, while you still can! And don't let the door hit you in the a**.

David Lathrap
Pacific Beach

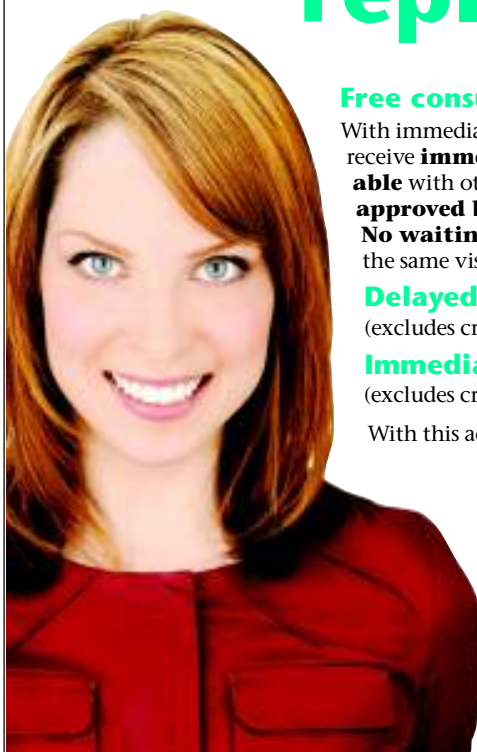
Brown Has Big Feet

As Matt Potter was preparing his October 2 story ("Breaking News") about the referendum challenging secretly negotiated changes to Stockton's general plan, I wish he had taken the time to call the Alliance for Responsible Planning. The alliance was the group sponsoring the referendum, with the support of the Stockton Peace Officers' Association, community and business leaders, the A.G. Spanos Companies, and myself. We came together because we were outraged that the Stockton City Council, by a 4-3 vote, had dramatically changed the City's general plan that took five years and hundreds of public meetings to prepare.

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strapped city, and left no time for public input.

Just so Mr. Potter does not fret about it, he should know that Mr. Spanos did not support me for mayor. He supported my opponent.

Attorney General Brown's overambitious quest to be California's next governor has led him to trample local planning efforts.

Fortunately, more than 25,000 Stockton residents signed our referendum petitions — nearly the same number of people that voted in the last municipal election — and the imminent referendum led to a settlement with the City that guarantees the public will be able to participate as changes to the general plan are discussed in the future.

Gary A. Podesto
Former mayor of Stockton
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Matt Potter responds: The item never said anything about Spanos supporting Podesto for mayor. We fully reported Spanos being behind the measure and Attorney General Jerry Brown's role in the planning controversy. A follow-up item noted the City's settlement.

The Dreaded Santee Bloc

Re Reader Puzzle. I have stopped submitting entries because of the huge Santee bloc of entries each week — the people who don't add a comment line.

And when the Santee bloc gets one letter wrong, they are all wrong.

Something underhanded is going on — several entrants have voiced that even in their comment line.

Entering the puzzle is no longer fun, when you see such a large bloc of people from the same place all winning together and each one never makes a comment.

There are always those people who ruin it for all the rest because of greed!

Ray Baterich
North Park

According to a phone call to the Reader, many of the entrants come from a Santee nursing home. — Editor

LL Dull J

I find it baffling that you continue to pay Josh Board for his "Crasher" column on a weekly basis. It commits two journalistic sins

that should be unforgivable: it's very poorly written and is insufferably dull.

By all means, the column should be an interesting one; the premise of it is, in theory, wide open to a varied and entertaining col-

umn each week. But the pedantic manner in which Mr. Board describes the parties he attends might as well be the result of an autistic person describing their trip to the DMV. Focused on minute and unim-

portant details and written in one-sentence paragraphs, a style more befitting the "See Dick Run" series of reading primers, the columns turn parties at James Cameron's mansion or a record-release party for LL

Cool J, events at which interesting things conceivably must be occurring, into deadening affairs of soul-crushing tedium.

Mr. Board's tendency to focus on his own actions during these parties (his

most recent column diverged from the party to explain how he left, went to a Mexican restaurant, and tried to order a series of items only to eventually leave without eating when none of them were avail-

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able) only further serves to suggest that he is uninterested in the parties and would be better off updating a Twitter feed instead of writing about them. Journalism that is primarily focused on the journalist can work. Hunter S. Thompson routinely turned himself into the story. But the life-sapping diversions into Mr. Board's own affairs are reminiscent of what *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* would have been like had it been written by Andy Rooney.

I attended two of the parties that Mr. Board "crashed" for columns within the past six months. One was for his column "Sumo Follies" (August 6), where Mr. Board spent a substantial portion of the column talking about how he played another partygoer in horse on the outskirts of the party. The other party was the recent Intense Individual party (October 23), in which Mr. Board begged out of paying the charitable cover charge and went on to write up an eclectic party in a manner

in which I imagine that a blind person's fed-up personal assistant would describe it to them minutes before quitting in disgust.

The other thing that boggles my mind is the style, or lack thereof, in which the column is written. A paragraph that consists of one run-on sentence will give way to one made up solely of sentence fragments. At times it sounds like an internal monologue without any sort of filter, only one that is processing roughly two thoughts per minute. A recent column began "I received word about a few parties down south on a Friday that I was to drive up to L.A." Boy, if that undiagrammable sentence does not grab the reader by the cheeks and yank his attention down to the page, I don't know what would! Here is how a few great opening lines would go if they were written by Josh Board:

1. I received word that it was the best of times on a Friday that I was to drive to L.A. My girlfriend dis-

agreed. "It was the worst of times," she said.

2. I was to drive up to L.A. on a Friday when I received word of a few down south parties that were occurring from a guy who called me and said, "Call me Ishmael."

3. Mr. and Mrs. Dursley of number four Privet Drive were having a party down south on a Friday that I was to drive up to L.A., on the 5, which is the highway that goes to L.A.

I'm not really sure what the goal is of the "Crasher" column. I wonder what the satisfaction and/or return rate is of Mr. Board to parties that have had him write them up. I can confidently say that his descriptions of the parties he attends are woefully inadequate, and he does not appear to engage in the parties to get an accurate perception of what is actually going on. The party crasher column could be an entertaining read each week if written by someone who had even the most basic sense of how to write an entertaining col-

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umn. Instead, it is doomed to be a constant embarrassment to party attendees, fans of grammar, and San Diegans in general. I suggest you audition new writers for this admittedly interesting concept, and tell Josh Board that he's written his last meandering run-on description of how he thought that there would be appetizers at a party but there weren't, so he went to stand by the pool where he noticed that some of the lights decorating the palm trees were out, and he meant to mention this to the host but he forgot to.

Conor Lastowka
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our river be abused and neglected. I am thrilled that people are giving a voice to our river and working to make it healthy again. I urge you to do an internet search on the San Diego River and see how you can

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Posted by richard on October 23, 7:08 p.m.

I've taken the Lakeside River Park Conservancy tour and have witnessed, first hand, the amazing transformation that has occurred there. People can make a difference for their river and community. The people in

Lakeside have proved it.

Posted by xidongxi on October 24, 11:43 a.m.

its such a touching and sweet article about the river, good job Reader!:=)

when i first heard about the San Diego River at the beginning of this year, my reaction was exactly the same

as most other people, "There is a San Diego River??? Where?"..

Then I looked into it on the internet, and I was like "Wow, wow, wow", eyes wide open. The river is actually very long and lovely. And on one of the weekends, I decided to hike along the river

bank in Mission Valley Regional Park—it turned out to be such a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

It's really heart-warming to read this article here, thanks again for bringing up people's attention on the river!

Straight From the Hip Published October 22

Posted by goinfar on October 22, 3:33 p.m.

To the editor Matthew, about "420", That is not the real meaning. You are a writer for the sd reader, do your research! That is false information, "420" comes from earth day (4/22), the day people were supposed to start growing outside, usually after the first frost... but San Diego wouldn't

know frost! About the time of day students chose to smoke, that was concurrent with the day of year people planted so in accordance it was 4:20 pm.—get your fasts straight-encinitas

Posted by cardig on October 23, 11:13 p.m.

Goinfar, why isnt it 422 then if it is supposed to be after earth day???

Matt DID do his research, and his answer is fairly plausible.

See www.waldo420.com they are the original Marin county kids.

or go here for a detailed answer to the question: <http://www.craigslist.org/about/best/sfo>

BTW, pepsi is nasty and beer is tasty :)

Blurt Published October 22

Posted by jaytwo on October 22, 4:23 p.m.

Skip's a pretty decent guy and books shows the same way most promoters do, but you shouldn't pay \$300 to play 'Canes. Period. If you can't sell 30 tickets at \$10 a piece...don't. You'll end up paying \$\$\$ to play for your friends. You may end up gaining a few fans if you're any good, but that's about it. If you can persuade 30+ heads to buy tickets, then you're a winner...and a loser...but mostly a winner...if you haven't lost. Did I lose you? Get lost...and win. WINNER!

Posted by BassHog on October 24, 3:45 p.m.

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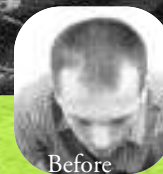


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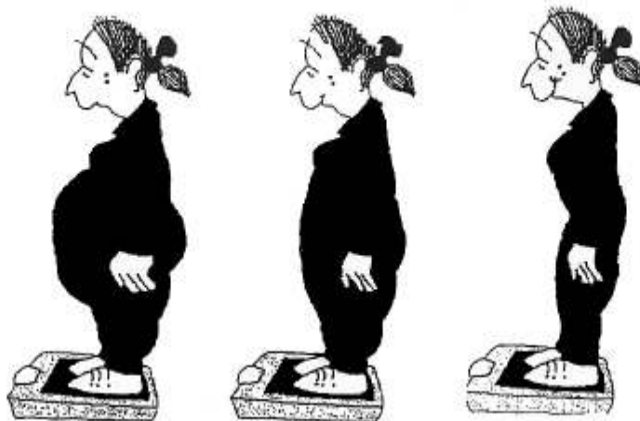


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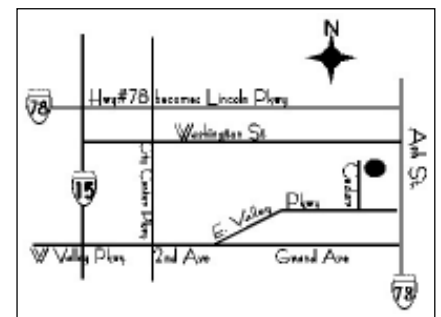
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Diary of a Diva
Published October 22
Posted by Gretchen on October 25, 2:01 p.m.
Your experience with

the newlyweds is a prime example of how over rated weddings are while not enough time and focus is spent on the relationship. Too often it seems women are head over heels in love with their engagement ring and the ideal wedding. Then, after the wedding, reality sets in and they realize they're not a good match. I've been lucky in love for over 30 years and our wedding consisted of 30 close friends and family at my sister's house. It was actually more than what I wanted; like you, I preferred to go to the county courthouse, yet wanted to please my guy. After all these years I still want to make my sweet man happy and it's reciprocated daily!

Still honeymooners after years of marriage is the best!

City Lights, by Don Bauder

Published October 22
Posted by Fred_Williams on October 23, 1:59 p.m.

Tourism is not an ideal industry to rely on for a world-class economy.

We ought to be doubling-down on attracting more bio-tech, IT, and Telco firms to our perfect climate with great universities near the sea.

Instead, we have a sad history of subsidizing hotels and stadiums with taxpayer money. Neither of these produce anything of lasting value to our region.

Imagine being the host city of the next Google, or being the birthplace of yet another groundbreaking cure. Small innovative companies ought to be made welcome here in San Diego.

Perhaps all those vacant condo boxes towering over the bay can be converted to places suitable for small distributed businesses to

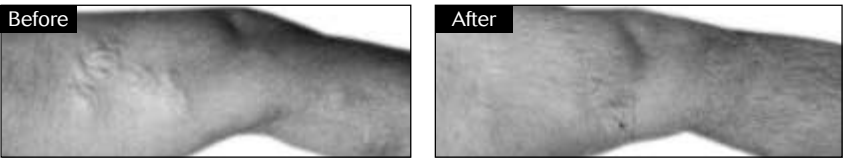
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Perhaps we'll eventually get mid-city transportation as a priority, connecting all the residences from Golden Hill to SDSU with downtown. We ought to be expanding residential public transit instead of cutting it. Trolleys once served these neighborhoods instead of mostly stopping at tourist attractions.

That's because the city founders knew that San Diego would only prosper if it actually produced things of lasting value. Overnight stays and sporting events are ephemeral options, not the kind of businesses to establish as our beacons of economic independence.

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Plein air," says Daryl Millard, owner of the Daryl Millard Gallery Solana Beach, "means painting a scene outdoors in the elements" where one can see, smell, hear, and feel what one is painting. It is the combination of these sensations, says Millard, that is "used to amplify one's emotions onto canvas." The term "plein air" is derived from the French term for "in the open air."

"In recent years, 'plein air' has been a popular word in painting landscape," says oil painter John Burton. On November 1, Burton will take part in the Plein Air Art Invitational in Torrey Pines.

The plein-air style of painting first became popular when portable easels and paints premixed in tubes became available in the 1870s. Before that time, artists mixed their own pigments with linseed oil. Many art historians believe that plein-air painting was the catalyst for the French impressionist movement.

"In a world where painters have easy access to photography and the computer, it becomes easy to use these as a crutch rather than a tool," says Burton. In Burton's view, painting from real life takes more vision and artistry than painting from a photograph.

"It is easier to paint from a photograph because it frames and reduces the incredible amount of information that is inherent in our three-dimensional world...when one works exclusively from photography it means they are always working once removed from the subject. It is as if a poet

or a novelist is writing a book about Venice from looking at pictures on the Internet or from stories a friend has told him about the city."

Millard expresses a similar sentiment. "One has to remember that the camera alters the landscape drastically — darks become darker, lights lighter. All of the subtleties disappear."

Burton says plein-air painting focuses not so much on the subject as it does on light. "I'm outside right now, looking at a pine tree, but I'm not seeing every needle. You look at a tree, and you're not as concerned with painting every leaf, but if you can put the right color and value on the shaded side and the right color and value on the lit side, it would appear more like a tree than if you were to paint every leaf."



Peaceful Village, Daryl Millard



Recognition, John Burton

Once a painter understands the relationship between color and light in the natural world, says Burton, one is able to begin a painting outdoors and complete it indoors. "Plein-air painting is as much a process of learning as it is an end-product.

Sometimes it is art in its own right, and sometimes it is a piece of knowledge or notes to expand on in the studio."

Burton, who won the grand prize at the invitational last year, believes landscape paintings can be a way for modern society to connect with nature. "We become so overwhelmed by our televisions, video games, BlackBerries, traffic jams, deadlines, and media bombardment. I feel people need that connection with

God's creation. That is why someone works a long week and then goes for a hike in Torrey Pines."

Painting from natural light is not without its disadvantages. "You don't have much time to capture what you are looking at because the light changes probably every minute," explains Millard. "Shadows change, vibrancy changes, clouds change, water changes when the wind blows...this means you have to work very fast, which I believe switches the brain to the creative side, allowing for something great to happen, rather than getting bogged down in a well-thought-out painting."

— Barbarella

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Pi In this film, mathematical genius, number theorist Maximillian Cohen theorizes “that everything in nature can be understood through numbers and that if he graphs the numbers properly, patterns will emerge.” After screening, editor Oren Sarch discusses process of “building” a film as an editor and what it was like to work in concert with director Darren Aronofsky. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Price Center, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Vitus Drama from Switzerland in which a child piano prodigy finds a unique way of dealing with being different is featured when Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes. Pre- and post-film discussion with Andy Friedenberg. Cinema chat at 1:30 p.m. 760-602-2026. Saturday, November 1, 1:30 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Madness Takes Its Toll! Ready for audience participation? Lyric Opera of San Diego and Hawthorn’s present movie series, featuring the cult classic *Rocky Horror Picture Show* this week. No one under 17 admitted without parent. 619-239-8836. Friday, October 31, 10 p.m.; \$7-\$9. Hawthorn’s Restaurant, 2895 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Meet Alex and His Droogs Stanley Kubrick’s 1971 film *A Clockwork Orange* is based on the novel by Anthony Burgess, starring Malcolm McDowell, who wanders with fellow thugs “amid a bleak, futuristic urban landscape.” 619-299-9360. Sunday, November 2, 6:30 p.m.; Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Swedish Film Festival *Beck (The Scorpion)* screens in Swedish with English subtitles in Ulla “Lotta” Wiik Auditorium of Arts and Letters Building (use parking structure 4). A battered woman escapes from her own home with her two chil-

dren; the dead body of a man is found in her kitchen, but the woman is not to be found. 858-271-1573. Sunday, November 2, 3 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Truly Creepy *Rosemary’s Baby*, Roman Polanski’s macabre classic, stars Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes, and Ruth Gordon in league with the devil. Screening for the ongoing film series, this 1968 flick includes adult content, violence, and nudity. 858-454-3541. Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Museum of Contemporary Art San

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Up for a Loopy Fable? Henry Bean's 2007 flick starring Tim Robbins, Bridget Moynahan, and William Hurt screens for Film Forum series. What is the nature of civility? 619-236-5800. Monday, November 3, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Tastemakers' Ball San Diego Reader and Valley View Casino present Tastemakers' Ball 2008. Savor the bounty of delectable foods and exotic drinks from the premier tastemakers of San Diego. Go to <http://www.tastemakers-ballsd.com> for more info and to buy tickets! Saturday, November 1, 5 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Ages 21 and up. Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Symphony Spooktacular" Enjoy "spookiest music of all time" when San Diego Symphony and conductor Philip Mann present family festival concert. Wear a Halloween costume, enjoy familiar music inspired by spooky stories, ghosts, goblins, things that go bump in night. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Sunday, November 2, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$25. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Backyardigans Live! Tale of the Mighty Knights" Nickelodeon's backyard friends Uniqua and Tyrone become knights and embark on a quest to protect King Pablo's unpredictable egg; they "will need the audience's help to face a mighty dragon and return the egg to the king." Expect singing and dancing. Costume festivals begin 30 minutes prior to each performance. Tickets: 619-570-1100 or Ticketmaster 619-220-TIXS. Thursday, October 30, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; \$19-\$40. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

The Polka Dot Ghost Big Joe Productions performs 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 30, 10 a.m.; Friday, October 31, 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 11 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Fall Back Festival Saddle up and skedaddle to this "children's cultural and historic street faire." Take a tour around town on hayride, see a blacksmith in action, and enjoy "action-filled puppet shows," Native American dancing and storytelling, pony rides, pie-and ice-cream-eating contests, more. 619-233-5008. Sunday, November 2, 11 a.m.; William Heath Davis House Museum, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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 through November 9. For all ages. Performance on November 8 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Friday, October 31, 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 1, 2 p.m.; Sunday, November 2, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$13. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Spooky? *The Polka Dot Ghost* is presented by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, November 2. *Juri and the Bearded Dragon* may be seen when comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble takes stage November 5-9. 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 30, 10 a.m.; Friday, October 31, 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, November 5, 10 a.m.; Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"Carnavalesque" Enjoy "a vaudeville and circus exploration of satire and serious relationships." Charity performance benefits Monarch School. 858-362-1348. Saturday, November 1, 7 p.m.; \$10-\$20. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Phantasmagoria" Performers in Zirk Ubu bring together perfor-

mance art, circus skills, masking, puppetry, and storytelling. 619-297-3100. Saturday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.; Old Town Theatre, 4040 Twigg Street. (OLD TOWN)

"Strange and Haunting Tales" Join San Diego's scariest storytellers for a "chilling story concert" sponsored by San Diego Folk Heritage. Tellers include Marilyn McPhie, Sarah Saulter, Linda White-side, Fred Laskowski, Leo Baggerly, Patti Christensen, James Nelson-Lucas. 858-484-1325. Friday, October 31, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$18. Temple's Hall at Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

"The Pre-Election Comedy Show" Enjoy fast-paced character-driven improv sketch comedy show by members of Comedy Under Construction. 858-550-8088. Saturday, November 1, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Ages 16 and up. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Big: The 50 Greatest World-Record Catches Historian, angler, author Mike Rivkin discusses, signs his latest book (illustrated by artist Flick Ford), which details catches selected for "their sheer size, popularity, beauty, and exciting story." 858-454-0347. Wednesday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Ghosts of El Grullo Author Patricia Santana reads from her new novel in Griffin Gate. 619-644-7486. Wednesday, November 5, 7 p.m.; Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

The Girl on the Fridge: Stories Israeli fiction writer Etgar Keret signs, discusses his work during lecture and lunch hosted by San Diego Jewish Book Fair. Required reser-

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vations: 858-362-1348. Friday, October 31, noon; \$13-\$16. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Author Signing Mae C. Tucker signs *The Three Strike Law Is Ungodly*. 619-460-7469. Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m.; Sews and Shows Community Theatre, 7860 Golden Avenue. (LEMON GROVE)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy by Jennifer Murphy, Bucky, Mark Schrieber, Lauren Ashley Bishop, Jennifer Rich, Lizzy Cooperman, hosted by Jason Bang. 619-294-4848. Saturday, November 1, 8:30 p.m.; ages 18 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Día de los Muertos Chronos Theatre Group performs prose, poetry, and live music celebrating mystery of death and joy of life. 619-615-8928. Saturday, November 1, 10:30 p.m.; \$10. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Emo Meet and Greet! The "American emo band" Hawthorne Heights presents an acoustic set, meets fans. 858-565-8814. Wednesday, November 5, 5 p.m.; Music Power, 7120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Free First Wednesday Series *Dance of the Lemons: Sour but True — A Tale of Teaching Public School* — this one-woman play presents amusing and frustrating account of teaching in Los Angeles public school system, and the teacher's hasty exit. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, November 5, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Historical Mystery Author Carola Dunn discusses and signs *Black Ship*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, November 1, 2 p.m.; Mysteri-

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Spectacular exposures of colorfully banded and folded metamorphic rock gave "Rainbow Canyon" its so-far unofficial title. The canyon's colorful nature is enhanced even further during a peak wildflower season, when the place looks like a flower shop and smells like a honey-garden. That won't happen for another three or four months, though. But at least this season's rapidly falling temperatures are making pleasant the rugged little excursion into the canyon.



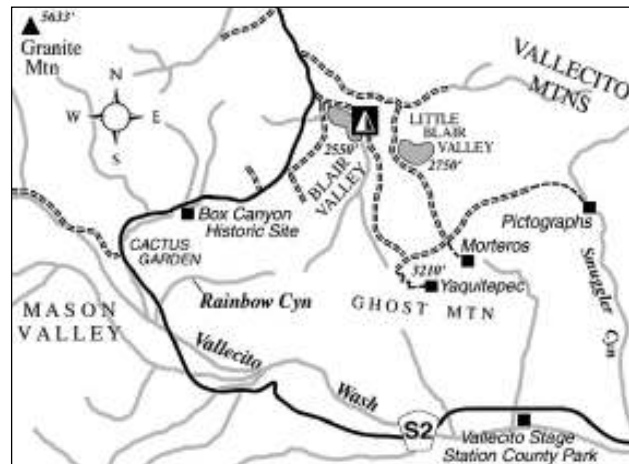
Rainbow Canyon

Starting at just 0.3 mile, you're inside the canyon proper, where you clamber over several dry falls in its constricted bottom — a slight challenge and an enjoyable exercise for kids and adults alike. The colorfully banded rock, which is best exhibited in these steep stretches, is shot through with quartz pegmatite dikes. Note also, the live-forever (*Dudleya*) plants clinging to the canyon walls, having taken root in the smallest niches of rock.

At 0.7 mile you arrive at a major canyon fork — stay right. At 1.1 miles, the canyon bends left, widens, and becomes less interesting. A couple of gnarled junipers cling to the rock slopes here, heralding your approach into the pinyon-juniper plant community that lies ahead. This spot, however, is a good turnaround

To navigate to the hike's unmarked starting point, turn southeast from Scissors Crossing (12 miles east of Julian via Highway 78) onto Highway S-2, which is the only paved road going through the south half of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Drive about 11 miles and park off the pavement at mile 27.7, as reckoned by the green mile signs posted at half-mile intervals. There's space for a few cars on the east shoulder.

From that parking spot, head north-east across a sloping alluvial fan toward the nearby mouth of a rocky canyon. Agaves and tall specimens of a spindly hybrid variety of cholla cactus (common around nearby Mason Valley) fringe the canyon entrance.



place for a casual hike.

If you do press onward up the canyon, you eventually reach, about two miles east, the far-south end of Blair Valley, a popular Anza-Borrego camping area.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilder-

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Meet a "Fantastic" Artist and Author James Owen signs, discusses *The Indigo King*. 858-268-4747. Wednesday, November 5, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

New Writing Series Poet, critic, novelist Aaron Kunin is author of a collection of small poems about shame, *Folding Ruler Star*, a chapbook entitled *Secret Architecture*, and the novel *The Mandarin*. Kunin reads from his work in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. 858-534-4618. Wednesday, November 5, 4:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry Time Poets from SDSU's MFA program and members of *Poetry International* editorial staff will read from new poems by Li-Young Lee, contemporary poems

by African women, and "exceptional new work by contemporary American poets." 858-456-1800. Saturday, November 1, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Poets INC (Inland North County) Featured reader is Ishmael von Heidrick-Barnes, a native San Diego poet who studied religious studies and theology at USD and surgical technology at Glendale College. Bring a few poems or short written pieces for open reading. 760-480-4101. Sunday, November 2, 1 p.m.; Escon-

dido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Post-Election Comedy Show Featuring improv sketch group Comedy Under Construction. 858-550-8088. Wednesday, November 5, 8 p.m.; \$5. Ages 16 and up. Libertalia Café, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

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)

Star Awards San Diego Performing Arts League's 17th annual tribute to volunteers who work for San Diego arts and cultural organizations. Evening includes entertainment by Camarada, Tango Alma, Stone Soup Theatre, Mojalet Dance, San Diego Youth Symphony, St. Paul's Choir, San Diego Master Chorale, Star Awards Singers. Tony Award-winning actress Lillias White will perform two numbers from *Princess and the Black Eyed Pea*. 619-238-0700. Monday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.; \$37. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Yewande Austin Take journey through historical social movements that shaped American popular music and culture when Austin performs in Arts Building room 111. Audiences explore music that changed the course of freedom, civil rights, war, women's rights, and the nation. 760-750-4366. Wednesday, November 5, 7 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

LECTURES

"Electronic Health Records: The Good, The Bad, and the Future" This "Exploring Ethics" talk introduces activity and changes currently hidden to most individuals, probes various aspects of new systems, what they mean to individuals and patients. Panelists include Pam Dixon (executive director of World Privacy Forum) and John Macaulay (Anakam's vice president of health care and life sciences). RSVP: 858-822-2647. Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 p.m.; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Discussion of Gaudí and Niki de Saint Phalle" Local art expert Arlene Paa plans slide-illustrated talk on works of Antoni Gaudí and Niki de Saint Phalle for San Diego Museum of Art's East County chapter. 619-232-7931. Monday, November 3, 10:30 a.m.; Grossmont Healthcare Center, 9001 Wakarusa Street. (LA MESA)

"Being There: 50 Years in Photography" Beatles photographer Harry Benson plans lecture. Booksigning follows. 619-238-

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7559. Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Chinese Foot-Binding in Cultural Perspective" Suzanne Cahill, Kensington resident and history professor at UCSD, presents this look at "Women's Bodies, Women's Work, Women's Virtue." What exactly was foot-binding? Why did so many women in China bind feet for so long? 619-533-3974. Saturday, November 1, 3 p.m.; Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

"Empirical Network Models of International Commerce and International Conflict" Michael Ward shows that international behaviors are not independent of one another; he "discusses alternatives," explores one solution to imposing a structure on dyadic data from international relations in Social Sciences Building 107. Lunch

provided. RSVP: 858-822-5297. Wednesday, November 5, noon; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Greenovation Forum: Water and the Built Environment" Examine complex water issues both locally and globally and hear from experts in academia, industry, government, and the nonprofit community. The goal: "to contribute to the exchange of knowledge and the development of solutions for a sustainable future." RSVP: 858-822-2521. Tuesday, November 4, 4 p.m.; UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Important Chinese Paintings in SDMA's Collection" Yi-Li Kao, former San Diego Museum of Art associate curator, present consultant for Asian arts at the museum, discusses significant Chinese paintings in museum's collection. 619-232-7931. Thursday, October 30, 1 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"International Justice from Outside Pushing In" Professor Naomi Roht-Arriaza of University of California, Hastings College of Law focuses on "Using Transnational Prosecutions to Create Domestic Change." 858-822-5297. Thursday, October 30, 12:10 p.m.; California Western School of Law, 350 Cedar Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Land and Property Records in Scotland" Jackie Webster addresses Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association. Nonmembers welcome. 619-465-7326. Wednesday, November 5, 10:30 a.m.; LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"New Advanced Estate Planning, Asset Protection, and Succession Planning Techniques" Personal finance advisor, certified financial planner, KOGO radio host Ken Stern presents lecture. "Learn how to properly plan for your extended lifespan." 858-

538-8159. Wednesday, November 5, 1 p.m.; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"New Silk Roads" Kyong Park, UCSD associate professor of visual arts, discusses this expedition-based urban research project exploring the new urban landscapes emerging in expanding, transforming Asian cities and regions for "Fission Sites" lecture series. 619-235-2900. Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.; Woodbury University, 2212 Main Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"So You Want to Be an Author" This "National Author's Day Celebration" honors local authors and poets. Expect a panel addressing publishing, writing style, book translating, working with book printer, as well as authors' readings. 760-435-5640. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.; ages 18 and up. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

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"Toss Your Turf: Less Water, Less Grass, More Fun!" Vickie Driver presents short course in turf removal. Tips for evaluating soil, tuning up irrigation system, ideas for "a beautiful low-water landscape in lieu of lawn." Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Clicker Training for Cats Teach your cat "some fun new behaviors" — like "sit" or "wave goodbye" — during class. Maybe "learn a new and exciting way to keep your cat off the kitchen counter." Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Class is for people only. Friday, October 31, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Death with Dignity Described Dr. Adrian M. Jaffer, chair of Medical Ethics Committee at Scripps Memorial Hospital, examines issues facing a doctor when requested for help in dying. Presented by the Hemlock Society of San Diego. 619-233-4418. Sunday, November 2, 1:30 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Gallery Talk Artists Shannon McNeill discusses her "Little Drawings." 760-839-4120. Wednesday, November 5, 2 p.m.; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Guitar Clinic Heavy-metal guitarist George Lynch (Dokken, Lynch Mob) plans clinic. 858-565-8814. Tuesday, November 4, 6 p.m.; Music Power, 7120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Ikebana Series Learn art of ikebana ("fresh flower arrangement") from Rumi Rice, a Sogetsu School teacher. Materials fee: \$30. Classes held each Tuesday in November. Advance registration required. 760-436-3036 x206. Tuesday, November 4, 10 a.m.; \$80-\$100. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Practice Writing German Script And "Learn Basic German Genealogical Vocabulary, Part 2" when Dona Ritchie speaks for German Research Association. 619-276-4660. Saturday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.; LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

OUTDOORS

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday morning, November 2 at 2 a.m. With the resumption of standard time, midday (the time when the sun reaches its maximum altitude in the south part of the sky) will again be close to 12 noon on our clocks, rather than 1 p.m., as before.

Autumn Color in San Diego County's mountains reaches its greatest intensity in late October and early November. The forested heights of Palomar Mountain are especially colorful right now. Black oaks on Palomar's rolling uplands will be exhibiting bright yellow and brown hues for the next few weeks.

OUT & ABOUT

CONSIDER CATHER — SAN DIEGO GREAT BOOKS Saturday, November 1, San Diego Public Library.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Cuyamaca Reservoir, although hard hit by the 2003 Cedar Fire, remains a worthwhile leaf-peeping destination. The shimmering leaves of the Lombardy poplar, an Italian import that has taken root at the south end of the lake, delight the eye with their golden radiance.

Halloween Evening (Friday, October 31) features a lovely pairing of the waxing crescent moon and the planet Venus. Look low in the southwestern sky to spot lantern-like Venus, and a thin sliver of crescent moon a few degrees below it. Jupiter, another lanternlike (but dimmer) planet lies much higher and to the left of Venus. On Monday, November 3, the much thicker crescent moon will appear right next to Jupiter.

The Taurid Meteor Shower, featuring about 10-15 visible events per hour (as seen under clear, dark skies) peaks this year around Monday and Tuesday, November 3 or 4. Best times for

viewing are approximately 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., after the moon has set. Individual meteors belonging to this shower are relatively slow-moving (they're caused by particles burning up when colliding with the earth's atmosphere at a mere 18 miles per second). All Taurids seem to radiate from a fixed point in the direction of the constellation of Taurus, hence their name.

"Beat the Heat Mystery Walk" Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads early-morning, fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, October 31, 6:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Ghosts of Silverwood" See evidence of occupants from centuries past during guided hikes (10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m.) hosted by Audubon Society during open vis-

itation day. 619-682-7200. Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Balboa Park Architectural Tours San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours highlighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935 International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Birding at Batiquitos Explore Batiquitos Lagoon for birds with Barbara Moore of Audubon Society. 858-755-7133. Saturday, November 1, 8 a.m.; Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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

Sunday, November 2, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Guided Nature Walk Meet at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance. 858-581-9944. Bring binoculars, drinking water. Saturday, November 1, 9:30 a.m.; Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

History Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Seek Autumn Blooms Guided nature walks on offer. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 1, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, November 5, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Connmigo Bilingual nature walk led by Spanish-speaking interpretive guide. Walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and nature center. 619-409-5900. Sunday, November 2, 1 p.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

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Chiquita...Pero Picos Comedy with actors Verónica Castro, Macaria, and Fernando Ciangherotti. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, November 4, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 5, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; \$35-\$45. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Mrs. President Gonzalo Vega and his daughter Marimar return in this comedy with Amara Villafuerte, Gastón Padilla, and Sergio Márquez. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Argentine-Venezuelan Singer and Songwriter

Pop music concert by Ricardo Montaner. 011-52-664-681-2735. Friday, October 31, 9 p.m.; Saturday, November 1, 9 p.m.; \$165-\$185. Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

Bullfights Matadors Eloy Cavazos, Alejandro Amaya, and Rodrigo Santos meet up with bulls from Montecristo and Santoyo in Calafia Bullring. 011-52-686-558-1600. Sunday, November 2, 4 p.m.; Plaza Calafia. (BAJA)

La Factoría, Pee Wee, and Eddy Lover

Enjoy the show. 011-52-664-633-4000. Friday, October 31, 6 p.m.; \$10-\$25. Campo Nuevo Ensenada, Avenida Diamante and Pedro Loyola. (BAJA)

Raztlan Festival

Enjoy music by Max Romeo and U Roy (Jamaica), Gomba Jahbari (Puerto Rico), Alike (Argentina), Antidoping (Mexico City), Somos Uno (Mexico), Blackstars (Jamaica), and Digital Dubs (Brazil). 011-52-664-300-0783. Saturday, November 1, 2 p.m.; \$22-\$28. Caliente Race Track, on Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

Romantic Music

Carlos Cuevas in concert benefiting Mental Health Hospital Tijuana. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, October 31, 8 p.m.; \$50-\$60. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

UnScene Photography Tour

The UnScene Photography Tour and W San Diego search “for San Diego’s hottest emerging talent behind the lens and ‘unscene’ images of the city” during contest. Contestants submit portfolio containing up to 20 photos and \$15 entry fee by Saturday, November 1.

W San Diego hosts showcase of the five local finalists’ best shots, live music on Thursday, November 20. 619-398-3100. Thursday, November 20, 6 p.m.; ages 21 and up. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

“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 hand-made paper dresses, holding hands around a table stacked with sugar skulls, candles, flowers, *milagros*, antique religious items. 858-794-9016. Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday,

November 2, SoLo, 309 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Tastemakers’ Ball

San Diego Reader and Valley View Casino present Tastemakers’ Ball 2008. Savor the bounty of delectable foods and exotic drinks from the premier tastemakers of San Diego. Go to <http://www.tastemakersballs.com> for more info and to buy tickets! Saturday, November 1, 5 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Ages 21 and up. Sheraton San Diego Hotel and

Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

“Bonita Holidays”


Sweetwater Women’s Club hosts annual home tour (Saturday) and craft show including home decor, gifts, farmers’ market (Saturday and Sunday). 619-427-0448. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m.; \$10. Sweetwater Women’s Club, 3855 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

“Liberty Station for Education Day”

High Tech High Village Schools benefit from second annual fundraiser, with Taste of Liberty Station (1-2:30, 4:30-6 p.m.), live entertainment provided by students at HTH schools with musical and variety performances throughout afternoon. “Family pack” admission: \$35. 619-865-2714 or 619-855-6665. Wednesday, November 5, 1 p.m.; \$8-\$15. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

“Muerte de Todos Ofrenda de Participación (Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering)”

Eloy Tarcisio’s 14th annual Día de los Muertos installation opens with community reception; participate by bringing objects (such as photographs, mementos, flowers) in memory of loved ones. Reception includes paper flower-making, art projects for children, refreshments including *pan dulce*, Mexican hot chocolate. Installation closes Friday, Novem-



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"Stress Relief for Troubled Times" Elaine Masters, registered yoga teacher and author of *Drive-time Yoga Book* and CDs, teaches a "do anywhere" yoga class featuring simple chair and standing poses, plus breathing techniques to reduce stress. Wear comfortable clothes. No mat needed. 858-755-1404. Saturday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.; Solana Beach Library, 157 Stevens Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Through Different Eyes" Wander the reserve, discover artists capturing its landscape on canvas during the Plein Air Art



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"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; through Saturday, November 1, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"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. Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.; Friday, October 31, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Target center, 8235 Mira Mesa Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

53rd Massing of the Colors Military Order of the World Wars hosts events including "Service of Remembrance" to honor those who are serving our country. 760-494-0709. Saturday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.; Spreckels Organ Pavil-

ion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Auction Museum hosts live estate auction of fine arts, Asian arts, and furniture from estate of Doris Groves, Saturday, November 1, 4-6 p.m. Previews 10 a.m.-4 p.m. October 30, 31, November 1. All items include an appraisal. Groves was integral to the growth of Oceanside Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 760-435-3720. Thursday, October 30, 10 a.m.; Friday, October 31, 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Ask the Horticulturist Tour Enjoy informative walk through garden with a member of the professional horticultural staff. Bring questions. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Sunday, November 2, 1:30 p.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Baking Boot Camp Cindy Mushet — author of *Art and Soul of Baking* — focuses on many important techniques in baking, why they work, and how to avoid problems (as well as how to fix them), plus five tips to improve your baking. Menu includes sponge cake, chocolate toffee scones, classic apple pie, more. Registration: 760-635-1319. Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.; \$69. Ages 18 and up. Sur la Table, 1905 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

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

Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Carlsbad Village Faire Over 850 vendors offering arts and crafts, antiques, clothing, food, more, in downtown area. 760-945-9288. Sunday, November 2, 8 a.m.; Carlsbad. (CARLSBAD)

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

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. Friday, October 31, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturday, November 1, 7 p.m.; \$5. Julian Pioneer Cemetery, Farmer's Road. (JULIAN)

Celebrate Día de los Muertos Day of the Dead celebration featuring altars created by local artists (free viewing), crafts for families, sale of Day of the Dead-themed collectibles. 619-239-2001. Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m.; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Check-In Time at Haunted Hotel Experience adrenaline-pumping scares in doll room, slaughterhouse, and run from Punk Zombie Clowns. 619-696-SCARE. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 p.m.; through Saturday, November 1, \$14. Ages 10 and up. Haunted Hotel, 424 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Consider Cather Discuss Willa Cather's *Death Comes for the Archbishop* with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, November 1, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Does Your Vote Count? Answer the question with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Don't Be Caught Dead! Dos Equis XX Monster Bash, outdoor block party on Island Street (between Sixth and Eighth Avenues) and Seventh Avenue (between J and Market Streets). Costume contests, entertainment, food and beverage, live music. 619-233-5008. Friday, October 31, 6 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Ages 21 and up. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Día de los Muertos Residents, local artists display altars with Day of the Dead *ofrendas* (offerings), on view October 29-November 2. Nontraditional artist-designed altars on display at Villa Montezuma Museum and in front of historic homes. Walking tours on Saturday and Sunday, at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., from Villa Montezuma (donation suggested). Aztec dancers each day. 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. Thursday, October 30, 8 a.m.; Friday, October 31, 8 a.m.; Saturday, November 1, 8 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.; Sherman Heights Community Center, 2258 Island Avenue. (GOLDEN HILL)

Día de los Muertos Celebration Casa Familiar sponsors an altar walk throughout San Ysidro; stop for a map of the walking tour route, *pan de muerto*, chocolate, live music and dance. Also on display: exhibition with work by over 20 local artists. 619-428-1115. Saturday, November 1, 2 p.m.; Casa Familiar, 212 West Park Avenue. (SAN YSIDRO)

Embark on a Special Journey San Diego Bay is site for "companion sailing" with privateer *Lynx* and revenue cutter *Californian*. Spend an afternoon sailing on tall ships as they were sailed in the 1800s. The *Lynx* will be open for dockside tours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations: 619-234-9153. Saturday, November 1, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 2, 12:30 p.m.; \$23-\$42. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Halloween Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash, costumed dog (costume optional) to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Costume contest with prizes for scariest, cutest, and most original dog costumes. Pictures on offer (\$5). Donation. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, October 31, 6 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Haunted (Gingerbread) House Kids and parents will start with a preassembled gingerbread house, then work together to decorate it "in the most fiendish way imagin-

OUT & ABOUT

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able." Participants learn easy piping techniques, paint the house with ghoulish black frosting, finish with seasonal candies. 760-635-1319. Friday, October 31, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; \$45. Ages 4 and up. Sur la Table, 1905 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

House of Scotland Ethnic dancing, music, and costumes showcased during lawn program at International Cottages. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, November 2, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Lunch and Musical Program Event hosted by Associated Arts to provide scholarships for "worthy students in the arts." Reservations by October 29: 619-582-0358. Monday, November 3, 11:30 a.m.; \$8. San Diego Women's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Miniature Book Exhibition Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit books "not more than three inches in size" through Wednesday, November 26. This "is the smallest branch of the San Diego Public Library, so this is a fitting

exhibit for" the location. 619-533-3974. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.; Fridays, 12:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; Mondays, 12:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.; through Wednesday, November 26, Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Native Plant Sale Earth Discovery Institute hosts native plant sale to benefit education and restoration programs. Most plants are \$7.50 or three for \$20. 619-437-7989. Saturday, November 1, 8 a.m.; Crestridge Ecological Reserve, 1171 Horsemill Road. (EL CAJON)

Notice the Chocolate and Caramel Finish... Halloween wine and candy pairing, with "a few select wines from our collection" matched with traditional Halloween candies. Costumes welcome but not necessary. 760-757-1037. Friday, October 31, 6 p.m.; \$15. Ages 21 and up. Vine to Glass, 210-A North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Renaissance Faire Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, accom-

panied by entertainers, food vendors, merchants, and Renaissance reenactors, gather for eighth annual festival. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Weekend passes available. 805-496-6036. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m.; \$7-\$15. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

Sunday, Crafty Sunday North Park Craft Mafia's next show celebrates Día de los Muertos with vendors who embrace the art and culture of the holiday. Make your own altar, and see group altar installation piece. 619-521-0533. Sunday, November 2, 2 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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. 619-696-SCARE. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.; through Satur-

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Tower After Hours Celebrate Portugal through dance, art, cuisine. Authentic food and drink served. Families, children welcome. Reservations: 619-239-2001. Thursday, October 30, 6 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

Buffalo Alley 10K Run Course begins in 53 Area of Camp Horno, winds up into the hills of Camp Pendleton. Civilians welcome. Two-hour time limit on completion of course. 760-725-6289. Saturday, November 1, 8:30 a.m.; Camp Pendleton, Harbor Drive at I-5. (OCEANSIDE)

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Elfin Forest Bicycle Ride San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 70-mile ride “all over North County.” 858-277-7499. Sunday, November 2, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Greater San Diego Hunter Jumper Association Finals 760-533-5278. Thursday, October 30, 8 a.m.; Friday, October 31, 8 a.m.; Saturday, November 1, 8 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Komen San Diego Race for the Cure This 5k run/walk starts at Sixth Avenue and Quince Street. 760-692-2900. Sunday, November 2, 8 a.m.; \$18-\$33. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

NSSA Open Season Surfing competition at Oceanside Harbor's south jetty. Free for spectators. 714-378-0899. Saturday, November 1, 7 a.m.; Sunday, November 2, 7 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Running Clinics in the Park This “laid-back” series of educational clinics is hosted by exercise physiologist, coach Dr. Jason Karp for runners of all abilities. Topics include “Running Secrets to Make You Faster,” “Top 10 Strategies for Successfully Completing Your First Marathon,” “Using Tempo Runs to Improve Your Endurance,” “Optimal Nutrition for Distance Runners” presented by sports nutritionist Kim Mueller, “Doing Workouts at the Correct Speeds,” and “Five Lessons From Physiol-

ogy and How They Can Make You a Faster Runner.” Classes begin in Morley Field, at picnic tables near baseball fields. 619-546-8386. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.; through Wednesday, November 19, Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center Interactive living museum devoted

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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art “Public Eye: A Focus on Community Art,” on display through mid-November, provides look at “the variety of pieces, some commissioned, which have been on display in our community.” Exhibit boasts “colorful and imagi-

native” models, photographs, and sculptured pieces, including a decorative bench from 2003 Benchmark project, information on some of Coronado's 38 pieces of public art, much more.

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

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego Glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Leg-

end, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. 413 Market Street, 619-237-1492. (DOWNTOWN)

Heritage of the Americas Museum More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library Museum and library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kinyery family on exhibit. 2116 Tavern Road, 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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LOCAL EVENTS

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

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

La Mesa Depot Museum Located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street, 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

Museum of Making Music What is slide? Why is it so hard to play? “The Magic and Mystery of

Slide Guitar” — continuing through March — captures “essence and emotion evoked by slide guitar and slide technique.” Display includes nearly 70 rare and historic instruments, from early 1920s to present.

“Gretsch 125th Anniversary” highlights instruments spanning the company’s rich history. Through Friday, February 20.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Guided tours every Saturday, 2:30 p.m. 5790 Armada Drive, 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

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

Olaf Wieghorst Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists’ American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst’s painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. 131 Rea Avenue, 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western

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

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum Museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum “The Art of Robert Bateman,” opening Saturday, November 1, showcases work by “one of the world’s premier wildlife artists.” Exhibit reflects his commitment to ecology, preservation. Through January.

“Water: H₂O=Life” explores culture, history, and future of water. Exhibit includes hands-on activities, live animals, “captivating imagery.” Through November.

“Aerial Portraits of the American West: Photographs by John Shelton” closes on Sunday, March 1. Shelton is author of *Geology Illustrated*.

In the Ordovery Gallery, “Autumn” showcases works of color and beauty by fine-art photographer Abe Ordovery, as well as images by Brent McCullough, Charles Cramer, Annaliese Casarino, Alison Shaw, William Neill,

Elizabeth Carmel, Lisa Jordan, Dick Daniels, Bruce Heinemann, Bill Evarts, and Christopher Burkett. Closes Sunday, November 9.

Also on view: “Fossil Mysteries,” a permanent exhibition. From dinosaurs to mastodons, discover the rich fossil history of our region. Current “giant-screen films” are *Ocean Oasis* and *Planet Earth: Fresh Water*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Wells Fargo History Museum Museum features a working agents’ office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House. 2733 San Diego Avenue, 619-238-3929. (OLD TOWN)

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Feisty Type

"The old literacy of words is dying and a new literacy of images is being born."

Photographs and words have been doing their rather stiff box-step dance since the beginning. In the 1840s, Henry Fox Talbot, inventor of the negative-to-positive process, published *The Pencil of Nature*, a collection of photographs accompanied by a text that was both instruction manual and eloquent shout for the new medium. (The camera, he said, could depict "the injuries of time.") Since then, words and pictures have practiced different kinds of dialogue. A magazine caption can bias how we read an image. Catalog essays and museum-wall labels craft a historical or interpretive matrix for an exhibition's contents. The most ambitious engagement of words and photos was the 1941 book *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, where James Agee's rhapsodic prose swooned around Walker Evans's austere images of barefoot-poor sharecroppers in the South. Words have even been part of the photographer's tool kit, from the scrawled locales and messages on vernacular snapshots to the kooky, fragmented narratives Duane Michals grafts directly onto his serial imagery.

A major player in this ongoing dialogue was Nancy Newhall. Born Nancy Lynne in 1908 and trained as a painter, she turned to photography after marrying Beaumont Newhall, the first curator of the Museum of Modern Art's photography division, established in 1940. We're the beneficiaries of her conversion — "When I married Beaumont," she said, "I married photography" — and ample evidence of that is on view in *Nancy Newhall: A Literacy of Images* at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Up until her death in 1974, Newhall distinguished herself as a photographer, proselytizer, writer, and curator. (She subbed for Beaumont at MoMA when he went off to serve in World War II.) She worked closely with some of the enduring artists of the last century, among them Edward Weston, Paul Strand, Minor White, and Ansel Adams. She also helped to craft the concept behind *Aperture*, the most influential publication of inventive photography, founded in 1952 and still going strong — *Aperture's* mission was to experiment with the relationship between powerful images and language.

As a novice photographer, Newhall was mentored by Alfred Stieglitz, who, in his own art and in the work he exhibited at his 291 Gallery in New York, promoted photography as a fine art. She lived in heady times. In the 1930s and 1940s, *Life* and *Look*, those Jurassic prototypes of magazines that wed words to photographs, were read by millions of Americans, and Newhall was keen on

the didactic and political influence the new mass media were wielding. She lived when, in her words, "the old literacy of words is dying and a new literacy of images is being born." Visual literacy was becoming a new and increasingly indispensable "quality" in American life. She was intensely curious about popular art forms and as early as 1940 wrote an essay on the fledgling medium of television.

Newhall was a feisty type, a crossover artist equally at home in Stieglitz's precious precincts of art photography and in the expanding broadband stream of popular art. Long before the word became a new-age commonplace, she promoted what she called a "synergistic" relationship between words and images. Her innovative 1945 book on Paul Strand, *Time in New England*, matched up Strand's brooding, ascetic pictures of New England with texts taken from precolonial diaries, sermons, and other writings.

The exhibition at MoPA is a jewelry box of photographs made by some of the most consequential image-makers of the last century, all connected in some way to Nancy Newhall. She spent many hours listening to Stieglitz, who urged her, in the interest of autobiographical idiosyncrasy, to make her own "equivalents." He had progressed from his early turn-of-the-century efforts to create "painterly" photography to a belief that pictures should be visual equivalents of the photographer's inner life. The exhibition includes a few classic "equivalents," nature studies he made at Lake George in the 1920s and 1930s. But it also includes one of his most famous early images, *The Steerage* (1907), the iconic vision of what Henry James called "the launched populations," the millions who emigrated to America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In Stieglitz's picture, the gangway slanting down through the upper and lower decks of the teeming steerage quarters stretches out to the New World shore like a promise and a dare.

Several of the photographers in the Newhalls' circle, including Nancy and her husband, shared an obsession with architecture both as subject and compositional principle. Beaumont's picture of the Flatiron building, a response in part to Stieglitz's famous picture of the same landmark wedge, pitches diagonally across its space and seems, as skyscrapers sometimes do, to be about to tip over and fall like an axe on our heads. Paul Strand's stark New England image, *The Steeple*, is the Flatiron's country cousin. Nancy shared this passion for the constructed, geometric qualities of buildings. Her moody *Fire Escapes*,



Fire Escape, 1942, Nancy Newhall

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with its snow-dusted zigzag ironworks, has a sober quietude and, like so much of her work, explores the virtually infinite inflections of light falling on

the charred-wood blackness of things.

Nancy Newhall differed from most of her contemporaries by combining the purist, metaphoric

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impulses of Stieglitz, Strand, and Minor White (one of the founding editors of *Aperture*) with a passion for the populist aspects of photography, its fierce eye for the commonplace and familiar, for things that hide in plain sight until the photographer exposes them. She was an advocate not only for Stieglitz, Weston, and Strand, but for Cartier-Bresson and other straight photographers, artists who preferred to catch life on the run. The exhibition has several of Helen Levitt's marvelous, unsettling pictures of New York street kids. Her vision of childhood is not at all the dreamy ideal of innocence that a lot of late-19th-century photography offered up. Her kids, buzzing with worked-up bravado, hanker for the experience of adulthood: they play at it, test it out, but the tougher they try to look, the more tenderly exposed and alarmingly vulnerable they and their fearless grins seem. Newhall also promoted Lisette Model, whose pictures crisscrossed some of her own interests. Model made a series of architectural pictures of "reflections" in which reflected street-side images slide down the sides of the Rockefeller Center and other buildings like a sheer wash or glaze. They make stone and brick seem fragile, provisional. But Model also made a delirious image of a cabaret singer — she looks like the unholy offspring of Janis Joplin and Don King — that explodes with the giddy, out-of-your-skull transport of club music everywhere.

Transport and transformation are key to the enterprise of most of these photographers. Edward Weston, whose voluminous *Daybooks* Newhall edited, was interested in essaying forms; he didn't inquire into subjects as Model and Levitt did but sought a posed musicality in the human face and the nude, in the shapes and textures of vegetables, rocks, trees. Minor White, who worked closely with Newhall for years at *Aperture*, was a mys-

New York, c. 1940, *Helen Levitt*

tical photographer whose practice owed a lot to Stieglitz's equivalents. White made the physicality of the world into a rapture of unreal, fluorescent whites on darks. For him, everything material is a genesis story. His pictures have a slippery mystery, an ethereal otherness, as if he wants to capture the moment when nothingness begins to take shape and become materialized. His photograph of rows of poplars along a road make us feel we're witnessing something coming into being, nature in the process of being born to our vision. ■

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GALLERIES

"Dead On" Opening reception for exhibition of art inspired by Día de los Muertos. Closes Sunday, November 9. 619-521-0676. Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue), 7 p.m., Sunday, November 2. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Wayne Hulin: Recent Drawings and Paintings" Reception for exhibition by mid-career artist Wayne Hulin, whose drawings and paintings may be seen through Sunday, January 4. "Part of Hulin's creative process includes entering a trancelike state during which he metamorphoses into an obsessively focused mark-maker... Particularly impressive are a number of intimately scaled graphite drawings on vellum from the 'Circle Drawing Series.'" 619-238-6627. Pacific Beach Library (4275 Cass Street), 1 p.m., Sunday, November 2. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Day of the Dead Opening reception for show of artwork by Chanel and Christine Penley. This Día de los Muertos celebration includes music by DJ Boddicker, burlesque performance by Mynx D'Meanor, cocktails and edible art by chef Dewey Mahoney. Attend in costume! RSVP: 619-549-0254. Sanctuary Gallery (1700 National Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, November 1. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Día de los Muertos Art Opening Celebrate those who came before in new art by Jackie Dunn Smith, Dominic Vasquez, Micah Caudle, Greg Rojas, Jim Haight, Rob Be-

navides, Nicholas, NES, Sergio Hernandez, Asa Lee Crow IV, and KLAK. 619-238-5713. Flying Panther Tattoo and Gallery (2323 Broadway, Suite 101), 8 p.m., Saturday, November 1. (GOLDEN HILL)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Eloy Tarcisio's 14th annual Día de los Muertos installation "Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación (Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering)" opens with community reception on Saturday, November 1 (6-8 p.m.). Participate by bringing objects (such as photographs, mementos, flowers) in memory of loved ones. Installation closes Friday, November 7.

Also on view: 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 In honor of Mexico's Day of the Dead, museum exhibits a Day of the Dead altar beginning

Singer at the Café Metropole, New York City, *Lisette Model*

Sunday, November 2. Traditional offering to the dead is a collaboration between the museum, Mexican Consulate in San Diego, and Mexican Cultural Institute. Through November 30.

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

"Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work" features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. "Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship." Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4. 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. 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, Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramírez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario



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Robledo, 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)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla “Weighing and Wanting: Selections from the Collection” marks Hugh M. Davies’s 25th anniversary as museum’s David C. Copley Director. Exhibit offers “a personal, idiosyncratic selection of approximately 130 works acquired between 1983 and the present,” including works by John Baldessari, John Currin, Robert Irwin, William Kentridge, Nathan Mabry, Yoshitomo Nara, Martin Puryear, Lorna Simpson, Bill Viola, and Lisa Yuskavage. View this “cross-section of paintings, prints, drawings, video, installation art, and photography” through Sunday, January 4. 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 — 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.

“Nancy Newhall: A Literacy of Images” continues through Sunday, January 25. 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 “DAMNGORGEIOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy” offers “a comprehensive look at his impressive career from the 1920s to the ’80s.” Over 40 works of art, including watercolors, oils, etchings, lithographs, and drawings, provide viewers with introduction to Sheets’s legacy. In the early 1930s, Sheets helped define a movement known as Southern California Regionalism, depicting rural scenes near his home in Claremont, California. Through Sunday, January 4. “Revealing the Divine: Selected Works by Levi J. Casias” offers exhibition 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.”

“Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota,” opening Saturday, November 1, and closing on Sunday, January 4, features work of Japanese textile artist and kimono designer Itchiku Kubota (1917-2003). Kubota used a variety of traditional techniques, unique personal innovations to create abstract landscapes through complex layering of dyes and inks on monumentally scaled kimonos. Exhibition includes Kubota’s dramatic series “Symphony of Light,” presenting a sweeping landscape across 30 kimonos placed side by side, as well as a selection of Kubota’s individual works.

“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. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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Faculty Recital Guitarist Colin McAllister performs in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Thursday, October 30. (LINDA VISTA)

Percussive Percussionist Jonathan Hepfer performs. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, October 30. (LA JOLLA)

Concert Hour Series Palomar Chamber Singers and Palomar Women’s Chorus perform. 760-744-1150 x2316. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, October 30. (SAN MARCOS)

Haunted Hamlish San Diego Symphony, led by Marvin Hamlish and joined by vocalists Anne Runolfsson and Hugh Panaro, presents “spired” winter pops concerts. Enjoy spooky tunes including Hamlish’s own “Halloween Dance,” melodies by John Williams, Rimsky-Korsakov, “and composers dead and undead.” 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1. (DOWNTOWN)

“American Pie” Camarada begins “Gallery Concert Series” with sampling of “all that is good” in American music, including “Summertime” by Gershwin, Appalachian folk songs by Beaser, Simon and Garfunkel pop, and contemporary tunes by Lieberman. Beth Ross-Buckley (flute) and Fred Benedetti (guitar) joined by sopranos Julia Benedetti and Regina Benedetti. Evening begins with wine-and-cheese reception (6:30 p.m.), followed by concert featuring “the world-class collection of Don Young’s classical guitars.” Reception follows. 619-231-3702. Perry L. Meyer Fine Art Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite 104), 6:30 p.m., Saturday, November 1. (LITTLE ITALY)

“The DNA of Music” “Time” provides theme when Steven Schick leads La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in season-opening concerts boasting selections by Bedřich Smetana, Toru Takemitsu, and Johannes Brahms. 858-534-4637. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, November 1, and 3 p.m., Sunday, November 2. (LA JOLLA)

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The Mezzo and the Organist Mezzo-soprano Colette Thomas joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, November 2. (BALBOA PARK)

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Día de los Muertos “Winter Pops” special concert by Mariachi Champaña Nevin, along with soprano Mónica Ábrego, tenor Jorge Lopez-Yañez, and Ballet Folklórico del Desierto. 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 7:30 p.m., Sunday, November 2. (DOWNTOWN)

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Percussion Time UCSD music graduate student and percussionist Ross Karre performs. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 4. (LA JOLLA)

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For the Kids Drummer Garrett Sisti of the punk/psychobilly Wrecking Crew played a three-band gig at the Leucadian on October

admission was lowered to \$5. Arend says more than \$2000 was raised for charity.

"It goes to the Electric Hope Foundation," says Arend. "It helps with music education for kids." Arend admits that he and *No Cover* are helping a lady with a nonprofit background get Electric Hope up and running;

Arend says the \$2000 will eventually be donated to a music program at a local school, but the school and program have not yet been decided.

Bassist Glen Fisher plays in the Latin jazz band Con Alma. He also operates First Friday Club, a nonprofit he founded two and a half years ago that hires musicians to perform and teach at 60 different public schools.

"I've seen groups that keep 90 percent of the money they raise for themselves," says Fisher. "Any money that becomes available for music education for kids is so precious that if it doesn't end up there, it's a fucking shame.... If they implied it was going to the kids and it doesn't, that is vicious."

— Ken Leighton

T-Shirt Guy Before singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson played the Poway Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, October 18, I met Sammy, an L.A. guy selling concert shirts for \$20 apiece in the parking lot.

"They aren't selling them inside, I already asked," said Sammy. "That usually makes it easier to sell.... They usually

only buy when they're leaving and the women have all the juices flowing."

How often does he come to San Diego to sell shirts?

"Not that often. There's a big Samoan crew working all the big shows, so it's difficult.



INTERVIEWED BY A BOOTLEGGERS (KRISTOFFERSON)

And, when I came down for [Bob] Dylan at Qualcomm... I had these beautiful, multi-colored shirts. I only sold 12!"

Does he make the shirts himself?

"I used to. But then I spent my time looking for artwork and photos, buying ink... it was too much running around. It's easier to just buy the shirts now. Sometimes, the shops will mess up, though."

What about the possibility of getting arrested?

"Yeah, I get arrested once

a year. The worst time was when I did Monsters of Rock [concerts] in the '80s, with Van Halen headlining. They grabbed three of us in Denver, and we had a \$5000 bail. We had to fly back to appear in court.

"Bonnie Raitt drove by once and cursed at me out her window. But some stars, like Joe Cocker... he just walked up to my wife and hugged her. Willie Nelson was real nice, too. But when Ted Nugent's security grabbed me, he walked by and said, 'I hate you bootleggers. You're the scum of the earth.'"

As we were talking, Kris Kristofferson pulled up in an SUV. I figured Sammy would take off. Instead, he asked him questions, as did the rest of the small crowd. Kristofferson said he had to get in for the sound check, adding, "We're running late. We almost didn't get here because of the fires."

— Josh Board

Rockongoodpeople

"Even though we felt teaching popular songs for free on YouTube would benefit the original artists, a few labels felt otherwise," says Next Level Guitar cofounder Tim Gilberg in a press release. He and fellow guitar teacher David Taub launched the local company in 2006, uploading guitar-instruction videos to YouTube that feature songs by Boston, Aerosmith, ZZ Top, Kiss, and others.

RIAA members responded with lawsuit threats, and the



INSPIRATION BY SLASH

pair was forced to remove more than 100 videos from their YouTube channel.

"[It was] because of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, a United States copyright law," says Gilberg. "[We] decided to

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17 sponsored by *No Cover* magazine.

"They did it for a good cause," says Sisti, "and nobody could argue with free booze."

According to Morning Riot drummer Josh Arend (who organized the event and whose band played), those who paid \$10 and were there between 8 and 9 p.m. got free vodka drinks. When the free booze ended,



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AREND, UP TO GOOD WORKS

the foundation exists only as a MySpace page and as a one-page website that's "still under construction," says Arend.

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form partnerships with the publishers.... There were no fines levied, so I have no idea what the potential penalty would be. We chose not to fight, even though we could have claimed fair use."

Subsequently, Gilberg secured licensing rights to songs found in the Guitar Hero and Rock Band games. "It costs several thousand dollars to license a song so we can produce a lesson on DVD format," says Gilberg via email. "To simply make a song request costs several hundred dollars. We tried to gain approval for songs by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Green Day, and those were declined, but we still had to pay fees just to process a request."

"We're only licensed to teach the songs on DVD," says Gilberg. "The YouTube lessons no longer have specific copyrighted songs." Next Level Guitar has around 51,000 "Rockongood people" subscribers on YouTube, with many lessons notching up to 30,000 views per month.

Gilberg reports the two most-viewed lessons — "Beginner Slide" and "Velvet Revolver Slash" ("inspired by...but not from a specific song") — have each garnered over 500,000 views so far this year. The instructional DVDs featuring hit songs from Guitar Hero and Rock Band can be purchased at NextLevelGuitar.com.

— Jay Allen Sanford



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DOLAN RELAXES UNWILLINGLY

starting to feel weird, like maybe I had more than just a headache. I was having a hard time feeling my fingers on the fret board, and the audience was getting blurry. No one was saying anything. Maybe it sounded okay and looked okay, even though I felt a kind of lousy I've never experienced before. For my last tune, I gave 'Piece of My

Strange Stage Moments

James Brady/New Day Mile: "During my teens in New Jersey, I attended a Sunday Bible study every week. The woman running it asked if my band would like to play at the youth-group meeting at her church. We were a metal band, so we were a little shocked at the request, but we were happy to get our first gig. It turns out we were opening for a slide show that depicted our kind of music as the type that leads to violence and suicide."

Mary Dolan: "I was booked for a performance at an AA convention in Las Vegas. I got there with about a half hour to spare. I had a raging headache from the desert drive, the air conditioning, and the tension of bad traffic, so I asked a friend for some aspirin. She didn't have any, but she asked her sister and she had a bottle of Advil in her purse. So I took two.

"I'm on stage and I'm

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Heart' whatever I had left. I cut it short, and then I started to dry-heave as I was getting off stage.

"My friend and her sister came running up to me as I was telling them that I was really very sick. My friend's sister had tears streaming down her face, and she was saying, 'I'm sorry, I'm sorry.' What? Huh? I thought. Then my friend told me that her sister had accidentally given me her disguised muscle relaxants. I was loaded at the AA convention."

Ed Been/ Y3K: "One night at the Blue Haven in Chula Vista, there was a heavyset woman in a dress that insisted on doing handstands. Much to our horror, she was not wearing underwear at the time."

— Bart Mendoza

Gems from recent posts on the San Diego Musicians page at craigslist:

"Female Vocalist: I love to sing [but] I don't have a way to do it without irritating the neighbors of my apartment complex...maybe a band?"

"Free Demo Reviews: I'll write that your great even if you suck...I can't get you a record deal but I want free demos."

"Old farts band (Chula Vista) looking for other moldy oldies just like me in their 60s...[I] want to jam



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OBAMA LIKES HIP-HOP?

with other geriatric rockers."

"Drummer available...must be punk. I [sic] not very good yet."

"Political Hip-Hop... Obama would like us if Obama liked hip-hop. Which he does.... He's lying about that."

"Band plays for beer...or [for] \$50 but you better twist us some doobage."

"For U2 and Springsteen fans...you have shitty taste in

music."

"Top secret tribute band...starting blink 182 tribute...if you steal this idea, I'll sue you."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Get It? Twenty-nine years ago this week (11/4/79), the Knack played downtown's Fox Theatre, a show that sold out in just a few hours. The band opened with the first three songs from their newly released album *Get the Knack*, which many critics compared favorably to the Beatles.

During the concert, detractors in the audience unfurled a large banner reading "Knuke the Knack" and "Get off your ego trip, the Knack suck." The show continued and the banner eventually vanished; both the *San Diego Union* and *Kicks* magazine mentioned it in their respective reviews.

Few Knack biographies note that the band debuted *Get the Knack* at a San Diego venue. In February 1979, two months before its release, the Knack played the entire album for a Capitol Records

showcase at the Catamaran near Mission Beach. Based on advance buzz, the Catamaran sold out, prompting the venue to host other prerelease live-album performances by then-unknowns such as the Motels and the Pop.

By November 1979, the Catamaran was presenting themed concert events such as a "San Diego New Wave Showcase" (which included



EGO TRIPPERS? (KNACK MEMBERS)

locals the Penetrators and the Crawdaddys) and "L.A.'s Best Rock Night," which featured both X and the Go-Go's in their pre-album days.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Thursday 30

Let's kick it off with the club date of the week, shall we? DC's favorite son, **Ted Leo** and his

Pharmacists, fill your punk-pop prescription at Casbah.



TED LEO & THE PHARMACISTS AT CASBAH

For a decade Leo's trio has served up one of the most consistent punk-n-roll catalogs, starting with 2001's *Tyranny of Distance* through last year's *Living with the Living*. But unwrap *Hearts of Oak* (2003) for the band's high-water mark, particularly their signature single "Where Have All the Rude Boys Gone?" Leo fuels fires with his grind-out guitar tones and finger play, a rock-solid rhythm section, intelligent sociopolitical lyric sheets, and hard-rock croon. The guy pulls syllables like taffy. With Jersey noise-pop peeps **Titus Andronicus**, whose debut *The Airing of Grievances* made the sextet *Pitchfork's* flavor of the month with a "best new music" 8.5 share.... Else: Nawlins' live killers **Cowboy Mouth** open wide at Belly Up. The 20-year-old party band is out to tout new disc *Fearless*. Memphis trio **Ingram Hill** sets the Solana Beach stage.... Bar Pink takes out the indie-rock Eurotrash with Francophiles **13th Hole**. Local up-and-comers **Pleasure Device** split the bill.... And Canes stages a "Rock Obama" showcase, featuring desert digi act **Gram Rabbit**, with **Rising Sound**, **Minor Keys**, and **Maldroid**.

Friday 31

Big sack o' spook rock this Halloween night. Too much to tally, so here's a sampler: **Night Marchers**, **Wild Weekend**, **Black Hondo**, and a "super-duper special guest" appear at Casbah...91X hauls **Jack's Mannequin** into House of Blues' "Halloween Massive" event...**Creepy Creeps**, **Nightmares**, and the **Mistits** (yup, you read it right) will be at Bar

Pink...**Kill Me Tomorrow** and **Pant Hoots** haunt Whistle Stop...**Deadbolt** does Ken Club with the **Postals** and **Braaiins!!**...**Buddy Akai's** at Beauty Bar...Ché Café cooks up some **Cattle Decapitation** with a side of **Bumbklaat**...Fee Waybill and his SanFran dance-pop band the **Tubes** roll into Anthology...**Jason Mraz** plays his apartment pop at SDSU's Open Air...and "Feel the Noise," U-31's got a good'n, with local carry rockers **Silent Comedy** and DJs **Gabe Vega** and **Saul Q**. Recommend you stick Silent Comedy's s/t EP in yer ears, it props their chops and earned the quintet SDMA's "Best New Artist" award.

Saturday 1

UK goth-punks the **Damned** still walk the earth. After 30 years, vocalist Dave Vanian and guit guy Captain Sensible have kept the name alive and this week released the band's tenth studio set, *So, Who's Paranoid?* a garage-y collection that recalls 1979 Damned staple *Machine Gun Etiquette*. They'll hit House of Blues Saturday night with regrouped SoCal hardcores the **Adolescents**.... Texas space-rock trio the **Secret Machines** deliver their hot-off-the-presses eponymous third to Belly Up, but



SILENT COMEDY AT U-31

This Week In Music



it's indie artist Murray Lightburn and his Canadian crew the **Dears** that fill this bill. Last week the

THE DAMNED AT HOUSE OF BLUES

orch-pop act released their fourth, *Missiles*, but bend an ear to the Dears' '06 crit-pick *Gang of Losers*.... A load of lo-fi psych-pop at Ché Café Saturday night, with Brooklyn bands **caUSE co-MOTION** and **Crystal Stilts** and local duo **Christmas Island**.... Brit-pop soul samplers the **Heavy** weigh in at Casbah with L.A. trip-hopper **Kenan Bell**.... Radio Room dials in surf-rock psych-outs **Monsters from Mars**.... And SanDago power poppers **Buckfast Superbee** join ...**Students** at Epicentre.

Sunday 2

"Show me I'm wrong..." Local rock-roll quartet **Autotonic** plays an afternoon set at Bar Pink's Swami's Sunday Mass. Let us play.... Casbah books the Revival Tour, featuring popular songsmiths **Chuck Ragan** (Hot Water Music), **Tom Gabel** (Against Me!), **Ben Nichols** (Lucero), and **Tim Barry** (Avail).... Big bill at Belly Up Sunday night has hepcat harpman **James Harman** blowin' blue notes for **Ben Hernandez's** Bon Voyage Party with **Nathan James**, **Sonny Leyland**, the **Freemonts**, and **Blue Largo**.... While hard-rockin' Bible-belt band **Maylene and the Sons of Disaster** take down Soma with catchy Christian metal. Chino screamos **A Static Lullaby** also on that bill.

Monday 3

Casbah's Anti-Monday team throws a "Get Out and Vote Pre-Party" with local pop-rock acts **Roman Spring** and **Bedford Grove**.... SanFran experimental band **Tartufi** plays Bar Pink Monday night. Check 'em out on UCSD's KSDT radio show earlier on.... And Portland thrashers **White Fang** lope into Ché Café behind **Thanksgiving** and the **Endless Bummer**.

Tuesday 4

The mighty **Madonna** gets all material and shit at Petco Park on Super Tuesday. Could be the material girl will be the first to tell you who your new prez is. Weird. Not as weird as the 50-year-old pinup's latest, *Hard Candy*. Ouch.... **Magnetic Morning** (formerly the Setting Suns and featuring dudes from Swervedriver and Interpol) plays Casbah. Local Album Leaffer **Jimmy LaValle's**



MADONNA AT PETCO PARK

Wednesday's got pop-rock's **Billy Midnight** and **Sayvinyl**.

Wednesday 5

Asheville's odd instrumentalists **Toubab Krewe** combine Mali music with American funk rock. The jambalaya jam band will join local funky duo **On the One** up at Belly Up.... Ohio emos **Hawthorne Heights** hit Soma Wednesday night. Their third for Victory Records, *Fragile Future*, pretty much tells it all. Your nieces and nephews love this shit, making the quartet *Billboard* bombs.... Flagstaff dark-pop act the **Skyrider Band** join **Sole** and **Thavius Beck** at Casbah.... Live Wednesdays at U-31 bills the **Spinto Band**, **Dynamite Walls**, and hot-shit Scottish trio **Frightened Rabbit**. Check out the Rabbits' Fat Cat sophomore set *The Midnight Organ Fight*. *Kill the wabbit, kill the wabbit*....

— E. Fudd, Barnaby Monk

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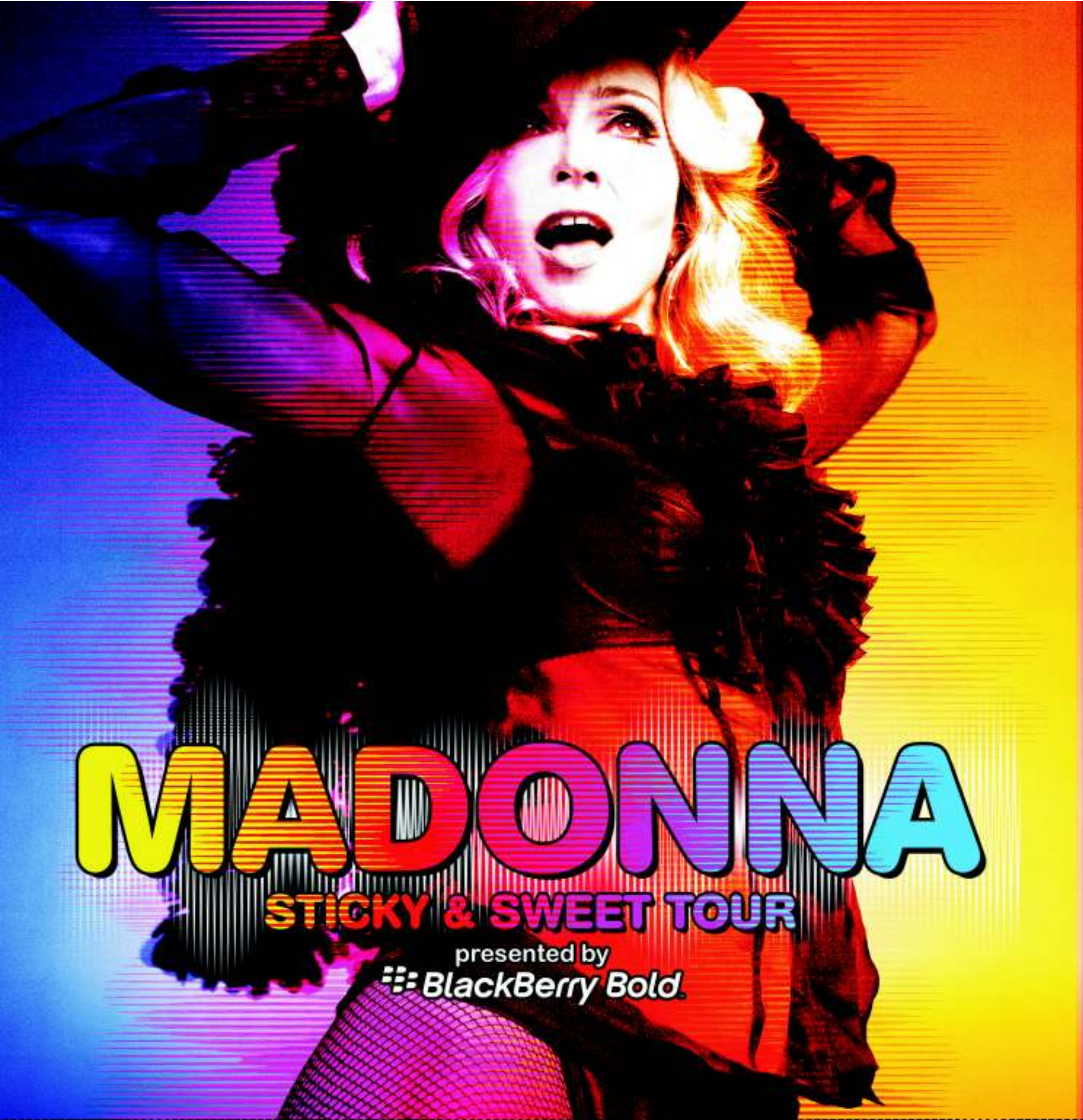
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Saturday — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. With the Kyle Van Band and Pushin Rope.
Monday, 8 p.m. — The Let Up. Indie/rock/pop.

Acoustic/MusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Dave Alvin. Roots/Americana singer-songwriter. \$22.

The Alley: 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-1173.
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Hawthorne Heights, November 5, *Soma*

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Amel Larrieux. Jazz. \$27-\$29.
Saturday, 10 p.m. — Haute Chile. Covers/standards. \$15.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Nathan James & Ben Hernandez. Roots/acoustic/blues duo. \$12.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Billy Midnight and Eve Selis. Acoustic/country/pop. \$12.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.
Sunday, 3 p.m. — Autotonic. Rock.

Beach Grass Café — Encinitas: 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-942-2741.
Thursday, 6 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Cowboy Mouth. With Ingram Hill. Southern rock/pop. \$16-\$18.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Halloween Heat. With '80s Heat and Metro. \$25.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Secret

Machines. With the Dears. Psychedelic/indie/rock. \$20-\$22.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Black Seven and the Lost. Punk/rock.
Tuesday, 10 p.m. — Radiostar. Eighties new-wave rock.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
Thursday — Outta-Control and Free Minds. Hip-hop/rap.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — The Vincent Black Shadow. With Nim Vind. Psychedelic/punk. \$10.

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.
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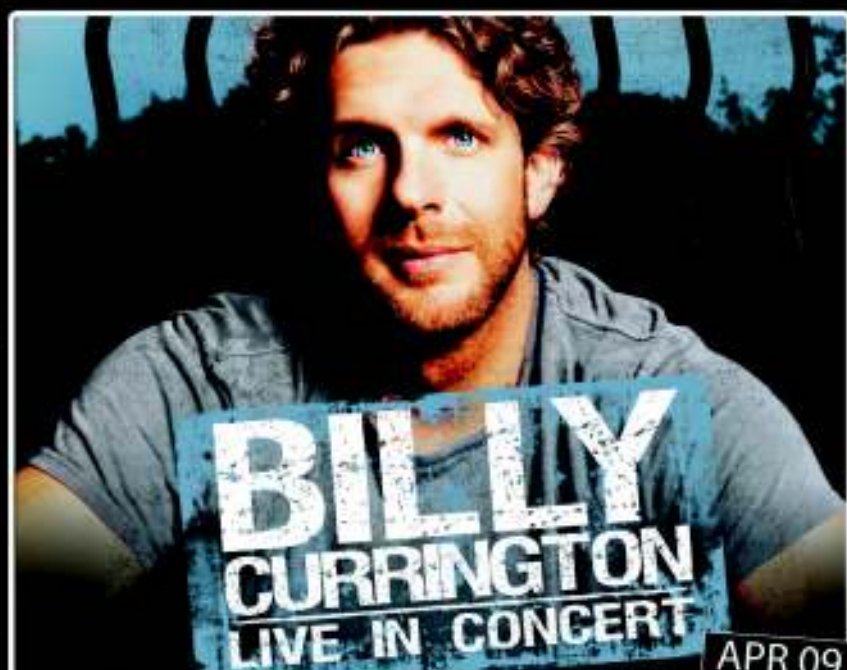
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Carlsbad Village Theatre: 2808 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-434-5944. *Saturday*, 5:30 p.m. — The Keli Ross-Ma'u Band. Caribbean-style band. \$20-\$22.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Baytown Band. Funk/pop/rock.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355. *Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — Ted Leo & Pharmacists. With Titus Andronicus. Punk/rock/pop. \$12-\$14. *Friday*, 8:30 p.m. — Wild Weekend and Black Hondo. Garage/rock/pop. \$18. *Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Heavy and Kenan Bell. Alternative/hip-hop. \$12-\$14. *Sunday*, 8:30 p.m. — Chuck Ragan, Tom Gabel, Ben Nichols, Tim Barry. Acoustic/folk/rock. \$16. *Tuesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Magnetic Morning and Drew Andrews. Indie

rock. *Wednesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Sole & the Sky rider Band. Hip-hop/electro/rock. \$10-\$12.

Channel Twelve 25: 172 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-1225. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Counter Launch. CD-release show with Blue in the Face and Save Amos. Acoustic/blues/rock. \$10.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-2311. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Cattle Decapitation. With Bumbklaat, Ritual Torture, Ivebeen shot, and Shoot 'em in the Head. Metal/hardcore. \$10.

Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. *Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Rise Against, the Alkaline Trio, Thrive. With the Gaslight Anthem. Punk/rock.

Croce's: 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Pocket. Soul/funk/jazz. \$5.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — The ESP Quintet. Jazz. \$10. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Quartet Equinox. Flamenco/jazz. \$15. *Wednesday*, 7 p.m. — The Latin Connection. Latin jazz and original compositions. \$7-\$10.

Downtown Café: 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Acoustic Evenings. With guests.

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

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

At Santogold a couple of weeks ago I met a traveling salesman. He was roughly my age, 50-ish. He confided to my girlfriend that he preferred new rock rather than classic rock. He said that he exposed his teenage children to the hottest, newest sounds, not vice versa. He bought us a round of drinks.

Later, I pondered the situation. As the post-hipsters among us approach our golden years, is listening with young ears just another form of midlife crisis? Is it disingenuous to favor current pop culture over the stuff of one's formative years? For the record, I am old enough to have actually seen that original Beatles performance on the Ed

Sullivan television show. As a child of the fabled '60s, it's in my cerebral cortex, all that peace-and-love and angst and music, and I can still get misty-eyed by the end of the Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again." I'm a jaded specimen, and if I could go back and do the '60s again, when pop culture was fresh and new and not so commercial, I probably would. So why do I like bands like **Alkaline Trio**?

A volatile power-punk group from Chicago known for clever hit songs and youthful excess, Alkaline Trio is a progenitor of '90s acts such as blink-182. I'm a fan of Alkaline Trio because they celebrate one of the basic building blocks of rock and roll: the power chord. Their tunes are built from bleeding wounds of guitar sounds overlaid with sunny melodies and smart, bleak lyrics that are smarter and bleaker, I think, than those of my own generation (if you



ALKALINE TRIO

count out such geniuses as Bob Dylan or Tim Buckley). As I grow older, Alkaline Trio reminds me of what it was like to be young.

Rise Against and **Thrice** also perform.

ALKALINE TRIO, Cox Arena, Thursday, October 30, 6 p.m. 619-594-6947. \$29.50 and \$32.50.

Thursdays — Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk.

Gaslamp Quarter: , Downtown. *Friday*, 6 p.m. — Monster Bash. Halloween block party with the Disco Pimps, the Trips, and Electric Valentine. \$20-\$25.

Hard Rock Café: 801 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-615-ROCK. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — Venus D Lite. Madonna impersonator hosts a Madonna look-alike contest. Winner will receive two free tickets to the Madonna concert at Petco Park. \$5-\$8.

Hennessey's Tavern - PB: 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific

Beach, 858-483-8847. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Zone 4. Heavy metal. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Willie. Acoustic.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church: 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0365. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Liz Carroll and Daithi Sproule. Traditional Irish music. \$25.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Apocalyptica. Rock/metal band from Finland. \$12-\$22. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.

Friday, 4 p.m. — Jack's Mannequin. Rock/pop. *Saturday*, noon — The Paul Green School of Rock. Covers/standards/rock. \$20. *Saturday*, 7 p.m. — The Damned. With the Adolescents. Rock/punk. \$25. *Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Cobra Starship. With Forever the Sickest Kids, Hit the Lights, and Sing It Loud. Pop/rock/electro. \$12. *Monday*, 7 p.m. — Maxwell. With Jazmine Sullivan. R&B/soul. \$77-\$147. *Wednesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Ingrid Michaelson. With Newton Faulkner and David Ford. \$15.

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. *Mondays* — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. *Friday* — Deadbolt and the Postals. Rock/psychobilly. *Saturday* — Desert Diamonds and the Good Lords. Rock/indie.

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Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
Friday, 7 p.m. — The Jones Revival. Classic rock.
Friday, 4 p.m. — The Fabulous Pelicans. Covers/standards.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards.
Saturday, 4 p.m. — Street Heart. Classic rock.

Main Tap Tavern: 518 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-749-6333.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.
Fridays, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country.

The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-1882.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Point Blank. Hip-hop/rap. \$5.

O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Ricksha. Indie rock.
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Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Bill Cardinal, Skirt Alert, Ryan Blue. Country/punk/swing.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.
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Wednesday, 9 p.m. — The Unit Breed and Tygers of Wrath. Psychedelic/indie/rock.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

If a band is going to release a self-titled album, it's usually the band's debut. If it's the band's third album, it's a sign that the band is trying to reinvent itself. **Secret Machines** did just that this year with their third album, which was also the first since guitarist-vocalist Ben Curtis left and was replaced by **Phil Karnats**. That's not an insignificant change for a three-piece, especially considering that Curtis's brother, bassist-vocalist Brandon Curtis, is still in the band. It's also the first album on the band's own TSM label imprint after they parted ways with the major label Reprise. So there's a whole lot of reinvention going on here behind

the scenes.

The music itself, however, is the same mix of Zeppelin, Floyd, kraut rock, and indie that we've come to expect. The songs are maybe a little more tightly structured than they used to be, but the songs aren't as important here as the sounds. Secret Machines always proudly described their style as "space rock," and they can certainly come up with some unearthly racket. On the new album, the guitars are twisted and tweaked through so many electronic effects that it's hard to tell them from the synths. And **Josh Garza**'s drums sound like John Bonham smashing planets in half.

But that's just the studio version, and Secret Machines is a band that makes a lot more sense on stage. I don't know why that is. It's not just the visuals (the stage set,



SECRET MACHINES

from the pictures I've seen, looks amazing on this tour). I guess space rock just needs the kind of space that only a live setting can provide.

SECRET MACHINES, Belly Up, Saturday, November 1, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$20 advance; \$22 door.

more info and to buy tickets! \$30-\$40. Ages 21 and up.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.

Friday, 7 p.m. — All Time Low and Mayday Parade. With the Maine and Everyday Avenue. Pop/punk/rock. \$16.
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — Suicide

Silence and Emmure. With Beneath the Massacre, After the Burial, and Architects. Metal/hardcore. \$15.
Sunday, 6 p.m. — Maylene & the Sons of Disaster. With a Static Lullaby, Showbread, and more. Rock/metal/hardcore. \$12.
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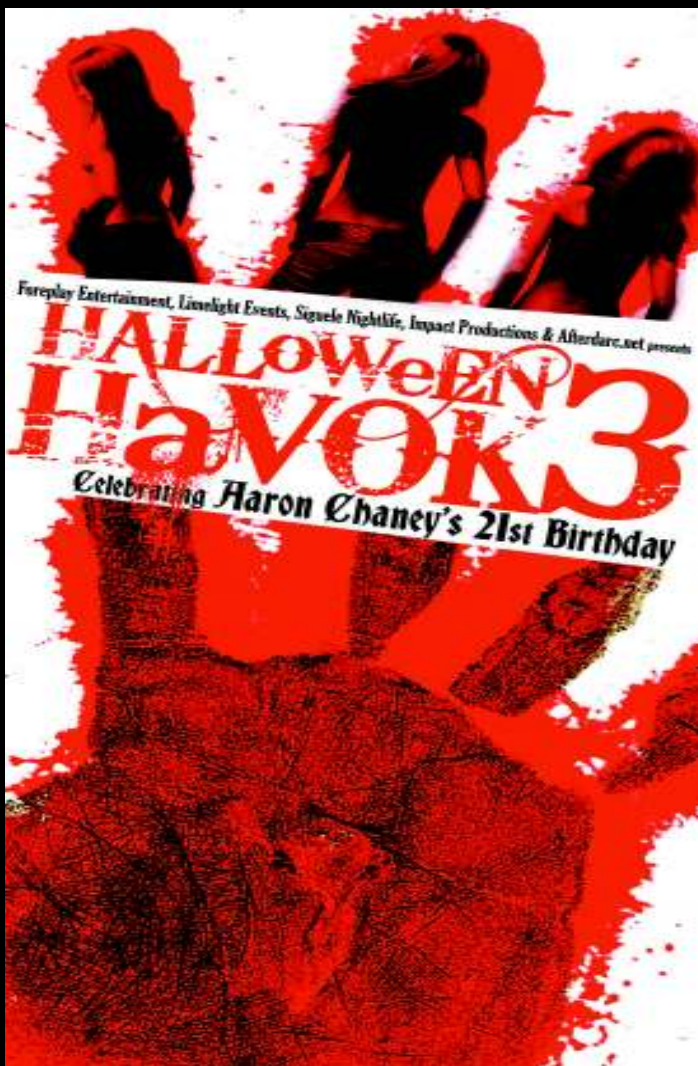


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The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355. *November 7* — No Use for a Name. *November 8* — Electric Six and Local H. *November 11* — King Khan & the BBQ Show. *November 12* — Dead Confederate. *November 13* — Port O'Brien and 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* — Blitzzen Trapper and the Parson Redheads. *December 1* — Holly Golightly and Delaney Davidson. *December 5* — Alex Woodard. *December 6* — The Sea & Cake.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804. *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. *November 25* — New Kids on the

Block. *December 15* — Metallica. **Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *November 6* — Hot Pstromi.

Double Deuce: 528 F Street, Downtown, 619-450-6522. *November 14* — Moontucky Risin.

Downtown Café: 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. *November 12, November 19, November 26* — Acoustic Evenings.

Epazote: 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. *November 6* — Blue44.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. *November 7* — The Material and Blamshift. *November 15* — A Cursive Memory and So Long Davey.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido. *December 4* — Peter Sprague.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church: 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-0365. *November 16* — Gerry O'Beirne.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715. *November 7* — The Bayou Brothers.

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November 14 — Melissa Ferrick. *November 15* — Mason Jennings. *November 16* — Hanson. *November 16* — Matt Wertz and Everybody Else. *November 17* — Matisyahu. *November 17* — Jay Brannan. *November 18* — ohGr. *November 19* — The Misfits. *November 20* — Alejandra Guzmán. *November 21* — Scars on Broadway. *November 21* — Noches Rockeras. *November 22* — Face to Face. *November 23* — GWAR. *November 24* — Eric Benét. *November 24* — Ben Kenney. *November 25* — Who's Bad.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Bless 619**
Song: **"Diego Rivera"** (from the CD *Diego Rivera*)
Heard By: **Anthony Lukens**, Golden Hill



Anthony

The beats are pretty good, but I didn't really dig on the emcee until he said, "There's so much drama in the big S.D./ It's kind of hard being optimistic...shit." It was straight back to '92, man. It was like *The Chronic* — it had a little bit of that Dr. Dre flavor. I don't see 91X picking up that song, but maybe 98.9. It's a little lackluster. It sounded like he was on ketamine or some new drug I'm not hip to. It sounded pretty awesome, but he sounded a little fucked up. Maybe it was just some good old-fashioned glue-huffing. He wasn't nearly as sparkling as Tupac or somebody that was really articulate. The imagery conjures up a Sherman Heights barbeque...maybe even a lowrider cruisin' around.

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 12* — Anthony Hamilton. *December 21* — The Vandals. *December 28* — Ratt. *December 30* — The Waiters. *January 1* — Reel Big Fish.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Avitia**
Song: **"The Idea"** (from the CD *Oceanside Boulevard*)
Heard By: **Jamie Tollefson**, South Park



Jamie

I think the composition was good. I didn't hear any riffs or runs that belong to other music, so in that sense it was pretty original. The lyrics in his song were about a perfect woman, person, guy — whoever the hell it is. It's kind of contradictory because he says, "I'm not going to give you my point of view," but he's giving you his point of view in the song. Other than that, I thought it was pretty cool. It's the type of song that could make the Top 40 charts. The chorus at the end kind of dragged on and, to me, that's not how you make a song longer. It's like a mellow rock, closer to the "metal" side, but not quite there. I could skate or work to that song. I wouldn't just turn it on to relax.

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Artist: **Writer**
Song: **"Don't Wake the Sun"** (from the CD *Blood Drops*)
Heard By: **Kimberly Knowles**, Golden Hill



Kimberly

I thought that it was interesting. It could definitely be a pop hit. It's very user-friendly, and a lot of common folk would like it. I couldn't really pin down an artist to compare it to, but as an era, I would say it sounded like late-'90s popular rock music. I think that he was singing, "Don't you wake up the sun tonight." That was the chorus. I would say he was with a girl and they were enjoying a date they were on and they were having so much fun that night that he didn't want the sun to come up because that would mean it was over. I actually really liked the music — it was well thought out and catchy. I would give it an eight out of ten.

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October 31

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November 15

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November 22

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November 9



Madonna
November 4

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November 24

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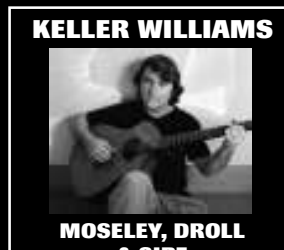
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11/21 Common Sense	12/14 Dave Mason	1/16 Marcia Ball
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A couple years ago, when I was living back in Albany, NY, my girls and I were chilling at my place after leaving the bars around 4:00 a.m. (one of the perks of living in NY). We were going to

town on some killer pizza and BSing while Fuse was on the TV in the background. Mid conversation, the lyrics from the song on the TV caught my attention: "Are we getting closer or are we just getting more lost..."

It sounded like it was about my freakin' life. Things with my boyfriend were really crappy — I was trying to make it work, but he was over it. As I was thinking about that, the song played on: "I've been here so long I think that it's time to move/ The winter's so cold summer's over too soon/ Let's pack our bags and settle down where palm trees grow/ I've got some friends some that I hardly know/ But we've had some times I wouldn't trade for the world/ We chase these days down with talks of the places that we will go."

Now here's where it gets really crazy, dude. I'd just been saying to my friends

how lame winter was and how we should all move out to California to make some new memories there. I mean, at the end of the day, doesn't everyone just want to live, love, and be happy?

Of course, like a real nerd, I stared at my TV until the music video was over and it displayed Rise Against, "Swing Life Away." Sure, I knew about Rise Against, but after hearing that song, I had to hear more. I bought their CDs. I looked up the lyrics to their songs. I was digging the band hardcore. How could I not? That song put my life in perspective.



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PASTOR DAVE AND LOS PELIGROSOS

by Josh Board

a few months back, I went to an event in Oceanside that I was told was a divorce party for a guy, but it ended up being more of a car show, as most of these guys are members of a car club in Vista called *Los Peligrosos*. The club started in Victorville in 2006. I'm told *peligrosos* means "dangerous."

As I pulled into the Japanese Cultural Center parking lot, which they rented out for the bash, I saw the cars on display.

When I arrived, I looked for Dave, who calls himself "the Pastor." The band Pachuco Jose was on stage. They were loud, which made it difficult to talk to people.

I grabbed a Dr Pepper and went back outside to check out the cars, most of which were lowriders.

A landscaper I met had a green '51 Mercury. He told me that when the fires hit his North County property last year, everything burned down but the barn he was storing his car in. It took weeks for him to get back into the area to find



out. He assumed the car was gone.

I asked the landscaper how he got into cars. "My neighbor, a Mexican guy, had a '57 truck when I was 12. I loved it. Then, 15 years later, I had a new house and a new neighbor. He had the exact same truck. His

"They tell me it's the perfect make-out car because the seats go all out."

dad bought it for him. We ended up buying it."

A woman with a Bettie Page look pulled up in her red Nash Rambler. I started talking to her as she gathered her stuff



off of the passenger seat.

She told me that someone

recently keyed her classic car and flattened two tires. She thinks she knows the woman who did it. I asked if she gets a lot of comments at stoplights. "Yeah, mostly from old guys.



Top left: The owner of the Nash Rambler, pointing to where it was keyed;
Bottom left: On right, guy whose car survived the North County fires;
guy in middle, marriage didn't survive; Bottom right: Wives and girlfriends inside,
listening to the band and DJs

They tell me it's the perfect make-out car because the seats go all out."

As she was telling me that her dream car is a '58 Impala, a black '58 Impala pulled into the lot. I pointed it out and she laughed. She said, "Well, any Impala between '58 and '64 I'd love. It's a beautiful car."

I talked to the owner of the Impala, who told me that he was in the Cruisin' Grand car

show in Escondido the week before. I asked him where he bought his ride. "I went up to Fresno to buy it. It was \$15,000. I eventually put another six grand into it."

I overheard another person saying their car had been keyed, and I said, "Does your car have to be keyed to get into this car club? It's like gang initiations where they jump you."

I met the guy getting divorced, and he seemed as if he was in good spirits. He told me that he doesn't care for lowrider shows but was quick to add, "I don't want to sound like I'm dissing, but all the hydraulics and stuff...it ends up all looking the same after a while."

I agreed and debated whether to ask him about his divorce. I ended up asking one of his friends, who jokingly said, "We spend too much time with our cars and our car friends. That's probably a problem in a lot of our marriages."

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file tickets. I bought three before asking, "Is this for one of those cars outside?" She just smiled and walked away. I saw gift baskets on a table and assumed those were the prizes.

I asked a guy named Junior about the car club. He told me that they had 15 members, but I saw at least 20 cool cars in the lot.

I lit a cigar and went back outside, but I made sure I stood far away from the cars that had their win-

dows open, showing off all the improvements that were made to the interior — there were three cars that looked great on the outside but as if a bomb went off on the inside.

I glanced at the posters for upcoming events at the Japanese Cultural Center. One math-club flyer read, "Be a Math Wizard," and I wondered if it would be in bad taste to make a joke about Asians being good at math to the smokers nearby. I refrained.

I met Pastor Dave, whose car is dedicated to Freddie Fender, a musician who passed away two years ago. I said, "Most musicians probably think of his name as sounding like a guitar, while car guys probably think of 'fender' as a car part."

As Dave was showing me his car, I realized that he was sporting the Freddie Fender mustache.

He had the famous Johnny Cash photo where he's flipping off the camera. I noticed that a few of the guys had these and told them that later that evening I was going to see the Cash tribute band Cash'd Out at the Belly Up Tavern.

I talked with one guy who went into detail about a 283 motor and a '69 Firebird front end. It got technical and way over my head. I told him that I didn't care for all the pin-stripes on the lowriders. He said, "It's Von Dutch that made that so popular. Do

you know who that is?"

I told him that I know a little about his artwork in the '60s, such as the flying eyeball. He agreed that some people go overboard with the stripes.

One of the few Caucasian couples I saw pulled up in a '65 Merc. The guy, who looked to be in his late 20s, was excited as he talked about his car. He recently bought it for five grand and told me it only had 65,000 original miles.

We both wondered why more people didn't go out and buy classic cars for under \$10,000. A guy overheard this and said, "Well, with this economy, that's not possible for everyone to do. Plus, a lot of people just don't care for the old cars the way we do." His wife added, "And for \$10,000, you won't be able to get much. You could find something nice, but it'd probably be a project that you'd end up putting a lot more money into."

As the owner of a '69 Jaguar, I responded, "True, that is" — my way of saying, "Tru dat." ■

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Lucky Jinx

Is Samurai Jim a jinx on bargain-price restaurants? Last time it was a vanished barbecue joint that sent us fleeing to the very minor mercies of the meatloaf at Maryjane's. This time it was a New Orleans-style restaurant on Convoy Street, where the pleasant waiter who answered my phone questions a few days earlier never mentioned that they were about to close for renovations. (He probably hadn't been told.) When we showed up, it was dark — so, once again, presto change-o. Jim mentioned an old, expensive Italian restaurant nearby, which brought to mind an interesting new one: since we were already that far north, we could head west to Venice Ristorante, reputedly both good and moderately priced. And we had better luck this time.

Insta-cell-phone res, GPS, "location, elevation, situation" — and the Prius telekinetically jaunted to La Jolla in no time. Venice, a year-old offshoot of a successful Denver mini-chain (owned by an Italian chef) has quietly replaced the former Tutto Mare (no great loss) in a corporate, soul-less region of UTC, where all the street names start with "Executive." Do not be distracted by Executive Square, Executive Way, or Executive Corner of Hell. Instead, turn off Genesee onto Executive Drive (a few blocks north of La Jolla Village Drive).

Venice has a long bakery counter in front, opposite a pleasant bar-lounge, then an open kitchen along one wall leading to the dining room and a heated dining patio in back. We stayed inside. Outdoors is quieter, but either way there's no escape from dramatic Italian tenors incessantly sobbing out tragic arias on the sound system. A few vulgarly cheerful tunes from Verdi and an occasional soprano would make a nice break.

We began with antipasto "Venezia," an anthology of appetizers, every bite a good bite. I loved the sensual rollatini of fine prosciutto enveloping excellent fresh mozzarella, while Michelle took especially to the fresh tomato bruschetta. The greaseless *calamaretti* (fried baby squid) came with an *arrabiata* ("angry") spicy marinara dip. "I didn't realize Italians made such spicy sauces," said Gustavo, from Colombia. The plate also included mozzarella *caprese* salad with just-okay tomatoes, a couple of tasty, tiny crab cakes, and far too few pieces of seductive grilled artichoke.

The appetizer of Polenta "Piazza San Marco" needs much more polenta to deserve its name. There seemed to be just one (maybe two — and somebody else got the other one?) small, delicious round of it, the size of a sea scallop, firm and crisped on the exterior, a mere garnish for an assortment of prawns, calamari, mussels, and clams in a smooth, creamy-textured brown sauce based on an aged-balsamic reduction. To spoon the sauce onto our individual plates, we wiped off and used the sole



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tablespoon that had been provided (with the calamari sauce). Might I suggest, perhaps, that when diners tell the waitperson that they will be eating family style, perhaps the waitperson might bring an extra spoon for sauce and a sharp knife to divide larger items (e.g., rollatini, bruschetta) that defy the gentle edge of the butter knife?

Facing so many tempting starches on the menu, we decided to violate the classic Italian meal plan (antipasto, shared pasta course, and entrée/s) and simply include pastas among our main dishes. The *gnocchi* (potato dumplings) are not to be missed — far from the typical mini-cannonballs, they're light and silky. Fred helped me choose between the sausage/wild-mushroom sauce and the grilled pears: "Pears, of course!" And not just pears, but a velvety cream sauce of fontina, Parmesan, and Gorgonzola, with toasted walnuts to lend their faintly bitter crunch to the sweet fruit. This is a dish made for sharing; so extravagantly rich, it's best in modest doses.

Pastas, including ravioli, are made in-house. You can readily taste the difference between these and manufactured versions — thinner, silkier, but with more character. The choice was difficult again (a rock crab and shrimp filling with lobster sauce? a sausage and ricotta filling?), but Jim pointed out that the easiest one to mess up or to shine with would be the autumnal butternut squash filling (Capellacci de Zucca). These oversized, hat-shaped ravioli come scattered with walnuts and Parme-

san, alongside a small separate pool of marinara. The ravioli are lightly robed in browned sage butter garnished with wickedly alluring, sugar-coated crisped sage leaves. The combination is full of happy contradictions: earthy and delicate, sweet and bitter, and musky, louche richness versus that tart-friendly marinara. The underlying formula arises from Italian folk-cooking,

but those Italian folk-cooks are such brilliant chefs! (Well, the whole world already knows that.) From the evening's specials (thankfully printed on a separate page, not just breathlessly and "pricelessly" recited) we chose cioppino Toscano, a stew of prawns, salmon, tuna, mussels, and clams in a fresh tomato and wine sauce. I started to natter on nostalgically about the Dungeness crab fishermen's annual cioppino feast in Pacifica (just south of Frisco) but stopped myself. "That has great crab, but the sauce is canned tomato purée, coarse and primitive. This tastes much better." In Venice's flavorful sauce, Roma tomatoes are chopped to succulent small bites, and all the shellfish is cooked right, not overdone. Of course, salmon is as much an outsider in a cioppino as it is in a bouillabaisse — a cold-water species (probably factory-farmed Atlantic, by the taste) invading a warm-seas mélange, a weirdo Nordic exchange student in a school of Mediterranean fish.

Anatra ai pistacchi di bronte means pan-seared duck breast with Gorgonzola, pistachios, and porcini mushrooms in port wine sauce, along with as-

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Refined Italian cuisine, mainly northern. Vast wine list, mainly Italian, red, and over \$50.

PICK HITS: Antipasto "Venezia" assortment; polenta with seafood "Piazza San Marco"; any ravioli; *gnocchi al Gorgonzola e pere*; *anatra ai pistacchi di bronte* (duck breast with pistachios); *vitello ai porcini e tartufo* (veal rack with porcini).

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Protein entrées come with one side dish, with a choice of several pastas — fettuccini Alfredo, or spaghetti, or penne in tomato sauce — or else Tuscan white beans or fresh veggies. They do come on the side, not on the plate — ready to be passed around. Given the two deluxe starches already included in our meal, I picked white beans and veggies, and they were good choices. The veggies (carrots, greens, etc.) were firm-tender and well treated, and who can resist Tuscan white beans?

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leftovers), the wine list is, frankly, something of a problem if you're on a budget. It's long but mainly red, Italian, and expensive. To my surprise, the choices didn't include a single Verdicchio, a light-hearted white grown not far from Venice itself, nor even Vernaccia (as far as I could see in the small-print tome under romantic lighting), nor Sicily's lovely and affordable Lachryma Christi. I grabbed a reliable, crisp Hogue Chardonnay, the cheapest on the list (\$29) to ease our traumatized transition from expecting Creole to eating Italian. "Whenever you choose a Chardonnay, I'm pleasantly surprised," said Michelle. "They're never over-oaked." For the choice of a red, I handed the list to our newly arrived pal Gustavo (*bienvenido a San Diego*), who's done a stint as a waiter in an Italian restaurant. "There are a lot of Barolos — for millionaires!" he said, looking over the list. With my stricture of "under \$50, if possible," he picked the same Montepulciano that I was thinking about — velvety and food-friendly and barely under my price limit. The restaurant's price for it was a hair under triple retail price.

That bakery at the entrance is full of gorgeous cakes, and some are available for dessert. "But I don't want a heavy dessert," said Michelle. "One of the things I like about this restaurant is that the food is luxurious but light." "You don't feel burdened by it," added Jim. Hence, we passed on the fancy cakes and were disappointed by a lack of panna cotta. We tried profiteroles (small cream puffs) and cannoli. The former, unexciting, were filled with whipped cream of various flavors. The Sicilian-style cannoli, cigarillo-narrow with unusually heavy shells and a grainy ricotta filling, rated only one bite apiece. In New York's Little Italy, my neighbor Antony and his fellow *ragazzi* at the Red Swan Social Club on Mott Street would probably beat up any renegade baker who tried to sell cannoli like that in the neighborhood: "No respect!" they'd

say, meaning, a major dis on Sicilian culinary craftsmanship. We had really good cannoli there.

Our server had scribbled calculations for tip amounts on our bill, ranging from 15 to 25 percent, all calculated on post-tax balance — a coy little display of raw greed following an evening of slightly sub-professional service. In any case, figure about \$35 a head for food, plus drinks, tip, and tax — and very fine food it is, but if you're budgeting, watch what you drink.

Budget Buy: Better Half's \$15 "Stressed Economy" Blue Plate

The Better Half, 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-9340, thebetterhalfbistro.com.

The quest for really good low-priced restaurant food comes home with this insanely cheap "early-bird special." This small bistro, with its adventurous, skillful cooking and friendly vibes, is my gang's secret hangout, the posse's adopted lair. Chef John Robert Kennedy is now serving a nightly dinner of three courses for \$15 (plus beverage, tax, and automatic 18 percent tip) on orders taken from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

The Lynnester and I checked out the special in a New York minute. The menu offers two choices for starters, four for entrées, and two for dessert. First course consists of the soup du jour or salad. The lively salad has seasonal fruit, candied walnuts, greens, and a fig vinaigrette. That evening's soup was a sensual, creamy spinach bisque poured over spaetzle and a little bleu cheese. "Glad to see that even for \$15, you can get something this exciting," I told the Lynnester. "Better grab a taste fast because I'm liable to Hoover it all down."

Entrée choices aren't special-made cheapies; they're the simpler dishes and specials from the regular menu. The choices include a grilled flat-iron steak (yes, you get fries with that); a savory wild-game meatloaf with caramelized onions, hunter sauce, and luxuriously creamy mashed potatoes (my choice that night); a vegetarian pasta with smoked pumpkins, mushrooms, and tomatoes; and the evening's seafood special. (That night, it

was rockfish Veracruzana, a bit too mild in the chile department and oddly strewn all over with couscous. Maybe it's a version of Veracruzana from one of the Lebanese restaurants in Mérida, way over on the other side of the Bahia de Campeche? Well, I did say the cuisine here is adventurous.) Portions are huge enough to make a second dinner from leftovers.

The evening's desserts offered a choice between a comfortingly gooey almond-rice pudding or a bowlful of multi-color "rainbow" sherbets, an enchanting dish I ate in South Miami Beach when I was six years old and (obviously) never forgot. Kennedy's rendition is probably less sweet but no less magical.

When we were done, at about 7:30 on a Friday evening, University Avenue was nearly empty — few pedestrians, few diners in the restaurants. The only crowd was at a campy new indoor-outdoor Hawaiian joint at the next corner, a raucous gay party from day one. Meanwhile, an article in the *New York Times* a few weeks ago exposed the typical salaries (not the perks) of the financial cowboys at those insanely unregulated "free market" institutions who got us into this mess.

The story reduced unthinkable yearly amounts to an understandable hourly rate: the Masters of the Universe typically earned, in *four hours* what I get paid for a full year — they paid about the same percentage in tax as Joe the Plumber and I do (but they have hotshot accountants to shelter a lot of it; I'm just a whiz with TurboTax). And after bankrupting their companies and our country with their mad greed, their rewards include severance pay ranging from 25 to 100 years of my salary. (Who are the terrorists destroying "our American fabric of life"?) Now, restaurant critics presumably aren't supposed to be political, but politics splats right onto your plate when you're eating a \$15 meal on a once-busy block of Hillcrest on a Friday night and hoping that a terrific little restaurant can survive the crunch. Remember when you vote: the dinner you save may be your own. ■



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I only came in because I couldn’t resist the Waterfront’s bright lights and noise on this black stretch of Kettner.

After nine now, so I head out. Except now I’m feeling little twinges of hunger. The Waterfront has burgers, but they’re \$7, \$9, and that’d mean more \$5 Fat Tires. Hmm... Debating this just as I pass this couple at the sidewalk eatery next door, gouging into one giant split burger. I hadn’t even noticed the place, but I see it promises “grass-fed beef” that’s “lower in fat, calories, and cholesterol” and is “one of the richest sources of omega-3 fatty acids.” I already know you need omega-3 to fight heart disease, depression, cancer, and, hey, even memory problems, if I remember rightly, heh-heh.

It rings a bell because I heard a lot of this “grass-fed” talk at Burger Lounge in Kensington the other week. And I guess I was pretty convinced, mainly because the cows they slaughter for us at least get to live a decent, free-roaming life out in real pasture, not packed, Nazi-style, into some stinkin’ concrete corral, being forced corn and plugged with hormone injections.

Haven’t actually eyeballed all these happy cows out there, but, so far, I’m ready to believe it’s for real.

So, yeah. Looks like the same is also served here. Plus, a good attitude. Mark, the guy chomping outside with his date, tells me one burger can feed two just fine. “And the great thing is they don’t mind if you share.”

The burger he and his gal Tracy are splitting is a “JB,” the house burger. “I live on a boat down in the bay,” Mark says, “so there are nearer places, but believe me, this is worth the extra walk.”

Tracy just points to the slogan on the menu: “Healthy has never tasted so-o-o good.”

Guess they got me. I thread my way around the black-iron railings, through the half-dozen outside tables with their maroon umbrellas still open and into an orange and white and purple room with a kitchen to the left, tables to the right, a cool flat-screen wall TV, a little counter in front, and Natalie, the wowee-glam Brazilian hostess, waiting to take my order.

As the name says, what we’re looking at is burgers, half-pounders, all costing \$7–\$9. You can ask for quarter-pounders, and they’re cheaper, for sure, but not on the menu. Of course, as at Burger Lounge, you get no sides like fries in that price. Welcome to Gourmet Burgerland. “Extra-long” french or zesty fries cost \$2.50. Beer-battered onion rings are \$3, and sweet-potato fries cost \$3.50. They do have combos of burger, fries, and soda for \$8.99, and the same, plus cheese and avocado or bacon or mushroom, for \$9.99. Or — and, hey, this looks like the hidden bargain of the menu — a quarter-pounder, plus onion rings or french fries and soda for \$5.99.

There is a garden salad for \$5.99, or \$7.49 with grilled chicken strips. And they have a kid’s

burger/drink/fries combo for \$4.99, or a hot dog for \$1.99.

But I’m deciding between the seven burger choices. Hungry Boy has the most extras. It’s a half-pounder with jack cheese, grilled onions, sautéed mushrooms, avo, bacon — the works, for \$8.99. There’s also a 1/2 lb. turkey burger (\$7.49), a fish burger (\$7.99), and something called a Backyard Burger, a half-pounder with BBQ sauce (\$6.99). But Hungry Boy’s what I’ve got my eyes on, till Natalie comes by with a burger for another customer. Ooo-wee. Smells good.

“What’s that one?” I ask.

“That’s the Fourth of July

Burger, red — cheddar — white — jack — and bleu cheese,” says Natalie. Hmm... JB sauce (the “Just Burgers” house sauce), grilled onions...I’m a bleu-cheese freak, and it’s \$7.99, a buck cheaper than Hungry Boy. Still get a half-pound patty. I go for it. And, while I’m at it, dammit, I order a glass of red wine. Kendall Cab. Four more Georges (they were out of the \$3 house red), but I think, hey, red meat, classy joint, I can handle this.

And, by George, what a combo. The burger has the bleu cheese and also the slightly sweet taste of the JB sauce. But mainly it’s that juicy, juicy meat that’s so full of flavor. And a sip of cab



Just Burgers

just finishes it off. And the whole lot has cost me what? About 12 bucks. Okay, not cheap, but think of it as two Fat Tires next door.

“I was going vegetarian until I discovered grass-fed beef,” says this gent at the next table. Turns out he’s the owner, Michael. But he says the organic thing doesn’t come cheap. “My beef costs three times the price of regular beef. Our organic buns cost four times more than standard buns.”

I finally stumble back out onto Kettner around 10:30. Full, but energized. Guess all those omega-3s are already circulating. ■

The Place: Just Burgers, 2034 Kettner Boulevard suite #12, Little Italy, next to the Waterfront, 619-234-7900

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A Talk with Ted

"They're having tastings at bachelor parties instead of going to strip clubs."

The San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival turns five this year and continues to draw light from ever-brighter stars in the foodie firmament. This year, the headliner is Ted Allen, who is, among other things, host of the Food Network's *Food Detectives* and judge on *Iron Chef America* (and until this year, Bravo's *Top Chef*). Allen will be visiting in his capacity as the food and wine ambassador for Robert Mondavi Private Selection — the winery's entry-level line. Those are the wines he'll be pouring when he hosts a class at Macy's School of Cooking, demonstrating a couple of recipes from his new cookbook, *The Food You Want to Eat*. (He'll also host the Festival's "Reserve and New Release" tasting aboard Hornblower's *Inspiration*.)

Robert Mondavi — the company, not the late wine pioneer — hired Allen around four years ago, when he was still serving as the gastronomic advisor on the makeover show *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*. He already had experience as a food writer — first for *Chicago* magazine, where he had his personal wine epiphany over sweet white wine paired with chocolate cake, and then for *Esquire* — but it was television that made him a personality. "Queer Eye was at the height of its popularity then," he recalls, "and the Bravo network was appealing to an important demographic for Robert Mondavi" — smart, affluent, and often female. "I

think Bravo was and is very strong with women, and they are the people who tend to make most of the food and wine purchases. And, hopefully, Robert Mondavi just thought I was a nice guy."

It was more than that, of course — they'd seen his work. "I'll never escape *Queer Eye*," says Allen. But he says it without bitterness; it's not as if it's something that he's eager to escape. "From the beginning on the show, people thought I was smart — probably just because I wear glasses. I'm willing to perpetuate that myth as long as I need to."

(Say, on *Food Detectives*, where he looks into questions such as "Does turkey really make you sleepy?") And his mission was essentially friendly: "to help the guy get the girl." Put more broadly: to make the hapless and helpless a little less so.

In many ways, his work as ambassador is just a continuation of the role. "The idea on *Queer Eye* was to expose the guy to one or two techniques or wines or foods, something that might inspire him to go to the next level." Case in point: Andrew Lane. Says Allen:

"It seems like men in particular have the reputation of not wanting to ask for help, not wanting to stop and ask for directions. Andrew suffered very much from the old, sort of '50s-'60s belief that the only reason the waiter was there was to upsell you, and if you didn't act like you knew everything, he was going to look down on you and

be snide. It's an idea which I think is now largely misplaced. People who work in good restaurants now are there because they love it and they believe in it and they want to share it with you. For a good wine steward, it's like show and tell — 'Look what I found! Look how cool it is!' You actually find more and more people in good restaurants who are excited to share a wine with you that's not expensive. It's more of an achievement. So it's a really basic thing, but I was just encouraging the guy to understand that it can pay to ask for help. Point to a dollar figure on a wine list and say, 'Listen, this is my budget. Here's what we're ordering. What do you suggest?'"

Fast-forward four years, to Allen on the road with the Robert Mondavi Discover Wine tour. "In one of the events, each person will get four glasses of wine and a little plate with a piece of plain chicken, a piece of lemon, an olive, and a sun-dried tomato. I ask them to taste a piece of the chicken and then take a sip of the Chardonnay. Then I have them squeeze the lemon on the chicken and taste it again and then decide whether the Chardonnay or the Sauvignon Blanc goes better with the chicken. They're discovering on their own that the lemon chicken works better with the Sauvignon Blanc because there are citrusy notes, whereas it renders the Chardonnay a little bit leaden. That's the kind of epiphany I like to see people have. To me, that's more exciting than talking with a group of guys who have a cellar full of Grand Cru Bordeaux." The gigs on *Iron Chef/Top Chef*, together with the occasional article in places like *Bon Appetit*, help him maintain his cred with the serious foodies, but the



Robert Mondavi

biggest thrill comes from working with the uninitiated and the curious.

And when you're working with a superstar brand like Robert Mondavi, it's easier to turn the curious head. "When you get into TV," says Allen, "if people like you a little bit, then you often have the opportunity to align yourself with other companies, have other relationships or endorsements. I knew from the beginning that I wanted to work with a winery. I got approached by several. But what I like so much about working with Robert Mondavi is that it's a name that everyone respects. Robert Mondavi almost single-handedly created the fine-wine industry in America. Having the opportunity to work with such a beloved company is not only fun, and not only something I can be proud of — because the wines are so great — but also, it reflects really positively on me. More so than if I had gone with another winery that didn't have that kind of halo."

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The whole project is aimed not just at selling wine, but also at creating a lifestyle, one that has wine at its bibulous heart. “The site encourages people to throw wine-tasting parties at home for things like bridal showers. Not necessarily pinky-in-the-air, pretentious swirling and sniffing. Consumption of wine is surging, while consumption of beer and other beverages is declining, and I think that’s just a reflection of the continued growth of interest in good food. I’ve even had guys come up to me and tell me that they’re having tastings at bachelor parties instead of going to strip clubs. I don’t know if I believe them — I think they’re doing wine tastings and then going to strip clubs.”

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Adobe el Restaurante 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-550-1000. Adobe offers California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with locally farmed vegetables — try the fine, venturesome chipotle lobster bisque, tender roasted salmon, delightful dessert sampler. The resort is amidst a host of science and technology institutes and UCSD, and its kitchen sometimes must serve too many masters — dedicated diners, hotel guests (including tots), conferencing technocrats, plus the usual parties and banquets. Hence, some of the food is a touch detuned to suit cautious and/or inattentive eaters. California wines exclusively, enough by the glass, most bottles over \$40. Full bar. No cell phones in dining room. Long trek from validated self-parking to restau-

rant; mobility impaired should call for directions to valet parking or to arrange lift by shuttle-tram from lot. Lacto-vegetarians easily accommodated to order. Resort casual, a bit dressy on weekends. Three meals daily (including Sunday brunch, when rugrats eat free). Moderately expensive. — *N.W.*

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from Prime NZ Angus to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Broken Yolk Café 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg Broken Yolk Café Special comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — \$19.99. My advice: split a four-egger. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular

menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

George's at the Cove — California Modern 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. With a new name and renovated for an even better ocean view, George's at the Cove California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious, healthful California cuisine based on prime, seasonal ingredients and emphasizing sustainable wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. The cooking style is a little lighter now, good for carb-counters, with only small amounts of starch on the entrées. The award-winning wine list offers few bottles under \$50, but many by the half-bottle or glass, including serious dessert wines. Full bar, creative “chef cocktails” with fresh fruit. Wheelchair elevator available but hidden (ask valet parkers); disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's mens' room on same floor. Vegetarians and vegans accommodated to order. Reserve well ahead. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eelicious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

JRDN 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. It's a day at the beach: Befitting a restaurant digging its feet into the sand, the food here is fresh, fun, and unfussy, featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats (including truly tasty spice-rubbed steaks), organic/local produce, and a separate sushi bar. The dishes cover the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. The chic interior, relaxed atmosphere, and great

grazing draw an exuberant, youngish crowd. Creative cocktails are part of the charm, along with a venturesome wine list with plenty by the glass. Tables (reservable) on the heated beachfront patio could easily become a summertime lifestyle. Validated valet parking. Just one lacto-vegetarian entrée, but vegetable sides plus salads fill in amply. Bread available by request only. Lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-5877. Most of the year this modest eatery serves a standard border-Mexican menu (*antojito* combos, a few typical entrées) running toward the mild side but with a wider, more interesting assortment of fresh salads than most of its ilk. (Hey, it's La Jolla!) But when local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that gets them live and does them right — and you don't have to put up with a frat party or tourist scene. The good-size, juicy critters (at least a pound each) are halved and gently grilled (not abused by the usual lardy deep fry), and come with two melted butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. The lobsters aren't on the written menu but are treated as specials. Call before you go to make sure they're on hand that day. Full bar. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Latin Chef 1142 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-8810. In a tiny, cheerful (and noisy) storefront with a small street patio, you'll find Peruvian and Chinese-Peruvian cuisine carefully cooked with rare, authentic ingredients, including *chanchitos* (special toasted corn kernels) to nibble instead of bread. The ceviches are brightly refreshing, and in *papas huancainas*, potatoes are treated to a suave golden cheese sauce. The outstanding *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) are impeccably seasoned; for a perfect Peruvian flavor, ask for the *aji verde* (green hot sauce) for dipping. *Lomo saltado* (sautéed beef, veggies, and fries) is made with tender sirloin. *Aji de gallina* (spicy chicken) is a family recipe that's deliberately detuned for kiddies; the hot salsas (the medium-hot green or the hotter red one) will perk it up. *Chau-fas*, Chinese fried rice dishes, are popular with local Peruvians. No alcohol;

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BYO in a paper bag or try *chicha morada*, a refreshing sweet drink made with purple corn. Friendly, articulate owner is happy to explain the cuisine and culture. Difficult street parking. Three vegetarian entrées plus several meatless appetizers. Reservations vital. Dinner weekdays, lunch and dinner weekends. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Livingston's Chicken and Mexican Grill 5026 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-8088. Ocean Beach has the longest concrete pier in the world (1971 feet) and Livingston's potato Jo-Jos. These garlicky wedges have made grown Irishmen from the international hostel cry. The broasted chicken, pressure cooked in oil, is healthier, tastier, and less greasy than standard fried chicken. There's a touch of Tex-Mex about this place, and there's something decent about their pricing. Health central it ain't, but a little of what you fancy does you good. Try the California burrito (chicken or carne asada, guacamole, cheese), the pork salsa verde plate, or Lalo's tacos with lobster or shrimp and cheese. 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday-Thursday and Sunday; till 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; breakfast served daily till 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of “organic,” “cruelty-free,” “environmentally safe,” “shade-grown.” Vegan country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can

mix and match. 'Course, you have to learn new words, like *tempeh* (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, “mango madness,” tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (“serious” breakfasts daily except Tuesday and Thursday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the Specialties section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) make a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Vegetarian on request. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard, next to CESUN Universidad), Baja, 664-686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' “red spinach” Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years

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ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos de Moctezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camarón seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Vegetarian upon request. Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — E.B.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Baja. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

CENTRAL

Alambre's Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the

wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharrón de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in Maggie's sauce. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Alexander's 3391 30th Street, North Park, 619-281-2539. The southern part of North Park needed a good neighborhood Italian restaurant. The son of the owners of Point's Loma's Old Venice has provided one, with a menu abbreviated from that of the mother-ship, including plenty of seafood and many Greek-influenced dishes. The new restaurant still cleaves to its parent's old San Diego ways (e.g., ingredients aren't impressive, and all entrées come with the same veggie medley), but the competent kitchen turns out some delicious dishes, especially pastas (try the linguine de Kathleen), specials, and reasonably thin-crust, interesting pizzas. The interior is bright, white, and very loud; the roofed and

heated back patio is dimly lit and quieter. Wine, sangria, beer. Take-out orders accepted by phone. Reservations advised. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W.

The Better Half Bistro 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-9340. "Explore — don't bore!" is the unspoken motto of world-traveled chef John Kennedy (a veteran of the kitchens of Thomas Keller, Charlie Trotter, and Daniel Boulud) at this civilized little haven for fearless foodies. The globe provides Kennedy's flavor palette, while his techniques are rigorously French. The seasonal menu ranges from frog legs to antelope and includes that rarity, a house-made charcuterie platter (right down to the mustard). Sunday brunches include house-smoked bacon and an outrageous "Monte Cristo" of beer-battered fried bread filled with pork and duck confit with foie gras butter. But that's just the start of the creative ethic here: phone 24 hours ahead, and he'll cook you just about whatever you want. A Chef's Whim tasting menu is aimed at the growing crowd of regulars — like *omakase* at a sushi bar, it's designed not by the night but for the individual, to please each diner's particular palate.

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Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Chef-owner Chris Walsh, long-time culinary saint of Hillcrest, cooks up the inventive California tapas he's known for at this lively, local spot. The flavors are Mediterranean-influenced with original touches. The top of the hit list includes a foie gras crème brûlée; luscious poached oysters with truffle-chive butter; and witty foie gras medallions with tropical fruit and pine-nut brittle (Perigord meets Dollywood). Grilled Japanese eggplant with beet carpaccio, lamb meatballs, steak frites, and berry sabayon are nothing to sneeze at, either. Bring friends to share with. An eclectic international wine list offers loads by the glass and bottlings at a wide price range, but don't miss

the fragrant, seductive cocktail of prosecco with rose syrup. Tuesday nights, bargain-priced (\$20) prix fixe dinner. Wines half off on Mondays. Grazing dinners Wednesday through Monday; open weekends until 11 p.m. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they add up. — *N.W.*

Bleu Bohème 4090 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Restaurateur Philippe Beltran's classic French bistro, *très chic* but informal and quite noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, French-in-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire — dishes like Burgundian escargots (perfect), a lightened coq au vin (nice) and Mediterranean bouillabaisse (nearly fatally compromised by wrong-tasting cold-water species like salmon and halibut). But in this restaurant-starved, fashion-conscious part of town, many patrons adore the joint. (*Chacun à son goût.*) And at the end you can feast on an air-light *soufflé glacé au Grand-Marnier*, almost making the dinner “worth a detour,” as they say in the *Michelin Guide*. Smart, mainly French wine list includes wide choice of tasty, affordable “food wines,” with lots by the glass and half-bottle; full bar with creative martinis. Small parking lot, sidewalk patio seating in fair weather. Lunch and dinner daily. High moderate. — *N.W.*

Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant 5580 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Here you'll

find a full range of engaging traditional Korean dishes as well as tabletop gas-fired barbecue featuring Coleman Natural grass-fed beef and premium Berkshire pork. (There's also a sushi bar.) Dinners include plenty of *pan chan*, small plates of savory relishes that make the meal special, furnishing an ever-changing array of piquant flavors. Aside from the BBQ meats (which you should order last, to leave table room until you're ready to turn pure carnivore), some tasty treats include simmered black cod in hot and spicy sauce (dinner item #7), miso soup with pork (dinner item #4), stone pot rice, bibimbap (dinner item #22), mandoo dumplings (casserole item #13). Few vegetarian choices. Bar items include Asian beers, sake, soju. Can get noisy. Dinner reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner, moderate prices, with special prix fixe BBQ and Korean dinners available for groups. — *N.W.*

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux-marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari steak bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

Café One Three 4107 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-260-1311. This is the neighborhood café that every neighborhood wants. It's small but smartly decorated and offers a heated outdoor dining patio to escape the noisy interior in good weather. The fare is a light, healthy, seasonally changing menu of interesting dishes with flavors drawn from all over the globe and featuring mainly locally grown produce. The tortilla soup is just

right, and the savory beef-less meat loaf (of turkey, pork, and veal) is probably tastier than Mom's, and certainly lighter. At least two vegan entrées and plenty for lacto-vegetarians. A glassed pastry case reveals the dessert chef's daily array; Indulgence Sugar-Free Bakery is on-site. The California wine list offers plenty of affordable bottles and glasses, like a true bistro (with half-price bottles Tuesday-Thursday nights). Reservations advisable. Diner Tuesday through Saturday; Friday lunch and weekend brunch; closed Sunday evenings and Mondays. Moderate, with inexpensive early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.*

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Here, you're in a Latino-chic world, but don't be afraid to order simple things, like shrimp or beef tacos. Larry Auman, the owner-chef-artist, makes you feel you're in Mexico City or Veracruz with his masks and yellow-wash walls and those awesome, interesting tacos. The Caesar salad is wonderful, too. Try it with mahimahi or shrimp. Also look for specials like Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef) or Yucatán seafood stew with salsa, habanero, and ginger on black beans and rice. For all the folk-industrial glamour, we're talking Latin-American comfort food. This cantina is what San Diego should be: bicultural. Bring both languages. Open noon to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

City Delicatessen 555 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checkered tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowing red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Waitstaff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work.

Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. Khoresh Bademjan is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. Barg is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Open lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

De'Medici Cucina Italiana 815 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Satur-

days only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and bechamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Extraordinary Desserts — Banker's Hill 2929 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschetta, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *panterella*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to “extraordinary,” to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Georges on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rab-bited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster martini,” oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet

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The Guild Restaurant and Lounge 1805 Newton Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-564-7584. A succinct menu features worldwide cuisine served in "small plates" to share with friends in this artistic, bohemian, out-of-the-way spot where other chefs are often spotted snacking. International boutique wines and sakes, most available by the glass and half-glass, plus creative *shojū* (strong rice wine) cocktails. Reservations advisable for dinner any evening. Call for directions; restaurant is south of where freeway ramps bisect the barrio. Calm-to-lively sound level. Four lacto-vegetarian dishes. Three meals, Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate. — N.W.

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-1688. When this long-standing Banker's Hill restaurant moved to spiffy (if quite noisy) new digs here, the change proved positive in every way. Menu choices are now fewer but better, with superior ingredients including varied and seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. The kitchen now does more from scratch, and you can taste all these improvements on the plate. The fare is Mediterranean-American with Mexican touches. Most desserts outsourced. Wide-ranging wine list, full bar, corkage a reasonable \$15. Reservations recommended, especially on weekends. Expensive. — N.W.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy ipot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

Jayne's Gastropub 4677 30th Street, Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. You'll find great appetizers for sharing here — but pub grub, but fine, sophisticated southern-European treats like savory hummus, tasty fried calamari, and Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Main courses run to comfort food and are rather a matter of taste — the younger drinking crowd eats 'em up, while seasoned gastronomes aren't always as enthusiastic. Either way, it's a hip, nabe hangout for those who can handle ear-busting noise. In good weather, seating on the back patio relieves the sonic overload. Full bar with excellent wine and beer choices. One vegan entrée, one vegetarian-adaptable pasta. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Appetizer dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Pierre's Place 1404 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-727-4700. Guys twirl pizza dough like they were in Cirque du Soleil. Other kids run back and forth cooking, serving. Who'd guess they're all homeless teens who live and study here at the Toussaint Center? This eatery's new, smart, a mix of quarry stone, blond wood, sea-green chairs, red walls, brown leather couches, and full bookshelves. Food's good, too. You might say nouvelle Italian-Californian. Think California Pizza meets Father Joe. Interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini* (nice and squelchy with provolone, red peppers, pesto), and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham *capicola*, provolone). The "vanillages" gelato, with bits of apple pie, ain't half bad either. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pizza Fusion 3827 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-278-0057. This may be the greenest eatery in town. It's part of a chain, but a green chain. The foods are organic, the restaurant's walls and floors are made of renewable bamboo, the bar is recycled old bottles, and natural light pours in through solar tubes. The drinking straws are corn-based and biodegradable. They even deliver their pizzas in hybrid cars. The food? The pizzas are odd-shaped but fresh and tasty, with multigrain oval crusts, plenty of veggies, cheese, and sweet Italian sausage. Try Bill's Pizza (includes organic NY strips) and wash it down

with MateVeza ale that's also an energy drink. All this does not come cheap, but watch for happy hour specials. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — freerange and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp *la boca*. Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ooquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — *N.W.*

Sausage King 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who run this place do. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from homemade liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sidebar Deli 225 Cedar Street, Downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is "Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others." It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and

cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Golden Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county. Sister Pee Wee says her lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens, and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Weekdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m., Sunday closed. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Starlite 3175 India Street, Little Italy, 619-358-9766. No pedestrian pub grub at this lounge — nearly all the major staffers are protégés of now-departed Michael Stebner, conduit of the Alice Waters's ethos of local and natural. Chefs hang out here off duty. The seasonal menu of California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages (do try the house-made sausage plate!), and local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat-iron steak are knockouts, and for dessert let your inner child commune with your outer adult over the irresistible toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Short, smart, merciful wine list with French and California wines at way-below-average markups, scanty by the glass; special wine bottle discounts, Sunday & Monday. Full bar with creative cocktails. Happy hour, Monday-Saturday, 5-7 p.m. About seven lacto-vegetarian dishes, one for vegans. Age 21 and up only. Free parking lot attached. Dinner nightly, moderate. — *N.W.*

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and

you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantism. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinner nightly, open until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don't ask for Velveeta here. Everything else, they've got: 60-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around \$30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky *Epoisses Berthaut*, or the beautifully tangy *Schloss*. Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit — it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Buca di Beppo — Mira Mesa 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Try the *peme arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and

dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomato version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W.*

Crab Hut 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, bare-bones eatery, specializing in Louisiana-fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Whatever you order, you'll have a great time suckin' da heads and getting smeared with red sauce (bibs are provided and needed). But this isn't N'awlins — instead of seasoning by the boil alone, the crabs and crawfish are drenched in thick, spicy sauces ("medium" means "cayenne-loaded"). And the light, tasty seafood gumbo with crisp veggies is more Asian than Cajun. Check the hanging board near the back for the specials and current crawfish condition. Live season runs from November through spring. Fried catfish filet and shrimp with lemon-pepper sauce are particularly savory. No reservations, no veggies. Crowded parking lot; come early on weeknights. No alcohol; no BYO. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, in-

cluding a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, fritatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M.*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

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Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring worldwide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a “Roman breakfast” of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don’t miss the lamb chop and egg-plant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber’s home garden; the french fries (which don’t come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn’t be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids’ menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M.*

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — “Iskender” means “Alexander.” Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The Shepherd’s Salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

California Pizza Kitchen — Carmel Valley 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-675-4424. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched

palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain’s first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It’s New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Market occupies an odd location, way out in the boonies of far-east Del Mar, but it’s worth seeking out. The menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs chef-owner Carl Schroeder (formerly at Arterra) finds at the local produce market (Chino Farms) and from the nearby seas. Despite the ambitious food and prices, vibes are neighborhood restaurant — people are having a good time here, and so will you. For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good, with no letdown. At our visit, boneless beef shortribs, North Atlantic monkfish, bluenose bass, and venison chops were all imaginative, with perfectly sized portions and intriguing sides. Appetizers may include celery-root soup, Maine lobster salad, bleu-cheese soufflé, and a strudel of forest mushrooms and artichokes, all of them scrumptious — but the menu could be completely different when you visit, so be prepared. This is truly seasonal, local cuisine, and hurray for that. Dinner

nightly. Reservations essential. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

El Q’ero 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepeesy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian- and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W.*

St. Germain’s Café 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn café potatoes or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the

counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff, 760-632-0111. If you’re tired of Italian restaurants, you’ll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY

Asian Noodle 1430 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You’ve got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It’s an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family’s Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi, (Mr. Ma’s “Mi” — noodles). Yes, MaMi’s a little bland, but it’s filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompani-

ment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Birrias, Chivos & Cheves 2401 Highland Avenue, Suite 104, National City, 619-477-7660. This might be the nearest thing to the goat restaurant at Mercado Hidalgo, the Tijuana market known for its good food, including goat stew. Goat is what you get here, and it’s good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. The family’s specialty is great too: *quesabirria frita*, a kind of empanada with birria, Monterey Jack cheese, cream, and marinated purple onion, topped with mom’s sesame salsa. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0661. Occupying a charming, cozy historic cottage a few blocks from the Del, this very French bistro has ceased its previous descent into decay, thanks to a change of owners in late 2005. They’ve introduced more careful cooking, fresher ingredients, more accommodating service. You’ll still find all the classics of French bourgeois cuisine on the menu along with lighter, more modern dishes such as salmon crusted with horseradish. Don’t miss the heart-warming Normandy-style onion soup flavored with apple cider. An adventurous wine list with interesting regional French bottles at modest markups adds to the pleasures. Three different three-course prix-fixe dinners (at varying prices) all offer good value, especially the early-bird super-bargain menu (\$24.95) available 4-6 p.m. nightly (all evening on Tuesdays). On Wednesdays, most wines are half price. Ground-floor dining room wheelchair accessible; specify when reserving. Din-

ner only, Tuesday through Sunday. À la carte expensive. — *N.W.*

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises “over 100 items daily.” Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It’s an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mistral 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado, 619-424-4000. Not just for tourists, but a lovely getaway for locals, the luxurious dining room with its wraparound windows on the bay is one of the most romantic spots in town with comfortable banquette seating, a view from every table, and an atmosphere that’s quietly festive, not formal. The light, elegant, healthful Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Combinations can be witty and a bit whimsical. An excellent wine list at very reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. (If you want a tasting dinner with matching wines, speak to the knowledgeable, trustworthy sommelier.) Inexpensive validated valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Reserve a few nights ahead, as many dinners here are sold out or special events. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *N.W.*

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to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

EAST COUNTY

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Julian, 760-782-3656. If you’re a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin’ and fishin’ trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano,

and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a “Texas-sized baked potato,” vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Paipa’s Oasis 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gamble through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The “Joe and the Volcano”-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa’s. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers,

you’ve gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B.

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Julian, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the “NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.” sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. (“With syrup” breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to

make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Trattoria Antica 5654 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-9919. This is the Italian cooking of joy. New York expats, especially, will rejoice to discover fabulous food and warm hospitality to equal their Manhattan favorites — in a La Mesa strip mall. The indulgent, ambitious, full-flavored dishes are made with uncompromised Italian ingredients (e.g., San Daniele prosciutto, imported fontina cheese) and the Sicilian-born chef knows just what to do with them. This is *abbondanza* — not just abundance in portion size, but in the soul-felt appreciation of the pleasure of life. Wine (with lots of interesting Italian bottlings) and beer. Reservations strongly advised. Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Vine Ripe Market Grill 8191 Fletcher Parkway Drive, La Mesa, 619-462-9900. Maybe the nearest feeling you’ll get this side of the Pacific to being in the actual Middle East. The scents, the smells, the music. Women in robes and shawls, men with prayer beads. Behind the food counter, three giant vertical spits of beef, chicken, and a lamb-beef combo rotate in front of blue flames. Ask for the Beef Shawerma, or a lamb kabob spiked on a real sword. The shrimp kabob (basmati rice, hummus, feta salad, pita bread) is wonderful, and their grilled salmon is their most popular dish. Sandwiches include a kafta kabob (thin bread stuffed with meat loaf, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, served with a Grecian sauce) and chicken kabob (thin bread stuffed with chicken, lettuce, onions, tomatos, garlic sauce). Don’t hurry — be prepared for conversation. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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Pampas Argentine Grill, Kearny Mesa

What a rare find, right in the heart of Kearny Mesa. We did a light sampling of the menu this past Saturday night. My friend and I both loved the calamari appetizer, with its frizzled capers which was served with the predictable but slightly off-center marinara and an unusual tartar sauce. We dined on the *costillas con chimichurri* (short ribs with oil / garlic sauce) and the *vacio* (organic prime beef loin, seasoned and simply grilled). Both meat temps (medium-rare) were perfect and quickly served alongside a succulent fresh vegetable garnish. The garlic mashed potatoes were all they promised to be and very moist. My friend (a fry freak) ordered these rather than trying the oft-touted Argentine fries, as he was put off by the merchandising from our server who described them as, “topped with a white sauce.” I bit and was served gloriously crisp yet entirely pedestrian shoestring fries generously garnished with minced parsley and raw garlic which was far too strong for this application (as opposed to the *chimichurri* sauce perfectly paired with the baguette set before us for bread service). We were treated to live jazz (a wonderful presentation of standards with a distinctly Latin flavor) and the room gradually filled with regulars, greeted by the humbly courteous staff. Portions and quality were well in line with menu pricing, and we left very satisfied. Do not deny yourself the opportunity to sample the food, service, and charm of Pampas — and soon.

By **g_martinez** 9:53 p.m., Oct. 21

Greek Town Buffet, El Cajon

Searching for a variety of delicious food? Clean place? Whether you are following a low-carb diet or low-fat diet, this is the place to go. Great soup and salad bar; delicious Mediterranean dishes; baba ganoosh, tabuli, and yogurt salad will make your mouth water. My favorite was the lamb dish and skewered chicken. Ah, and there is the dessert table that you cannot resist. The new owners Hanna and...sorry, can not remember the husband's name, are very helpful and friendly, service was great, and prices were very reasonable. Give them a visit; you will be glad you did.

By **Suzanl** 6:26 p.m., Oct. 22

Crest Cafe, Hillcrest

After a late movie this week a bunch of us met at the Crest Cafe in Hillcrest for a bite to eat. I personally hadn’t been there in quite a few years. I am glad we went. Loved the atmosphere and the people. Our waiter was quite incredible; he didn't use a pencil for taking our orders (5 of us) — an amazing memory. I ordered hot tea from an extensive tea menu and I loved it. Comes in a totally different tea pot for each person. Each of us ordered something different, and I asked each person in our group how their food was, and each was quite pleased. I know I was amazed at a shrimp salad a friend got;one got a chicken pot pie and was very pleased; the next friend got a super hamburger that was quite large with all the dressings to add on. I got a turkey sandwich, and it was cut in half. I could only eat half since I was so filled with turkey; totally original and very good. Took the rest home for lunch the next day. I will be going back. Oh, they were open until midnight; we left at 11:45pm.

By **richinsd** 11:33 p.m., Oct 23

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It was only a matter of luck and timing, both bad, that Mike Leigh's *Happy-Go-Lucky*, one of the year's essential films, would open in my absence. How nice it would have been to have had it land in my lap when I had nothing more urgent to deal with than *Hancock* or *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*. This is, to get right down to it, a character portrait of a singular person, a primary-school teacher called Poppy, almost dementedly upbeat, seeing it as her mission in life to spread sunshine and joy wherever she goes. A tipsy giggler, a babbling fount of inanities ("Here we go, gigolo"), a constant commenter ("Never been here before," she announces to no one in particular on her tour of a bookshop; "Don't want to go there," she reacts upon pulling *The Road to Reality* off the shelf; "I like your hat," she volunteers to the tight-lipped proprietor), an avocational clown, a tireless self-amuser, she's the nearest thing to Pee-wee Herman you could ever hope to find in a realistic context. (Is it significant that her beloved bicycle gets stolen right off the bat? Unlike Pee-wee, she sighingly lets it go — "I didn't even get a chance to say goodbye" — and signs up for driving lessons.) The context, however, demands that she once in a while drop the good cheer in order to handle crises with her ranting, racist, rigid driving instructor ("It's not easy being you, ay?"), a violent bully at school, and an addled tramp in the street. She is not a one-note character. She can rise to the occasion, and there is always, even at the best of times, an underpinning of thin ice. It is a portrait painted in finest detail and subtlest shades.

Sally Hawkins, who had worked with Leigh before in *Vera Drake* and *All or Nothing*, takes total possession of the role, or vice versa, indelibly visualized in a neo- or retro-Flower Child wardrobe, too youthful by a decade, too loud by a hundred decibels, of clashing colors and multiple layers (a last layer, revealed on the chiropractor's table, of pink bra and orange panties beneath black fishnet hose), and a full range of mirth from lopsided grin, pulling to the right, to open-wide glee. All in all, she stands as one of the towering heroines of modern cinema, maybe an inch or two short of *Fargo*'s

Marge Gunderson, but more than level with *Ghost World*'s Enid or the title character of the aforementioned *Vera Drake*. Leigh himself, you might have noticed, especially if you saw either of the samples mentioned at the top of this paragraph, is not the jolliest sort of fellow (even titles like *Life Is Sweet*, *High Hopes*, *Home Sweet Home*, and *Nuts in May* are not to be taken at face value), and it would be easy to imagine him making a movie in which the central character were the volcanic driving instructor — the stalwart Eddie Marsan, who also appeared in *Vera Drake* — and in which the bubbly driving student were only one of several supporting characters, a movie, that is to say, more like his *Naked*, a portrait of a negativist.

Any viewer less effervescent than Poppy, in any event, will be inclined to look at her as a kind of scientific specimen, to be observed with curiosity



Happy-Go-Lucky

and wonder — along with unscientific amusement and a silent prayer of thanks she's not living next door or coming over for dinner — in a somewhat amorphous and arbitrary succession of scenes, situations, circumstances. Among the most fruitful of these, after her periodic driving lessons, are a flamenco class under an authentically hot-blooded instructor,

one of those awful family get-togethers at which Leigh excels, and the ongoing physical intimacies between Poppy and her same-sex heterosexual roommate, Alexis Zegerman. At all

times the movie boasts beautiful bright color, rather as if Leigh's regular cameraman, Dick Pope, had emptied a bottle of Windex on our window on the world. (Ah, we can see!) And

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please don't try to tell me that this is meant to be expressive of Poppy's *Weltanschauung*. Clear bright colors ought not to be the exclusive privilege of the Pollyanna.

To attempt to keep things in proper proportion: *W.*, pronounced "dubya," is emphatically not to be taken seriously. Oliver Stone's diplomatic biopic on our forty-third President (Josh Brolin, a dead-on impression, but where to go with it?) is so careful to avoid bias as to avoid purpose. It barely matches the caliber of a TV docudrama, much less the compensating snickers. In that department, Thandie Newton as Condi Rice takes the cake. *Max Payne*, out-of-season summer fare, is a steroidal cop film (literally, pharmaceutical performance-enhancement to a science-fictional degree) featuring dark shadows, leeches, color, CG hallucinations, and Mark Wahlberg's frown lines. *I've Loved You So Long*, a first film by French novelist Philippe Claudel, about a genteel parolee who moves in temporarily with her younger sister and in-laws, is leisurely, patient, closely observed, committedly acted (Kristin Scott Thomas, with dark circles around her eyes, and Elsa Zylberstein), drably photographed, and passably

absorbing, at least until it dissipates into heart-tugging hokery. The self-explanatory *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, starring Seth Rogen (our reigning Everyblob) and Elizabeth Banks, is a Kevin Smith film of incessant dirty-talk, a bit of dirty-do, and a splatter of dirty-doo-doo. It is strictly for those sufficiently sheltered that they're able to find it daring and sophisticated. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SDReader.com.

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



I've Loved You So Long

the two peacekeepers. (In *Warlock* it was actually two women.) And we even have a recognizable replay, on a reduced scale, and nowhere near movie's end, of the show-down at the O.K. Corral. But we don't have, among other things, any clear distinction, and thus any palpable tension, between the two peacekeeping partners.

(There's nothing inherently wrong with that, but their complete compatibility disqualifies the movie as a variation on Earp-Holliday.) Both are cookie-cutter Strong Silent Types, and well played in that mode by the leathery Ed Harris, who also directed, and a Buffalo Bill-whiskered Viggo Mortensen, weighed down with a bazooka-

sized eight-gauge shotgun. The movie, even while it would not compare favorably to its antecedent, can rest comfortably on the tight-jawed interplay between these men, and on its brisk and efficient action scenes, and finally, lingeringly, on the climactic act of friendship of the sidekick for his love-struck partner. That has some real nobility to it, and some subtlety, some irony. With Renée Zellweger, Jeremy Irons, Timothy Spall, Lance Henriksen, Ariadna Gil. 2008. ★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Big Lebowski — There are actually two Lebowskis, a big one and a little one, a multimillionaire philanthropist and a lazy, laid-back bowler, both christened Jeffrey; and when the latter — who prefers to be addressed as "the Dude" — is mistaken for the other by a pair of dim-bulb thugs, he is pulled into an apparent kidnapping plot of rapidly deepening complexity: "a lot of ins, a lot of outs, a lot of what-have-yous." The Coen brothers, writer-director Joel and writer-producer Ethan, are here having fun with, among other things, complexity per se. Fun with the very idea of complexity. Fun with the concrete and mountainous evidence of complexity. And one of the richest sources of fun, played off in the sharpest contrast to complexity, is the glorious spectrum of stupidity on exhibit: the dope-addled but gropingly rational Dude (Jeff Bridges); the big lug who is always absolutely sure he is right in spite of the fact that he has never been right yet (John Goodman); the woolgatherer who falls behind in the slowest of conversations (Steve Buscemi); the several teams of hired "muscle" (all brawn, no brains), one team of

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)

Appaloosa (R); **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Body of Lies** (R); **Changeling** (R); **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13); **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Pride and Glory** (R); **RocknRolla** (R); **Saw V** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **W.** (PG-13); **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

Appaloosa (R); **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG); **Body of Lies** (R); **Changeling** (R); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Sex Drive** (I); **W.** (PG-13); **What Just Happened** (R); **Yella** (Not Rated)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Burn after Reading (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:20, 5:35) 7:50, 10:05 Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35 Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35; **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:35) 8:10 Sat. (11:50, 3:05) 6:30, 9:50 Sun. (12:50, 4:05) 7:30, 10:50; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:10, 7:05,

9:55 Sat. (12:50) 4:10, 6:55, 9:55 Sun. (1:50) 5:10, 7:55, 10:55; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 7:45, 10:00 Sat. (12:00, 2:20) 4:30, 7:10, 9:30 Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 8:10, 10:30; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri. (1:15, 1:45, 3:45, 4:15) 6:30, 7:20, 9:00, 9:50 Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00) 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30 Sun. (1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:00) 6:00, 6:30, 8:30, 9:00, 11:00, 11:30; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:10 Sat. (12:45) 4:15, 7:25, 10:15 Sun. (1:45) 5:15, 8:25, 11:15; **Quarantine** (R) Fri. (1:45, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25 Sat. (12:40, 2:55) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05 Sun. (1:40, 3:55) 6:05, 8:35, 11:05; **RocknRolla** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:25, 10:15 Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (1:20, 3:50) 6:25, 9:00, 11:30; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (1:10, 1:40, 3:30, 4:05, 5:50) 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:30 Sat. (11:55, 12:25, 2:10,

2:40) 4:25, 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:15, 10:10 Sun. (12:55, 1:25, 3:10, 3:40) 5:25, 6:10, 8:00, 8:40, 10:15, 11:10; **Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 3:00, 5:05) 7:15, 9:20 Sat. (12:10, 2:15) 4:20, 7:05, 9:20 Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 8:05, 10:20; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (12:50, 1:25, 3:10, 3:50, 5:30) 7:00, 7:55, 9:30, 10:20 Sat. (12:05, 12:35, 2:25, 3:00) 4:55, 5:25, 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20 Sun. (1:05, 1:35, 3:25, 4:00) 5:55, 6:25, 8:20, 8:50, 10:45, 11:20

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)

Body of Lies (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:05; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:30,

9:50; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:35; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 11:15) 1:20, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:15) 1:20, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 7:20; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 3:50, 7:05, 10:20; **RocknRolla** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Saw V** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:25; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30



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MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

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Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Zack and Miri Make a Porno (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **Changeling** (R) (10:00 1:30) 4:45 7:45 10:45; **Appaloosa** (R) 4:15 10:15; **High School Musical 3** (G) (10:00 11:30 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; **Pride and Glory** (R) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; *No 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; *No 7:00 Wed. & Thu.; **W.** (PG) (10:15 1:15) 7:15; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Barbie: A Christmas Carol** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only.
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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Sukiyaki Western Django (R) Fri. 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Breakfast With Scot (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 7:20 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 7:20; **The Duchess** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Filth and Wisdom** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 4:40, 9:55; **Happy-Go-Lucky** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Rachel Getting Married** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Religulous** (R) Fri. 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

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Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Planet Earth: Fresh Water** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:40) 8:15, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:40, 8:15, 10:35; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **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; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:25) 7:50, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; **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) 7:40, 8:00, 8:20, 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, 7:40, 8:00, 8:20, 10:20, 10:40, 10:55; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:55, 10:10; **Quarantine** (R) Fri. (12:05, 5:05) 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:05) 5:05, 10:15; **RocknRolla** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:30, 8:10, 10:50; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:25, 2:25, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15) 7:10, 7:30, 9:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 12:25, 2:25, 2:50) 4:45, 5:15, 7:10, 7:30, 9:45, 10:05; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **Sex Drive** () Fri. (12:25, 3:00, 5:35) 8:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:45; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 7:15; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (12:15, 3:00, 5:35) 8:10, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:45

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)
Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG); **Body of Lies** (R); **Changeling** (R); **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G); **Max Payne** (Pg-13); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **Pride and Glory** (R); **Quarantine** (R); **Saw V** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **W.** (PG-13); **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 6:50, 9:35 Sun. (1:35, 4:00) 7:50, 10:35; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:55) 7:10 Sun. (3:55) 8:10; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15 Sun. (1:15, 4:30) 8:00, 11:15; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:45) 7:35, 10:30 Sun. (1:50, 4:45) 8:35, 11:30; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45 Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:10, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (1:20, 3:50) 6:10, 8:25, 10:45; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:45, 3:25, 4:50) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:45, 3:25) 4:50, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sun. (1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:45, 4:25) 5:50, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:45) 7:05, 9:40 Sun. (1:55, 4:45) 8:05, 10:40; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:35) 7:20, 10:25 Sun. (1:25, 4:35) 8:20, 11:25; **Rockn-Rolla** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:20) 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (1:40, 4:20) 8:40, 11:20; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:45, 2:35, 3:40, 5:00) 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40 Sat. (12:05, 12:45, 2:35, 3:40) 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40 Sun. (1:05, 1:45, 3:35, 4:40) 6:00, 8:30, 9:00, 11:10, 11:40; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 4:55) 7:55, 10:45 Sun. (2:05, 5:55) 8:55, 11:45; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00) 10:05 Sun. (1:00) 11:05; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:35 Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. (1:10, 3:40) 6:15, 8:50, 11:35

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Appaloosa (R) Fri.-Sun.; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri.-Sun.; **Max Payne** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

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Poway 10

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Vista Village

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which are self-styled Nihilists; the nympho bimbo; the adolescent joyrider who afterwards forgets his corrected homework (“Use a dictionary,” “Spelling”) in the abandoned car. The complexity is no illusion. It is right there in front of us in frightening and multiplying detail. It brutally illuminates the stupidity. And at the same time it forms the philosophical foundation for a broad and accepting, if aloof and frosty, view of humankind. The Coens — who better? who else? — are able to make wonderful sport of deadbeats and boneheads from the high ground of diligence and ingenuity. They never play “down” to the audience. They demand effort and intelligence, and they reward these by the truckload: lively characterizations, flavorful dialogue, dense atmosphere, clever and convoluted plotting, rich and well-developed themes, abundant allusions, “in” jokes, grace notes, and red herrings, each element teamed with the oth-

ers in common purpose. Julianne Moore, David Huddleston, Sam Elliott, Peter Stormare, Ben Gazzara, John Turturro, Jimmie Dale Gilmore. 1998.
★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/30 THROUGH 11/1, 7:30 P.M.)

Body of Lies — The war on terrorism, or anyway a single battle against terrorism, conducted with slickness and razzmatazz, and time for romance too. Leonardo DiCaprio continues to breathe hard in his efforts to be an action hero; the steel-haired Russell Crowe, in a desk job, plays peekaboo 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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)



Max Payne

Burn after Reading — The Coen brothers revisit their favored stupidity theme: *Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski* (that one above all), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the secondhand *Lady-killers*, at least the Llewellyn Moss protagonist in *No Country for Old Men*. Back to the

well once more. The placement of this timeless theme within the Washington, D.C., intelligence community is, however, highly strategic, calculating, revitalizing, resonating, and, well, intelligent. (The memorable line from the original *Manchurian Candidate* swims up from the

depths: “Intelligence officer! Stupidity officer is more like it.”) The central theme has been interlaced with secondary themes of deception, discontentment, self-delusion, double lives, so that while the film is unmistakably a comedy, it’s a pretty deep one. And regardless how repetitive the theme, there is no slacking off in technique and execution. The fast hour and a half is consistently, unisistently funny, with only a rare lapse in taste (a homemade marital aid, a couple of splashes of Scorsese-esque gore) and never really a lapse in tone. And although the regular and reliable Roger Deakins has been replaced with Emmanuel Lubezki (*Children of Men*, most noteworthy), the cinematography doesn’t suffer, with its crystal-clear air, its fine-line focus, and its scythe-like camerawork, angling slightly upwards, attacking from all sides, intermittently cutting a path in a 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; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Changeling — True story of police corruption in 1920s L.A., with Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, and Jeffrey Donovan, directed by Clint Eastwood.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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; FROM 10/31)

The Dark Knight — Fashionably “dark” comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for “the bat man,” as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan’s restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment, although we must acknowledge that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker — banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton’s 1989 edition, “dark” though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. “Some men,” Batman’s manservant succinctly sums up the em-

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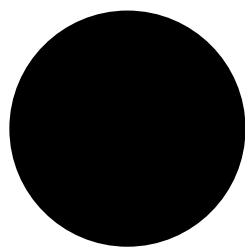
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blematic evildoer, “just want to watch the world burn.” To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the 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, unshadowingly surrounded by Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper, Hayley Atwell, Simon McBurney, and Charlotte Rampling, commands the screen with force and nuance and bone structure. The camera, as they say, loves her. 2008.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 presenta-



Rachel Getting Married

tion that we can barely follow it.) Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan, as ordinary citizens under the eye, thumb, and puppet-strings of Big Brother, are ordinarily likable, or in these circumstances, pitiable. With Billy Bob Thornton, Rosario Dawson, and Michael Chiklis; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14)

A Girl Cut in Two — To head off disappointment, it would be prudent to disclose that this effort by Claude Chabrol, “France’s Master of Suspense,” is really not a thriller. Though it by and by works its way around to a crime of passion, it is really more an affairs-of-the-heart type of thing. Many a narrative, needless to say, works its way around to a crime of passion — *The Great Gatsby*, *Lolita*, *Othello*, *Medea* — without anyone confusing them with thrillers. The bisected title character — a condition made rather pedantically literal

in the magic act at the curtain — is torn between two men. Or from another point of view, two men are tugging at her: a literary lion twice her age and a hot-headed young pharmaceuticals heir. Even while the film lacks the hallmarks of a thriller, it nonetheless has the mystery of personalities and relationships, and it has the tension of classes and generations, and it has several points of intrigue: the long-standing animosity of the young man toward the older (what’s behind it?); the young one’s silent companion-cum-lackey-cum-bodyguard (who, or what, is this guy?); the hinted-at kinkiness

of the bedroom activities; the enigmatic gentlemen’s club with the unexplored upstairs. Some of that, we might feel, could have been better illuminated. This is clearly, however, a matter of choice rather than negligence. Chabrol, not as a general principle but at least as a one-time game plan, draws a veil over the most private matters, even when these become scandalously public. It’s as though Chabrol loses interest when the secrets turn into news. Mere facts, he insinuates, cannot dispel the mysteries. And his uniformly excellent cast, well-blended, discreet, inward, refuses to oversimplify things. Ludvine Sagnier, François Berléand, Benoit Magimel. 2007.

★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 10/30)

Happy-Go-Lucky — Reviewed this issue. With Sally Hawkins, Eddie Marsan, and Alexis Zegerman; written and directed by Mike Leigh.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Haunting of Molly Hartley —

High-school chiller with Haley Bennett, Chace Crawford, and Jake Weber, directed by Mickey Liddell.

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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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I.O.U.S.A. — Documentary by Patrick Creadon on the nation’s economic crisis. (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 10/31)

I’ve Loved You So Long — Reviewed this issue. With Kristin Scott Thomas, Elsa Zylberstein, and Serge Hazanavicius; written and directed by Philippe Claudel.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/31)

Lakeview Terrace — Neil LaBute’s neighbor-from-hell thriller, no more than mildly provocative by his toughest standards (*In the Company of Men*, *Your Friends and Neighbors*, et al.), details the escalating ill will between a newly arrived interracial couple (Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington) and the long-ensconced, widowed black policeman next door (Samuel L. Jackson), who has definite ideas of propriety and its enforcement. Reasonably graded and reined-in buildup; unreasonably frenzied and drawn-out ending. The beginning of the end involves perhaps the neatest telephone gimmick since *Wait until Dark*, and the raging Southern California brush fire serves effectively as both a plot device and a symbol. The photography could use a hos-ing-down. 2008.

★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Max Payne — Reviewed this issue. With Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis, Beau Bridges, and Ludacris; directed by John Moore.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 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)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Rachel Getting Married — A sort of Rainbow Coalition wedding weekend: the father of the Jewish bride had remarried a black, the bride too is marrying a black (it might be noted that Sidney Lumet, the father of first-time scriptwriter Jenny Lumet, had remarried a black himself), and the theme of the wedding is inexplicably Indian. Director Jonathan Demme, striving for an improvisational feel, stages the goings-on with an almost Danish dishevelment: a hand-held camera in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. Anne Hathaway, as the bride’s just-out-of-rehab sister, a constant and tiresome threat of disruption (“She needs a lot of acknowledgment”), proves to be too actressy for the style; but Rosemarie DeWitt makes a fine impression as her well-behaved sister, and the conviviality of the gathering, with heavy representation from the cool cats of the music industry, is by and large believable and admirable. With Mather Zickel, Bill Irwin, Anna Deavere Smith, Tunde Ade-bimpe, and Debra Winger. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Religulous — Comedian Bill Maher, the smirking skeptic, travels the globe to goad and taunt, and talk behind the backs of, believers of many stripes (not Far Eastern), all in an effort to galvanize the silent minority of Americans — 16% by latest count — who profess to be atheists and agnostics. He is content to keep it light and superficial and once in a while funny, though at the end he climbs into his own figurative pulpit, in a moralizing manner not dissimilar to the wrap-ups of Jerry Springer. Directed by Larry Charles. 2008.



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★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA, FROM 10/31)

Rocknrolla — Director Guy Ritchie visits the London underworld, with Gerard Butler, Idris Elba, Thandie Newton, and Jeremy Piven. (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/31)

Rosemary’s Baby — Roman Polanski’s Hollywood debut, and his deepest dive into

commercialism. These working conditions serve mainly to point up his shortcomings as a storyteller. He slides right over some of the cues for spine-tingles, as if he simply missed them in his reading of the trashy Ira Levin novel. And his expressionistic camerawork, with its distorting lenses and furtive movements, converts the Manhattan apartment locale into a sort of undulating funhouse, and it thereby undermines the intended shock effect of situating demonism in a cozily mundane setting. The acting doesn’t add any stability, what with John Cassavetes’s j.d. sulking, Ruth Gordon’s birdlike squawking, Mia Farrow’s precari-

ous teetering behind a pumped-up belly, and the headless stand-in used for Mia’s nude shots. A better, more earthbound

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movie on devil worshippers in New York City is the Val Lewton-Mark Robson *Seventh Victim*. 1968.

★ (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LA JOLLA, 10/30, 7 P.M.)

Saw V — More horror with Tobin Bell, Julie Benz, Greg Bryk, Meagan Good, and Costas Mandylor, directed by David Hackl. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Secret Life of Bees — The place is South Carolina, the time is 1964, right when LBJ has signed the Civil Rights Act (“Nothin’ but a piece of paper”). An abused white teenage runaway and her fugitive black maid find refuge at a honey farm of “cultured” black sisters named after months of the year, August, June, and May (twin of the deceased April). Sticky sentimentality, by way of the Sue Monk Kidd novel, but Queen Latifah brings some real strength to it, and Dakota Fanning (apparently unspoiled in early adolescence) some real vulnerability. With Jennifer Hudson, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo, and Paul Bettany; written and directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Calendar

MOVIES

Sex Drive — A crack-up, not in the sense of an out-loud laugh, but in that of a car wreck. Teen characters, and audience, are pushed into premature corruption: a gross-out road movie whose itinerary includes a pair of wet-dream-soaked briefs, a slingshot condom, an adhesive dildo, a prosthetic scrotum, coprophilia, and so on. With Josh Zuckerman, Amanda Crew, Clark Duke, James Marsden, and Seth Green; directed by Sean Anders. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Sukiyaki Western Django — Japanese Western directed by Takashi Miike, with Hideaki Ito and Masanobu Ando. (KEN, FROM 10/31)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Burton's The Nightmare before 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 overabun-



Zack and Miri Make a Porno

dance 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 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. — Reviewed this issue. With Josh Brodin, Elizabeth Banks, James Cromwell, Jeffrey Wright, and Richard Dreyfuss; directed by Oliver Stone.

★ (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; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Zack and Miri Make a Porno — Reviewed this issue. With Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks, Jason Mewes, and Justin Long; written and directed by Kevin Smith.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/31)

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Paris, Je T'Aime 2006

This film was VERY good. Eighteen short films by recognizable directors and actors that make you think and feel. If you want a Van Damme dullard-type shoot ’em up movie, then don’t go.

By **goosebaum** 4:17 p.m., Oct. 24, 2008

Happy-Go-Lucky 2008

There is rawness to Sally Hawkins’s performance as Poppy in *Happy-Go-Lucky*, which she won the coveted 2008 Best Actress at the Berlin Film Festival. After watching the film, the film struck me with great similarities to a film I had recently seen. The film that I’m referring to is the French cinema that launched Audrey Tautou, she played Sophie Neveu in the blockbuster film *The Da Vinci Code*, onto international stage in *Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie Poulain*, also known as *Amélie* in the United States. You must buy the motion picture soundtrack to *Amélie*; very instrumental and inspirational. Poppy (Sally Hawkins) is a life-loving, cheerful and exquisitely charming person. She lives with her best friend Zoe (Alexis Zegerman) in London, England. Through unordinary daily activities, Poppy decides to take her driving permanent. Her driving instructor (Eddie Marsan) becomes repressed by her behavior as a bad driver and he soon suffers from anger problems. She takes up an exercise of dance that leads her to participate in flamenco lessons; thereafter she encounters a conversation with a homeless man that she finds most rewarding, than she rows with her pregnant sister, and lastly, a love-affair with the social worker guiding one of her students. *Happy-Go-Lucky* is directed by one of Britain’s greatest living film directors, Mike Leigh, responsible for directing several hit films: *Topsy-Turvy* (1999), *All or Nothing* (2002) and *Vera Drake* (2004).

By **romania23** 10:37 p.m., Oct. 24, 2008

Religulous 2008

Agnostics and atheists stand up and be heard! This is the movie you have been waiting for. I loved this movie because it made me think and me want to talk about it afterwards. Bill Maher is nothing short of a comedic genius and I hope the Academy of Motion Pictures honors him with an Oscar this year for this brilliant piece of filmwork. What he did was nothing extraordinary but simply stating the facts that are written out in every religious gospel that is read around the world. It doesn't matter if you are religious or not; you need to see this movie. If you are one of those religious people that says that this guy is a liberal left-wing trouble maker, then don't see the movie. You probably don't have the intelligence to understand the points he is trying to make anyways. You have to watch this movie with an open mind. If you are religious and firmly stand by your beliefs, then nothing he says during the movie should change those beliefs. You have nothing to lose. I hope this film gains more attention and gets played in additional theaters because more people need to see this. Currently, it is only playing in three theaters. Spread the word!

By **spooks69** 10:22 p.m., Oct. 25, 2008

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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 THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH 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 Gaggles of Saints” — imply cruel and even tragic outcomes. In each, LaBute bashes Mormonism (from which he was excommunicated). As in his *In a Dark Dark House*, which runs in repertory with *Bash* at Ion Theatre, the playwright peels away at surfaces and reveals years of repressed rage suddenly unleashed. Under Glenn Paris’s detailed direction, Brian Mackey and Rachael Van Wormer shift from comfy chit-chat to monstrous vengeance with almost invisible segues. The explanations for the deeds are so rational they’re *eerie*. Mackey’s strong ef-

forts 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. 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 Lesley Gore wrote the song in response to the Four Seasons. Now in its fourth — fifth? — version, *Boomers* has grown a great deal since it premiered in 1993. It’s added social dimensions (the original was mostly about middle-class whites), more period details, and a much better understanding of one’s later years (gained from experience: authors Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington are now 15 years older). Ostensibly the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to 1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of “name that tune” in fast-forward. Boomers in the audience gulp “oh’s” of recognition when a musical fragment triggers memories.

One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie’s Aretha-strong voice do all of “Respect” or Keith Jefferson all of “I Heard It Through the Grapevine”). One could also wish that the characters weren’t so one-note (Bill Doyle’s hippie must express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads’s direction and the four-piece backup band. You won’t learn why the pump don’t work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you’re of a certain era, *Boomers* will time-machine you back in a lively manner. 619-437-0600.

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HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 30.

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.

A Class Act

SDSU School of Theatre presents the story of Ed Kleban, “the man who gave us *A Chorus Line*.” SDSU’S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500 CAMPANILE DRIVE, COLLEGE AREA. 619-594-6884. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 9.

Don’t Dress for Dinner

A French farce, adapted for the British stage, now performed in America. The lineage of Marc Camoletti’s script resembles its characters, each of whom becomes a different person for different people. Bernard and wife Jacqueline live in a converted barn outside Paris (one section’s “the piggery,” another “the cow-shed”). Both are having affairs, and their lovers, Suzanne and Robert, come to spend the weekend unannounced. Add Suzette, a gourmet cook who makes a wicked *sauce veloute*, and ruses run riot. Much of the humor

comes from think-fast, positive-spin explanations, as Bernard and Robert must revise their webs of lies anew. The North Coast Rep’s production, directed by Rosina Reynolds, is unafraid to perform broadly. Wide faces, dumb-founded, gaping-mouth reactions, and blazing eyeballs punctuate all stage business, along with slamming doors and some expert, flailing about, slapstick. One wouldn’t want a steady diet of this hectic stuff (devices that worked earlier just feel like devices in the last quarter of the two-and-a-half-hour show). But along the way Reynolds and a game cast evoke many good-sized laughs as complications pile upon complications inside of complexities. As Bernard and Robert, Phil Johnson and Christopher M. Williams romp all over Marty Burnett’s handsome set, one usually chasing the other with a semilethal weapon. Lisel Gorell-Getz provides icy stares as Jacqueline. Amanda Sitton’s Suzanne has little to say, so Sitton fills in with style (hilarious modeling poses) and subtexts. Newcomer Jaque Wilke’s a real find as Suzette. She’s got all the comic goods and, thanks to designer Michelle Hunt Souza, performs an unforgettable costume change.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 16.

Every Painting Tells a Story

The Vivo at Ciao Bella hosts the world premiere of Jill Costanzo’s “comedic drama” about a crazy monk in a prison pit in Verona. Costanzo directed. Special dinner-theater packages are available. 619-337-0238. CIAO BELLA CAFFE BAR E RISTORANTE, 5263 BALTIMORE DRIVE, LA MESA. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 16.

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

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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.

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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, a soup — at least while the music lasts.

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National Comedy Theatre
Improvisational comedy, making
up funny stuff on the spot, is diffi-
cult enough. Years ago, however,
Keith Johnstone thought it'd be
more exciting if done competi-
tively. He got the idea from pro
wrestling ("where Terrible Turks
mangled defrocked priests while
grannies waved their handbags").
National Comedy Theatre, an off-
shoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports
(artistic director Gary Kramer says
the two compare like "rugby and
American football"), resembles an
athletic event more than an im-

prov. Teams wear uniforms and
compete on ActroTurf. Using sug-
gestions from the audience, they
play "Emotional Sympathy,"
"Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag,"
with judges awarding points to the
best scenes. Klunkers and groaners
get booed; quick wit rewarded (one
of the most refreshing parts of the
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Waiting to Be Invited

Louise, Delores, and Odessa don't
look like heroes at first, just three
African-American women dressed
all-white for church and heading
on a bus to downtown Atlanta. But
today is Friday, and it's 1964. The
Supreme Court made it illegal to
discriminate on the basis of race.
And the trio rides to Marsh's De-
partment Store, where they will or-
der lunch in the restaurant — fish
sticks — and be among the first to
break the racial barrier. All of this
will be forgotten in years to come,

one says. S.M. Shephard-Massat's
comedy-drama, however, remem-
bers how it felt to face a potentially
violent unknown. Will they be
served? And what? Germs or TB on
dirty dishes? As the play evolves,
with remarkably sharp dialogue
and truly funny moments, the
"weight of the situation" grows on
women who have "never been inte-
grated before." A litany of "what
if's," fueled by Ruth, a nervous
preacher's wife, incites fears even
more. Whatever happens, says
courageous Louise, they will be dif-
ferent when they come out. As will
the country. One could pick at
Common Ground Theatre's pro-
duction — some lines missed, tim-
ing problems — but overall the
play and the performances (espe-
cially by Monique Gaffney as Ruth,
and Debi Mason as the in-
domitable Odessa, with strong sup-
port by Veronica Henson-Phillips,
Ida L. Rhem, Sally S. Stockton, and
Anthony D. Bell) build to a coura-
geous, moving finale. T.J. Johnson,
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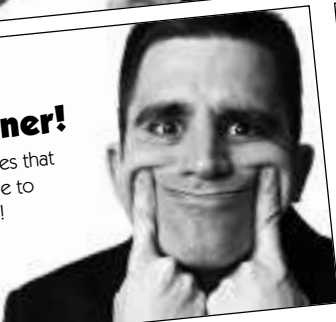
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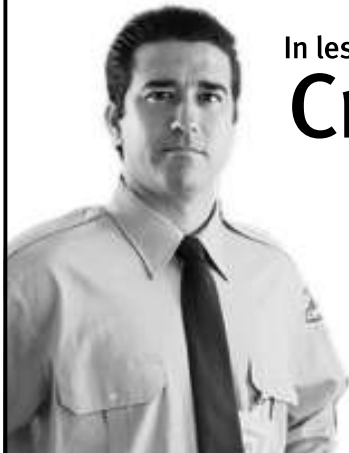
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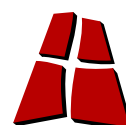
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Across

- 1. International organization whose name means "stupid" in Spanish
- 6. Handheld organizer, briefly
- 9. Thorny bloom
- 13. Pile up
- 14. Prefix with -drome
- 16. Author Turgenev
- 17. What someone might say an excellent bowler is?
- 19. Remain unsettled
- 20. Zero
- 21. 640 acres: Abbr.
- 22. Buddy boy

- 24. Faucet flaw
- 26. Like good advice
- 28. Words after court or rule
- 29. Kind of colony
- 31. High-pitched instrument made from items collected from the beach?
- 33. Equally fine
- 35. Crowd for Luigi?
- 36. One in a gardener's handful
- 37. "Fill 'er up!" fill
- 39. Flooring wood
- 41. Baby bed
- 45. Charge
- 47. Got a home run
- 52. Cozy and inviting Milky Way components?
- 55. Designer Karan
- 56. "Take ____!" (usher's request)
- 57. Plumb crazy
- 59. Cushions
- 60. "Lemme!"
- 62. Croat neighbor
- 64. Gangster's gun
- 65. "____ 'clock scholar"
- 66. Something located in 17-, 31- and 52-Across
- 69. Yale Bowl players
- 70. Cover the driveway
- 71. Getty Center architect Richard
- 72. Old: Ger.
- 73. ____ Moines
- 74. Leans

Down

- 1. Corner store owners
- 2. Realms
- 3. Carpentry chore
- 4. Line on an appl. form
- 5. Inquires

- 6. Las ____, Canary Islands
- 7. Joy
- 8. "What ____ the odds?"
- 9. Scams
- 10. Be situated atop
- 11. State capital with the highest altitude
- 12. Funded
- 15. Hosp. areas
- 18. 1-Across figs.
- 23. Neighbor of Ger.
- 25. Kung ____ chicken
- 27. Saarinen who designed the Gateway Arch
- 30. Yule ____
- 32. Wife of Jacob
- 34. Senseless
- 38. Circus barker
- 40. Razz
- 41. Coffee alternative
- 42. Site of the International UFO Museum and Research Center
- 43. "Seriously!"
- 44. Barely
- 46. Like waves on a shoreline
- 48. Do better than
- 49. Back together, for now
- 50. Like some letters
- 51. Chefs, at times
- 53. RR stop
- 54. Script makeup
- 58. .com alternative
- 61. Nile reptile
- 63. Floor below an Elk, perhaps
- 67. Roll (up)
- 68. Country club peg

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Lil Wagner, Clairemont, 20. "Great idea, Jim. I already did vote for Ron Paul."
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 19. "Get out of your car and on your bike."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 19.
Julie Osburn, North Park, 19. "He who has a strong enough why can bear almost any how."
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 19. "Happy birthday, Mom. I miss you."
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 19. "I don't trust a government that doesn't trust me to own a gun!"
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 18. "You can't fight in here - this is the war room!"
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 18. "Today's the day, Carol! Happy 50th birthday!"
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 18.
Pamela Swain, College Area, 18. "Let's get down and dirty."
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 17. "You'd be cooler if you were me!"
Janet Goff, Cardiff, 17. "Rachelle Collier for Encinitas City Council."

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 17. "Ramona is the place 4 haircuts. bstreetsalon.com"
George Jackson, Oceanside, 17.
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 17. www.paintwithdan.com
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 17. "Me. Just like you. Only better!"
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 17. "Trick or treat!"
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 17. "Happy Halloween to my Buzz Lightyear, Minnie Mouse, and Beloved."
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 16. "Pepe, you are one smart little dude! Peace."
Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 16. "Janis - some day I am going to make you my wife..."
☛ Jim Odell, Vista, 16. "Why no Reader in O'side/Vista until Friday these weeks?"
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 16. "Vote early, vote often. Hi Dave, Rosemary, and Ivy."
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 16. "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."

C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 16. "My gob. This wasn't punny."
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 16. "Time for a soak again at Desert Hot Springs!"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 15.
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 15. "Go bye week!"
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 15. "Is anyone old enough to remember Jimmy Carter?"
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 15.
Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 15. "Corny humor."
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 15. "Has anyone seen my 401K?"
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 15.
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 15. "I don't know which is scarier, a poison apple or a rigged election."
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 15. "I bowled a 184!"
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 15. "Life has mileage markers, but no finish line."
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 14. "Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny. Really. Check it out."
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 14.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 14. "Unitarians are now in South Bay! www.usandiego.org"
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 14. "Finally, back on the winners' list."

Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 14. "The rich European doctor was a Eurologist."
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 14.
Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 14. "Boat drinks."
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 14.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 14. "Kiera! Palomar! Bodo! Obama! Go! Go! Go! Go!"
Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 14. "Can I pay for you not to deliver any Readers to Clairemont?"
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 13.
Leslie Chase, Campo, 13. "We'd like orange Reader tees, please."
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 13. "Go 48. Jimmie Johnson's the man!"
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 13. "Samhain!"
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 13. "Shane Abbott - world's greatest grandson!"
Barry Newman, Escondido, 13.
Jeff Smith, University City, 13. "Our long national nightmare is almost over."
Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 12. "I'm back!"
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 12. "Chargers - don't let me down in London Town!"

Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 12. "I couldn't agree more, fellow prisoners - ur-uh..."
Jim Koziol, UTC, 12. "Great goal, Lukie!"
Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 12. "Thanks for the shirt, may I have another?"
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 12. www.geocaching.com
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 12. "Obamacans rock!"
☛ Dave Small, San Carlos, 12. "Altared state."
Eddie Spaghetto, Coronado, 12. "143UNIT15! Que vavien delicioso tienes en su patio trasero! CIUM21"
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 12. "P-town 4 life."
Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 12.
Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 11.
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 11. "L is for looking like lions!"
Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 11. "Brees is a better QB than Rivers!"
A. T. Certik, Bonita, 11.
Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 11. "Got a T-shirt. Good for me. Get another, we will see."
Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 11.
Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 11.
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 11. "I have no ecrets."

Nathan Petty, Santee, 11.
Diane Sengir, Downtown, 11. "Happy birthday Nick G! Hi Dena (in San Marcos)."
Shirley Stafford, Carlsbad, 11.
Tom White, University City, 11. "Place to get hitched."
Kelley Wilson, Santee, 11. "Congrats Agt. Sean! Kel and Lisa's boss rocks!"
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 11.
Ivan Yanev, Santee, 11.
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 10. "Too much fun in Chicago to fax last week's puzzle!"
Carl Bennett, Escondido, 10.
Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 10.
Neal Brown, Santee, 10.
Margaret Buckner, Santee, 10.
John Bullock, Santee, 10.
David Castillo, Bay Park, 10. "Goodbye, George."
Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 10. "Don't forget to vote...or you don't have a say."
Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 10. "Lil, stop for awhile and let the rest of us catch up."
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 10. "Hi Al!"
William Cushing, RB, 10. "Any-one out there from Decatur, Il.?"
Matt Dene, Santee, 10.
Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 10.

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☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Ed Edwards, Santee, 10.
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 10.
L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 10.
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 10.
"82 days and counting."
Gary Kuske, Santee, 10.
Rick Marin, Santee, 10.
Kevin McNearney, Santee, 10.
Heber Moore, Santee, 10.
Kevin Moreau, Santee, 10.
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 10.
"Happy Halloween!"
Eugene Padua, Santee, 10.
Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 10.
Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 10.
Stacy Tool, Santee, 10.
Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 10.
"Michael, you're doing great! Keep it up!"
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 10.
"Be sure to vote!"
Dan Abernathy, Santee, 9.
Doretha Albee, Santee, 9.
Bud Anderson, Santee, 9.
Rick Austin, Santee, 9.
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 9.
"Congratulations Jeff and Yvonne. Married 10-23-08 in Vegas!"
Brian W Beadle, Clairemont, 9.
"Exit polls don't lie except in 2004."
Derek Besand, Santee, 9.
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 9.
"For some marriage is a word, for others a sentence, for me - nirvana."
Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 9.
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 9.
"I believe in you, Abbey."
Dave Capehart, Santee, 9.
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 9.
Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 9.
"DC is going down drain but I'm still rooting."
Doug Coffin, Santee, 9.
Dan Collins, Santee, 9.
Laura Conshafter, Santee, 9.
J. DeWitt, Santee, 9.
Jill Dickens, Santee, 9.
Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 9.
Mike Downey, Santee, 9.
Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 9.
"Alas Babylon."
Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 9.

Eduardo Emett, Santee, 9.
Rand Feura, Santee, 9.
"London bridges fall on Chargers' defenses."
Emma Friemuth, Santee, 9.
Tim Glover, Santee, 9.
Marie Grace, College Area, 9.
"I love Casa Machado's margaritas!"
Mike Gross, Santee, 9.
Hugh Hagues, Santee, 9.
Ward Harrington, Santee, 9.
Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 9.
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 9.
"I chose the puzzle less traveled and that has made all the difference."
LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 9.
Mark Hill, Santee, 9.
Eric Jespersen, Santee, 9.
M. Jordan, Santee, 9.
Troy Knapp, Santee, 9.
Bill Love, Santee, 9.
Eben Maat, Santee, 9.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 9.
"Number 9, number 9, number 9..."
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 9.
Ken Milne, Santee, 9.
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 9.
"We'd like orange Reader tees, please."
Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 9.
Richard Rose, Santee, 9.
Melissa Rubbo, Escondido, 9.
"To my little muffin, my Julia, I love you."
Nathan Squire, Santee, 9.
Edward J. Swain, Downtown, 9.
"Corruptissima republica plurimae leges."
Matt Taylor, Santee, 9.
Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 9.
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 9.
Woody Weaver, Santee, 9.
Mary Woodbury, Santee, 9.
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 8.
"With-out hitters on roids, money ball will never succeed."
☛ **Jerry S. Anders, Scripps Ranch, 8.**
"Next week PoTUS is the O Man."
Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 8.
"ITSB, but I do miss my Sarah Bul-lum."
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 8.
"All my love Eric."
Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 8.
Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 8.

Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 8.
Billy Horton, Santee, 8.
Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 8.
Steve Jenks, Santee, 8.
Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 8.
"Answers: Certain and shaky."
David Kuntze, El Cajon, 8.
"Bulletin: Maybe we should all just get along."
Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 8.
"3 shirts and counting. Boo-ya!"
Charles Overdorf, Santee, 8.
David Papworth, Santee, 8.
J. Schwendinger, Santee, 8.
Ron Shields, Santee, 8.
Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 8.
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 8.
"Go John and Sarah!"
A. C. Alvarez, Chula Vista, 7.
"Peace be with you."
Ray Batenich, North Park, 7.
"Sobriety is honesty - not notariety."
J. Breckenridge, Santee, 7.
Max Calhoun, Vista, 7.
"Don't sell yourself short Judge, you're an incredible slouch!"
Traci Doddy, Gaslamp, 7.
"Everything and everyone prospers me now!"
Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 7.
"Happy Halloween, Suityheart. You make a fabulous Elvis! Love Mom."
Kathy Law, La Mesa, 7.
"Hi to my friend and neighbor Al - love to Bill."
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 7.
"Recycle - ride your bike again!"
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 7.
Phil Nichols, Escondido, 7.
Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 7.
"Vote for Obama!"
Jeff Smith, Santee, 7.
Tom Stam, Lakeside, 7.
"Still kickin'."
Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 6.
"Go sustainability! Make it your day and go green today!"
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 6.
"On a roll?"
Chicago Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 6.
"I only drink when I'm alone or with people."
Gail Kotner, University Hts, 6.
"Water your street trees."
Sande Penuliar, Mira Mesa, 6.
Elizabeth Rainbalt, Mission Valley, 6.

Arno Safier, Hillcrest, 6.
"These puzzles are really fun."
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 6.
"Love you Dennis - 39 years together Nov. 2. Thanks Anne!"
D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 5.
"Been awhile..."
Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 5.
"Yipee."
Diane Hutchings, Santee, 5.
Juan Mercado, El Cajon, 5.
"I love Rainbo and Felix!"
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 5.
"Mabuhay ang mga llongo!"
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 5.
"12 weeks to go."
☛ **Ken Smith, San Carlos, 5.**
"I'm not speaking."
Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 5.
"Oh baby!"
Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 4.
I. C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 4.
"Didn't make it last time, maybe this time..."
Alfredo Garcia, San Diego, 4.
"Impressive, most impressive."
Len Giarratano, Clairemont, 4.
"I love you Scarlet."
Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 4.
"I'm very creative."
Aleksa Mendive, College Area, 4.
"Not a very good pun."
John Prince, Serra Mesa, 4.
"My 3 wise men - toyon, lemonade berry, and laurel sumac."
Henry Romero, , 4.
"I'm back from DC."
Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 4.
"Just four more days."
Jim Chris, , 3.
"Balls said the queen, if I had 'em I'd be king!"
☛ **Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 3.**
"Tres bien."
Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 3.
"Hey McKenna! Give Legs a carrot 4 me!"
Bob Harper, Lakeside, 3.
Benvicky Javier, San Diego, 3.
"I tim na terrorista o puting bayani? McCain!"
Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 3.
"Happy Halloween!"
Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbad, 3.
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Westie, San Diego, 3.
Brian Tilley, Clairemont, 3.
"Hang on Maggie my love. Just three months left!"

Randolph N. Richard, El Cajon, 3.
"Niki is open for business!"
Garth Wise, Carlsbad, 3.
"Obama! Obama! Obama!"
Mairin Bailey, La Jolla, 2.
"Hook 'em horns!"
Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 2.
"Are you concrete sequential? Thanks Elizabeth."
Michael Long, Banker's Hill, 2.
"All things can be done in Christ, Jesus!"
Dean Lycas, Poway, 2.
"Happy birthday to Colleen."
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 2.
E.A. McLean, El Cajon, 2.
"Linda Simone, stop reading, back to work."
F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 2.
"Have a daunting, haunting, happy Halloween."
Jay Nunez, Encinitas, 2.
"Happy birthday Jilly, my cinnamon girl."
Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 2.
"Presale movies and games from your local Spring Valley Blockbuster."
Karen Steepy, Bonita, 2.
Dwayne and Karen, Clairemont, 1.
"Praying for a free T-shirt."
☛ **Ashley Andali, Clairemont, 1.**
"I love da Reader!"
☛ **Kenneth J. Berger, Clairemont, 1.**
"Study geography at Mesa College."
Caroline Broaddus, South Park, 1.
"I didn't Google cheat! Hi Matt!"
☛ **Beverly Caldwell, Kearny Mesa, 1.**
☛ **Clarice Larson, San Diego, 1.**
"Woo hoo! Made it!"
Angie Chafe, University Heights, 1.
"I win! R + A 4ever. STR8 4 no on 8."
Lauren De los Santos, San Diego, 1.
"Yay first one! Thanks Mike. I love you!"
Lia Dearborn, La Mesa, 1.
"I'm in love with my best friend Edward!"
Emily Garson, Downtown, 1.
"Go Big Red!"
Laura Hathaway, Mission Valley, 1.
"Namaste!"
☛ **Brenda Holman, La Jolla, 1.**
"Ryan Muller is a fine football player."

Larry Hartpence, Santee, 1.
Claire Jackson, University Heights, 1.
"Well, butter my butt and call me a biscuit. Look who's here."
Katie Jones, San Diego, 1.
"Tacos rule!"
Katzberg, Mission Valley, 1.
"First of many."
Drew Lettington, Mission Hills, 1.
"I love Randie, Hannah, and Phoebe!"
Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1.
"Go Chargers."
☛ **Mary Ann Lucero, San Diego, 1.**
"My first time trying. I hope for the best."
Danielle Lynch, Downtown, 1.
"Yay first again!"
Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 1.
"I admit it, Tara Lynn helped me with 10 across."
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 1.
"Stop the perversion of marriage, vote yes on 8."
Joseph McGuire, Downtown, 1.
"Obama/Biden - the best bet for all Americans. Please vote."
Danni Montano, Mira Mesa, 1.
"Rick: I keep messing up the puzzle."
B. Morris, , 1.
Gordon Morse, San Diego, 1.
"Mabuhay Lynn!"
Philip Paradissis, Del Mar, 1.
"Thanks for making me think!"
☛ **Mike Rupp, Oceanside, 1.**
"Detroit Pistons 2009 Champions."
L. Sciacchetano, San Diego, 1.
"I can see Little Italy from my front porch."
☛ **Pablo Shaw, San Diego, 1.**
"The love of wisdom is the guide of life."
Capn Skarz, Encinitas, 1.
"Not to mention the hypotenuse!"
Blair Spearn, Hillcrest, 1.
"Happy Halloween Ellie and Hazel!"
Eunice Willard, Chula Vista, 1.
"This goes out to all the Fugly Giantesses worldwide."
Joseph Wilson, Carlsbad, 1.
"Bababooley! Bababooley!"
☛ **Jack R. Winans, South Park, 1.**
"Give my regards to Jeff Smith."
Kelly Winston, Carlsbad, 1.
"I did it!"
☛ **Thomas E. Woolf, La Jolla, 1.**

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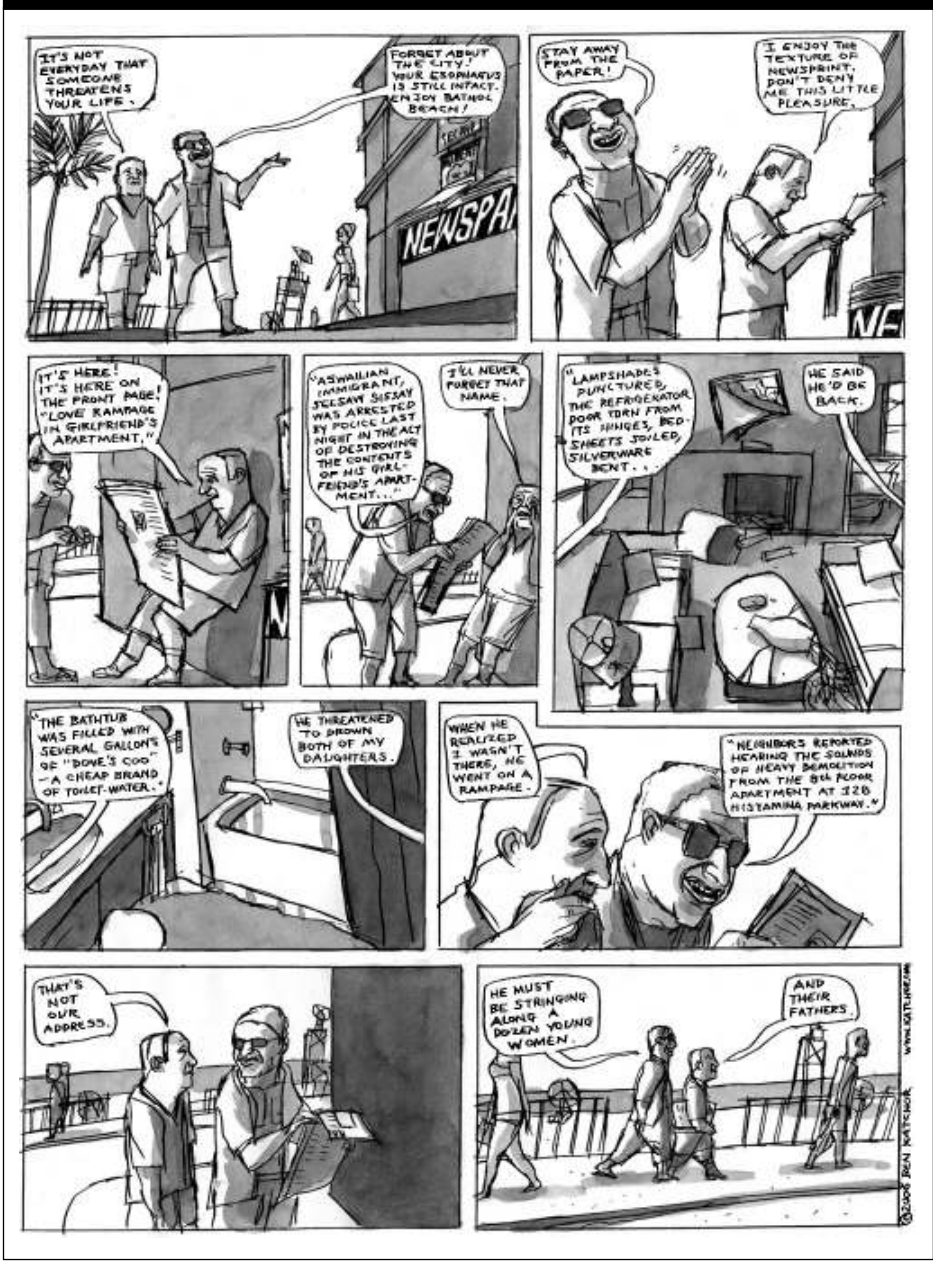
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Julie Tran
Hairstylist
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I don’t like darkness. When a room is pitch black, it freaks me out. I also don’t care for heights. With the dark, it’s just if I’m by myself. And with heights, it would have to be really high buildings before I get scared. There are also some types of bugs and insects I don’t care for either.



Denise Larson
Designer
Pacific Beach

I have a fear of semi trucks. I have a fear of being sucked up underneath them or that they’ll jackknife and smash into me. I think it stems from my mom. She was an insurance agent, and I heard lots of horror stories that involved big trucks. And when you hear enough horror stories, you start thinking about it a lot.



Nick Thanasith
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Mira Mesa

I don’t really have phobias, per se. I’m not afraid of spiders. Enclosed rooms don’t freak me out. None of the regular things people would call phobias. My greatest fear is my car breaking down and being stranded somewhere. And no one would be available to pick me up.



Mariye Kim
Student
Chula Vista

I have two. It’s a fear of bugs and germs. A lot of women probably don’t care for bugs. But I won’t step on them, touch them, or go anywhere near them. And it’s not a specific one. I hate them all. I don’t like weird creatures. With germs, my friend laughs because I won’t take the first cup in 7-Eleven. I’ll take one from the middle. I just don’t want a cup that people may have messed with or a homeless person came in and touched.



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Typo Patrol Results

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Roam-o-Rama

p.72 15-foot tall *should be* 15 feet tall

Armin Moths (San Diego) \$10

Pop Quiz

p.150 *no answer to Pop Quiz Question #5 in this issue*

Gordon Kanteena (San Diego) \$10

Roam-o-Rama

p.72 staring point *should be* starting point

Movie Listings

p.128 forth-third *should be* forty-third

Jeffrey McMenamin (San Diego) \$20

Diary of a Diva

p.23 seated area *should be* seating area

There Is No San Diego River

p.28 site: Above *should be* site: above

p.33 [financially, etc]. *should be* [financially, etc.].

p.40 Morena Linda Vista *should be* Morena/Linda Vista

Darinda Smith (San Diego) \$40

Event Listings

p.65 similiar *should be* similar

Movie Listings

p.125 Norah\'s *should be* Norah's

Brian Slipper \$20

Red Zone

p.17 Southlake Carroll, TX *should be* Southlake, Carroll, TX

Kilian Roever (San Diego) \$10

Restaurant Listings

p.117 J-Bar *should be* J6Bar

Karelyn Kimokeo (El Cajon) \$10

Event Listings

p.71 Fighter Aircraft in World War II Aerial Combat *should be* fighter aircraft in World War II aerial combat

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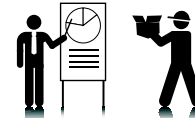
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Age: **29**
Lives in: **Chula Vista**
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Girls in the Water: **“No...I mean, yes.”**

Michael tends to avoid the beaches in the summertime.

“I don't mind tourism — it obviously keeps the city alive — but I get so tired of wanting to go to my regular spot [Imperial Beach] and having nowhere to park or surf because there are tons of people....

“It seems like tourists are less respectful of our beaches because they don't live here, so they have no reason to care what kind of condition they leave it in. I try to volunteer with beach clean-ups as often as I can to help counteract the impact.”

He did notice a slight improvement this summer with the beach alcohol ban.

“When people drink, they are more likely to do or say stupid things. They start fights over nothing. And when you're a surfer, it's just you and the waves; you don't want everyone else's bad day to affect you, but it's hard not to let it, especially when you add booze to the mix.”

Apart from drunken fights, Michael has seen some other interesting things on the beach.



“Last summer, I saw a homeless guy pick up a dead jellyfish and put it on his head. I have no idea why he did this, but it was really disgusting. He just slopped it on his head and went tearing off down the beach. I didn't know if he was hurt; maybe he was just doing it as a dare or something....

“Another odd thing was having a huge plastic dinosaur float up to me when

I was in the line-up. I noticed this green thing bobbing in the water, and when I grabbed it I saw that it was a three-foot-long brontosaurus. I carried it back to the sand and left it there; I hope someone found it.”

Michael has sustained only one major injury while surfing.

“When I first started surfing, I wasn't really careful with my board. I was out

at I.B., just paddling out for the first time, and I lost control of my board. It came up and hit me in the nose and broke it. I think that's why I have such a big nose now.”

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When the bloodlust grips you, take a moment and count to ten. This gives you time to calm down and think.

... eight, nine, ten.

If you're done counting, I'll finish. I also need you to come in Sunday so you can e-mail me files if the new software doesn't work.

One, two, three, ...

If counting didn't quite do it, think of someone you admire, a role model of yours, and ask yourself what they'd do.

KILL HIM!!

We all know you're not going to kill anyone, but you need to find your own reason not to kill.

Do you believe in ghosts? Do you think if you died, you could haunt someone for the rest of eternity?

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1. What did treasure hunter Frank Trutta recently find with his metal detector that was worth \$44,000?
2. According to Matthew Alice's anthropological and culinary data, the look and taste of human flesh most closely resembles what?
3. What publisher does Don Bauder expose as the force behind "Wolverine Network," the Aguirre-smearing, city-council-whitewashing newsletter?
4. Where was local musician Mary Dolan performing on stage when the muscle relaxants she was mistakenly given for a headache kicked in?
5. Name the influential, long-running photo magazine cofounded by Nancy Newhall, whose work is on view right now at MOPA.
6. John Brizzolara's neighbor tries to barter what in exchange for a few calls on John's cell phone (and succeeds)?
7. In "Crush," Matthew Lickona chats up Ted Allen of the Robert Mondavi winery. Name three of the four TV shows Allen has been a regular on.
8. On Super Tuesday, what pop-music chartbuster on Barnaby Monk's calendar rocks Petco Park?
9. This week Barbarella, recharging in the Spanish countryside, likens what to "Monopoly money"?
10. Give the name and street address of Naomi Wise's latest bargain-restaurant find.

Last week's answers

1. A pig/sow. (p. 111)
2. January 1916. (p. 40)
3. Nightwish; Atlanta. (p. 84)
4. Fourth. (p. 6)
5. [No answer.]
6. In a Mexican restaurant. (p. 107)
7. George Bush Sr. (p. 65)
8. Marin County. (p. 19)
9. Paris. (p. 96)
10. A walk-in freezer. (p. 57)

Last Week's Winners:

Burk White, Gordon Kanteena, Chelsea Navarro, Brian Slipper, and Janice Mascarina

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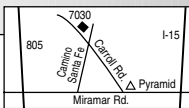
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The final indignity, scratched by some nitwit on the exact spot where PSA Flight 182 crashed, is this: PSA 128.

Leiserson, a photographer for Channel 8, and Fitzsimmons, a photographer for the *Union/Tribune*, were among the first to arrive at the crash scene. They moved around the site — Leiserson with a movie camera, Fitzsimmons with a still camera — photographing the mayhem from several angles. Before 10:00 a.m. (the plane crashed at about 9:01), they were both in police custody. Leiserson is being prosecuted for “interfering with firemen or any rescue personnel.”

—CITY LIGHTS: **“DON’T SHOOT,”** Neal Matthews, November 2, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

THREE GOLDEN retrievers, 2 foxy gentlemen, I see you every Saturday, on beach, foot of Eighth Street, Del Mar. Need you both...oooooh! Suzy Speedo. 75% OF SAN DIEGO drivers have broken turn signals, is it due to a Russian plot or crippled drivers? Observer.

—CLASSIFIEDS, November 3, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

Driving home through the dark from Los Angeles, after four hours with Pete Nicholas,

a pedophile and member of the Southern California chapter of the North American Man Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), we didn’t feel better — or worse — about pedophilia.

You may sigh, going out your door, ask yourself, “Why talk to scum?” Often the only answer is the answer mountain climbers give when asked, “Why Everest?”: “Because it’s there.” Maybe *your* answer is, “Scum talks.”

Nicholas, at the end of our interview, agreed to contact two San Diego pedophiles and ask them to talk with us. Neither San Diego was willing to meet face to face.

— **“STANDING IN THE SHADOW OF LOVE,”**

Judith Moore and Abe Opincar, November 3, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

Regarding Lawrence Osborne’s cover story on El Centro, we take it from reading the article he did not enjoy his brief stay with us (“Out Here in the Middle of Nowhere,” October 21).

El Centro is not a perfect place, especially in the summer months, but neither is it a “Twilight Zone” or “the surface of the moon,” and the people who live here do not appreciate being referred to as “semi-marginals.”

—LETTERS: **“SHABBY, IRRESPONSIBLE DRIVEL,”**

Jack Terrazas, Mayor, City of El Centro, and

Larry F. Escalera, President, Chamber of

Commerce, November 4, 1993

Ten Years Ago

Nine years ago today Betty Broderick entered a bedroom in Marston Hills and stared at the sleeping bodies of her ex-husband, Dan, and his second wife, Linda. When they became aware of her presence and moved, Betty repeatedly fired her .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver.

In February of 1992, a San Diego judge sentenced Broderick to 32 years to life.

Around 4:30, some of the visitors began to spot their inmates on the other side of the glass windows. Minutes later, Betty appeared. I sprang up to approach her, and once united inside, she hugged me.

“You look wonderful!” I remember exclaiming.

“I’m still fat,” she shot back.

Two fillings had fallen out, but the prison dentist wouldn’t fill or crown them. “That’s the policy,” she declared. (When I later asked prison officials about this, they denied that any such policy exists.)

— **“THREE BULLETS AND NINE YEARS LATER,”**

Jeannette De Wyze, November 5, 1998

Five Years Ago

“Some people call us Latin rap. We don’t mind that, but we don’t want to limit our audience. Only a few Latin rappers made it, like Kid Frost on the West Coast and Big Pun on the



San Diego Reader, November 5, 1998

East Coast [now deceased].”

“Major labels aren’t giving Latin rappers a chance.”

He said Latin rap lyrics frequently use “ese,” “homes,” and “vato” as part of the patois. He said the Filipino hip-hop scene “is strongly influenced by black rappers.”

—BLURT: **“WE ARE THE ONLY MEXICAN/FILIPINO**

HIP-HOP BAND,” Ken Leighton, October 30, 2003

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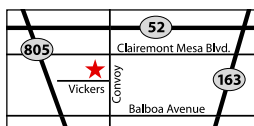
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IT SAT THERE, NOT OMINOUS OR INIMICAL, BUT MYSTERIOUS. The TV. I've moved in with a roommate to save some money this year and to shed my old barrio. My roommate has a TV big enough for the front room.

I've only owned a tiny set, so small it fits in the cabinet of a standup wardrobe in my bedroom. I hate television, and until now I'd contained it, imprisoned it in a cell so small it's almost unentertaining. I just use it for background noise and a mind-numbing cocktail.

Mostly I kept the TV for girls. One liked paranormal shows — ghosts and things. Two of them liked sports — football, mostly. One liked programs about prisons and programs about cooking (of all the damned things). I liked *Heroes* until the writing went bad. I watched *30 Rock* until the strike last year.

Before my move, I'd sit down, open the cabinet door, flip through a couple stations, and after five minutes shut it down with a discontented grumble. Now that I've moved in with Jen, my little television sits cold in my room, and her living-room-size TV sits out in the open; you can see it from the front door.

It occupied a spot on the floor while we moved, and I eyed it with suspicion. On its glossy black glass, our reflections moved and flashed, carrying boxes, hanging art. It never switched on and bit me on the leg as I imagined it would. I regarded it as a dangerous thing; I'd cut a wide lane around it as I walked.

On our first night in the new place, Jen said, "Let's go have some drinks." We walked to the glitzy lights and broken-glass sidewalks of University and Park. We wandered a few blocks, stopping for wine here (white then red); a pitcher of beer there (cheap, watery American lager, tasty and cold to the last of it).

We burst back into the new place, laughing. There was the TV, a short monolith in the center of the room. Now that I was drunk, I wasn't sure if I hated it or wanted it there.

Sensing my unease with the big TV set, Jen said, "Here, this is cool."

She set down a DVD player and fished for wires in the dust and wadded-up tape of packing boxes. Sitting back and aiming the remote, she fired it up, and across the screen galloped a title: *Blazing Saddles*.

"Nice."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

STAR WARS TECH
HISTORY 4:00 P.M.
My new place has a dishwasher, my first one ever. I've kicked the tires a little bit, but I'm still not sure what sort of voodoo I'm inviting into my home by using it, so I haven't turned it on. Mostly, I've just stared at it and wondered if it would ruin my lightsaber.

SUPERNATURAL
CW 9:00 P.M.
Doesn't this show feel like a temporary fix for something that you swear you'll replace when you get the money? Two years later, you come to terms with the fact that you're just going to drive around with a boombox in the passenger seat until

you sell the damned car.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
IF WALLS COULD TALK
HG 5:00 P.M.
I've never peed in a bathroom that wasn't made a little cozier by leaving the door open about halfway. I have to remember I'm not living alone anymore. Yesterday I was leaning against the sink, arched back, and groaning when, from the hallway, I heard, "Uh, dude?"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
SAN DIEGO 6 IN THE MORNING WEEKEND
CW 8:00 A.M.
Ugh. I woke up with the Smiths song "Panic" stuck in my head. All day I'm going to be singing, "Hang the DJ, hang the DJ, hang the DJ!" Damn you, Morrissey! Why do you have to have such a sickly sensitive, haunt-

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SPIKE 10:00 P.M.

As a fight fan, I watched a few episodes last season, but this year I don't have the interest. I realized if I wanted to watch drunks get into fistfights and smash furniture, I'd spend more time with my family during the holidays.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

PURITY BALLS

TLC 9:00 P.M.

I'm not sure about purity, but I know mine sprinkle glitter when you shake

'em, and they cast rainbows instead of a shadow.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

CLOSING BELL

CNBC 12:00 P.M.

There's one advantage of being nearly destitute — I don't have to watch my stocks swirl further down the bog. My only investments are commemorative Slurpee cups, and nothing (nothing!) will devalue those. Who's laughing now, Mr. Paulson? It's certainly not *The Goonies!*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

2008 ELECTION NIGHT

NBC 8:00 P.M.

Oh, sweet merciful maple syrup,

thank you, Abraham Lincoln, this awful three-year-long campaign is over. It's like the finish line at my fifth-grade track meet. I'm sweaty, my feet hurt, and I don't care who wins as long as I get to eat pizza and look at Christie Graham's bra strap while she plays Ms. Pacman.

WEDNESDAY,

NOVEMBER 5

STYLISTA

CW 9:00 P.M.

So, there is a Santa Claus. All year I've been good, and I've written my pleas to the North Pole: Dear Saint Nicholas, please, please, please send me an irrelevant TV show about trendy,



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no-talent, ass-draggs competing for something nobody cares about. Thank you, Santa. Your friend forever, Ollie.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

THE BLACK CARPET

BET 7:30 P.M.

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Was this something I dreamt before tea and something to do with ten days off meds?

By John Brizzolara

Fall is the most fun season to write in and about. I have exhausted the famous Hemingway quote to F. Scott Fitzgerald in one of their letters, used it time and time again in this column until I'm sure readers are so sick of it they've either memorized it or repressed it along with a certain gag response associated with the very word "Hemingway." I can't risk using it again or the dear and constant reader will certainly upchuck, groan, plotz yet again after seeing "The summer is a discouraging time to write. You don't feel death in the air the way you do in the fall when the boys really get their pens moving." It would, and I'm forced to agree, be too much one more time around.

And yet "discouraging" is hardly the word. "Anathema" would be more like it, as in "Summer is anathema to writers." The death part about autumn is literally true.

While I am waiting for death, I am wringing out sopping old T-shirts and stuffing them under the air conditioner's faulty condenser. Damn! I should have used that as the opening sentence. I could cut and paste, but I didn't, and fair is fair, so I'll leave it.

While I'm being honest (not as unusual as the bastards say), I'm actually writing this on a Friday, just a couple of weeks back. I've picked up my paycheck, gone to the bank, then immediately paid off a couple of bastards and begun ruminating about suggestions for my fellow San Diegans or visitors here as to how they might best employ their time this weekend.

I've been staring at the cursor for six minutes now and have come to this conclusion: I don't really care unless it involves sending me money. Hardly

likely. There is so much to do for free in San Diego that is aesthetically/recreationally/educationally gratifying that I've long since learned that this is the perfect town for Buddhists. One need not want or reject anything here. As the homey-dogs in my 'hood say, "It's all good, know I'm sane?" Of course you do, and, yes, I'm off my meds. Can't afford 'em.

Delta Force is on in the background without the sound. It's best. I'm trying to work here. Still, seems like the perfect movie — but for a Saturday afternoon in a theater rather than a Friday premiere. Ten years after the so-called facts, it was loosely based on the time when the Ayatollah was the boogeyman *du jour*, in the '80s, I mean. It was a good one if you had enough Prozac under your belt and still hadn't quit drinking — even if you were just hung over. Whoa. Hatred: Chuck Norris and Robert Forster hand-to-hand. Holy shit! Neither of them Muslim, yet that's what this scene is all about as their eyes lock. Eyes full of all kinds of shit dating from the Crusades. Only they're two white B-movie actors.

I'm going to take a nap now. But first:

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I wake up to "I have a structured settlement but I need cash now... call J.G. Wentworth, 877 CASH NOW!" done as a Wagnerian operatic jingle. Perhaps you've seen it. A hopeful note if only I'd won that settlement against, you know, the bastards.

Here's the doorbell. Yes, yes, it's Halloween, sort of. It is close enough for San Diego. Only no trick-or-treaters this time. This is a neighbor who wants to trade a jar of peanut butter for four local calls on my cell phone. Interesting. I go for it. Still, I sense All Hallows in the air, and it is good. Genuinely frightening this year, as well. The economy. Ever notice how if the media is discussing white people having money problems they'll refer to "the economy"? If you're darker than Tony Orlando, then it's called "poverty." And I'm right in there. More olive, actually, than Tony, but I have either an economic problem or a condition of poverty, depending on the light I'm in at the moment. At the moment, as I look in the mirror over the sink, just to the left of the desk, I see I am either a pale olive drab or possibly a nauseous ash and pea. Exactly the color of fading money, bills held out between the pocket and the sun in hesitation for too long.

I'm trying to remember some bit of freshman psych I read back in '67 or '68 about how the weather, no matter what it may be, can have a salutary effect on the psyche the more it resembles one's interior landscape or mood. In other words (if it needs explaining), if one is sad, rain or an overcast sky is actually preferable to a sunny day. Conversely, if one is in some kind of manic/cheerleader mood, that same weather will seem antagonistic and wrong. We are a fairly mad species, and there is something about California that is inherently perverse. I believe this, and it may explain much about some entertainment value in this column. Collaborating with California was, early on, a breeze for me creatively. In practical matters it is more...anathema.



The doorbell again. Children well before the holiday, from Hillcrest, with one parent off to the side looking as much like Johnny Depp as pirate as some papier-mâché, Rasta wig, and the missus's makeup can afford him. I have no idea who these very small children are supposed to be (an amalgam of plastic masks, polyester-chiffon-like blue gauze, and failed parental imagination), and I distribute sealed bags of trail mix. My offerings are met with less than enthusiasm but more than grudging and even polite thanks.

On reflection, I wonder if I have just greeted trick-or-treaters, or was this something from troubled rapid-eye-movement sleep in mid-afternoon? Though I have seen kids out with parents even earlier than this here in San Diego, I must ask myself: was this something I dreamt before tea (which I just finished) and something to do with ten days off meds, or were they really just here? I choose to believe they were, and I have three more bags of trail mix (out of six) to support this reality. The likelihood that I am losing my mind even more fully these days looms hugely, but I am not calling the men in white just yet.

I wonder why I love it, Halloween. It is one of those questions in the category of the unfinished sentence, "One thing is certain and the rest is lies." If you ever arrive at a definitive answer, I don't want to know.

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