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Tijuana Tailspin Hurting San Diego?

By Don Bauder

It wasn't so long ago that the Convention and Visitors Bureau, hotel marketers, and San Diego ad agencies "would utilize

Tijuana in advertising," recalls Jack Giacomini, partner in Hotel Managers Group and head of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley. "The pitch was 'Come to San Diego, and in 20 minutes you can be in a foreign country.' We no longer do that. It's not part of marketing for the San Diego destination. We are avoiding the bad publicity Tijuana is getting."

Back in those heady days, San Diego tourism promoters boasted that one class of visitors would make reservations in a San Diego hotel for the evening, go to Tijuana for a day, and return to San Diego for the second night. Some would consume too much

giggle juice and spend the night in TJ. Those quickie local stayovers — whether one night or two — were touted as a good source of tourism income for San Diego. Nobody talks about that income anymore.

According to Worldfocus, an organization that covers international news for public television, 4 million people visited Tijuana in 2005, a good tourism year. Last year, that was down to 400,000. Some researchers estimate that visitor-related revenue in Tijuana has plummeted 80 percent since 2001.

Roberto Karlo López Páez of the Baja California Estate Tourism Secretariat says the



Vendors off Avenida Revolución wait for business

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Tijuana tourism decline "is not as dramatic as you might think." However, Oscar Escobedo, Baja's secretary of tourism, concedes that Anglo-Saxon tourism may be as bad as Worldfocus suggests, but overall Baja tourism is down only 20 percent.

Victor Clark, professor of anthropology at San Diego State University and a resident of Tijuana, says that the city had 19 million visitors in 1990, but the number now may be down to a quarter of a million — lower than Worldfocus estimates. He simply does not believe local tourism officials. "The reality is that tourism has collapsed. Avenida Revolución is a desert."

In a 2002 Convention and Visitors Bureau poll, 7.7 percent of San Diego visitors said they intended to go to Tijuana or Mexico. By 2008, that was down to 1.6 percent, according to Susan Bruinzeel of Con-Vis.

Mexico itself has similar problems. Smith Travel Research keeps data on 21 countries in the Americas, including the United States. Thus far this year, hotel occupancy in Mexico is down 21.4 percent from a year ago; only two nations, Costa Rica and Argentina, are doing worse. Smith also tracks 20 major cities in the Americas. Mexico City is down 25.4 percent year to date, the worst performance. Smith doesn't have adequate data to track Tijuana, says senior vice president Bobby Bowers.

The drug-related killings, recession, border-crossing delays, and recently the swine flu outbreak have walloped Tijuana tourism. "It's really awful," says Howard Hian, San Diego hotel consultant and travel writer. He says of the drug-cartel violence, "They shot themselves in the foot — oops, that is a bad metaphor." (Victims should be so lucky to be shot in the foot.)

"Tourists are not stopping off in San Diego to go to Tijuana," says Hian. Histori-

cally, Mexico has been the number-one tourist destination in Latin America. But crime-ridden cities like Tijuana are fading fast. "The Mexican Tourist Bureau is very anxious to host travel writers like me. I was invited to Cancún last year for ten days, and I am going back this fall. Tourist cities such as Cancún, Aca-



News of the previous night's rampage arrives in the morning paper

ing on four border-crossing studies. He looks at northbound traffic but says that it is about equal to southbound movement. It appears that border crossings at San Ysidro and Otay Mesa peaked in 2003 and have dropped 30 percent.

The number of Mexicans coming to San Diego as tourists has dropped, but not as precipitously as the number of tourists visiting Tijuana. According to Convention and Visitors Bureau statistics, the number of Mexican day visitors for every month this year (ended in May) has been significantly below the same months of 2007. The total is down 10.6 percent from two years ago.

Now travelers have to present a border identity card or passport. "The hope is to reduce the wait times, but that remains to be seen," says Hull. Next month, every vehicle entering Mexico at the border will be screened for items

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is on vacation.

pulco, Cabo San Lucas are keeping their fingers crossed; if there are incidents, the spigot will turn off immediately," as happened to Tijuana.

Hian says he feels safer in Mexican resort towns than he does in other places in Latin America and just as safe as he does in some big U.S. cities. However, "The days of my going across the border for Mexican chocolate or to eat lunch in a nice place, or take my family, are unfortunately gone forever. The partying is over."

Skip Hull, vice president of CIC Research, is now work-

such as drugs. This will slow things.

So how much has the plunge in Tijuana tourism hurt San Diego's travel business? "I don't think statistics are available yet," says Bob Rauch, who owns two hotels in Torrey Hills. "Possibly it is a benefit to us." He notes that Carnival Cruise Lines recently canceled a stop in Mexico and added San Diego. "It's abundantly clear people are not going to Tijuana, but whether they are bypassing San Diego or adding another day in San Diego is something we don't

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The Park After Dark

By Joe Deegan

Asking that her name be withheld, a woman emailed us a few months ago about a liquor store that was “bad, bad news

for the community and the south end of Balboa Park.” The writer’s biggest complaint was that the liquor store “is where the homeless go to get their daily dose



Leo Johnson

of alcohol and cigarettes.” Presumably, she believed the homeless took the booze into the park. For she wanted the situation corrected: “God bless America,” she wrote. “I want to get Balboa Park back. What can I do to help?”

Hoping to learn more, I asked the writer to elaborate. But two email requests yielded no response.

An old Bob Dylan phrase popped into my head: “A bullet from the back of a bush.” Nevertheless, over several days and evenings, I spent some time in the liquor store’s environs. “Be careful and don’t go into the park at night around there,” a neighbor told me. “The homeless can get violent.”

The City Liquor House is located on the northeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Elm Street. There are two bars in the block, on the same side of Fifth. The SRO Lounge is City Liquor’s next-door neighbor. Brothers on Fifth, a more typical neighborhood bar that served

food, was farther up, almost to Fir Street. (In March, the bar became Tin Can Alehouse on Fifth.)

Sixth and Elm forms the southwestern corner of Balboa Park. There, the park ground rises. I climbed a flight of stairs leading onto a shaded area. I sat on the grass in front of two men and surveyed the street, as they seemed to be doing. A number of joggers and folks walking their dogs went by.

After a while, I followed the path farther into the park. It took me to lush green lawns where five or six people sat in the sun with their belongings. None of them wanted to speak with a reporter about sleeping in the park.

To the north are a parking lot and, next to it, the spot where the park road doubles back on itself. This part of the park is called



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Marston Point, but two San Diego Park and Recreation workers said they call it “the loop.” They told me that cops patrol the area looking for troublemakers and people who try to camp overnight.

But as I headed for a ramp that led back down to Sixth Avenue, I saw in the bushes a small encampment with cardboard flooring. Nobody was at home.

Descending the ramp, I noticed a man on the side of the hill watching me intently. Later, upon leaving the area, I noticed him again, following my movements out of the area.

Over on Fifth Avenue, I bought a Coke in City Liquor

House and stood outside. A sign on the door announced “No Loitering.” But two men sat next to the door, one in a wheelchair. As I eavesdropped, the second man asked his friend, “You want another beer?” And getting the go-ahead, he entered City Liquor and came back with two 20-ounce cans of beer. The men were still sitting and drinking when I left ten minutes later.

I came back the next day. On the corner of Sixth and Elm, in front of the park steps, I saw a man lying on the ground. A loaded pullcart lay on its side next to him. At least he was breath-

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City Liquor House

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He Can't Be Gone

Imperial Beach — Shortly after 10 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, a sound like a plane crashing in my



Roadside memorial for truck driver

yard took me to my window. Nothing stirred, then neighbors came running out of their houses.

Voices were yelling, “Push! Push!” A Toyota Tundra truck that a moment ago was lying on its side bounced upright on its tires. The driver’s upper body had been pinned under the truck.

“He’s breathing,” shouted a young man in a blue Blockbuster shirt. “I need light,” he pleaded. A bystander with a phone to his ear yelled, “I have 911 right now.” Someone used the glow from his iPhone to illuminate the driver.

“He’s not breathing,” Blockbuster man said aloud. “I got no pulse. I’ll do CPR. Somebody give him breaths,” he calmly requested to others. A San Diego sheriff’s deputy arrived and said he’d get his mask. They did their best, but the driver was dead.

Afterward, Jeremy, who works at Blockbuster in El Cajon, said, “A thick, viscous fluid was coming out of his mouth like he had bit off his tongue, and he had a bad gash on his head.”

As friends of the driver arrived at the scene, a story emerged. A 24-year-old married man had been drinking beer with his friends. When he wanted to leave, his friends offered to drive him. He refused.

Someone at the scene said, “My mom said he peeled out going crazy.”

A neighbor said the truck “screamed through the stop sign at 11th and Grove. The truck hit a parked VW Passat, flipped on its side and did a 180, crashing against two more parked cars.”

The driver’s wife soon arrived. Deputies kept her back behind crime-scene tape. “Why can’t I see him?” she pleaded. Two deputies took her aside. “They worked on him — but they couldn’t do anything,” they told her. “Oh, my God! He’s dead? I need to see him. Please,” she pleaded before she collapsed in the street. “He can come back! He can’t be gone!”

By Peter Salisbury, 8/10

Pipe Nightmare

National City — Westcal Construction company owner Richard Chidgey arrived at a job site early on the morning of July 28 and discovered that someone had unsuccessfully tried to steal a cop-



Westcal job site

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Tijuana tailspin

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know.”

Jerry Morrison, La Jolla hotel consultant, does not buy the argument that San Diego tourism may be benefiting from Tijuana's megrims. “If it is helping San Diego, it is pretty hard to tell from the numbers, because the numbers are so grim,” says Morrison. The latest Smith Travel Research numbers show that for San Diego in June, revenue per available room, called

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RevPAR, was down 31.1 percent from June of 2008. Of the top 25 metro areas, only one did worse: New York City, down 34.9 percent. Room revenue plunged 28.9 percent, and again, only New York was worse, with a drop of 31.9 percent. Occupancy was down 14.6 percent; only four of the top 25 did worse. To be sure, the comparisons were difficult this June, because in June of last year, San Diego hosted the U.S. Open golf tournament.

For the year to date, RevPAR is down 24.9 per-

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cent; only three other cities are as bad off. Room revenue is down 22 percent; only four cities are lower. Occupancy is down 13.6 percent year to date; only four metro areas have done worse.

“We probably have lost some tourists [because of Tijuana's woes], but I don't think it's significant,” says Giacomini. Hull thinks the Tijuana mess “is affecting our economy, but I'm not convinced it has a significant effect on our tourism.”

So where does San Diego tourism go from here? “Things have been miserable,” says Hull. “We turned down hard in the fourth quarter of last year. I have been looking for the bottom to be in the fourth quarter of this year. But looking out at economic conditions both in the U.S. and globally, it's going to be a couple of years down the road before we can start talking about growth of tourism. We have to get discretionary income up, and financial problems have

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to be worked out.”

“It's ugly,” says Rauch. Corporate and individual business travel is way down. “The leisure markets [families, etc.] are still coming but spending less.” RevPAR will be down 15 percent in the third quarter and down 5 percent in the fourth. “In 2010, we will be back to 2009 levels, which are terrible. The hospitality-industry recession will last through 2010; it hit bottom in 2009 and will stay for a year.”

“Hopefully we have seen the worst,” says Giacomini. “July and August appear to be improving slightly. The fall and winter are in question. We have our fingers crossed for 2010.”

And Tijuana tourism? It “won't get healthy until the U.S. does,” says Rauch. “They have to shed the traveler's fears of violence and swine flu. They have to take charge of the drug cartel.” Nobody can predict when that will happen — if ever. ■

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ing. "I'm his friend," said a disheveled man coming up behind me. "He's okay. He does this all the time."

Suspecting the real action was late at night, I came back on Friday after ten. I saw few people on the street and fewer going into City Liquor House. It was early in the month, so you'd think some homeless people would still have had a little money from government checks. But outside Brothers on Fifth, a young man assured me that on other nights many homeless sat against the wall on the opposite side of the street and drank openly or out of containers in paper sacks. Even on "this side," he said, they congregated. Then he told me that "last night two drunk guys were having sex right here on the sidewalk." The barmaid called the cops, who came and took the pair

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away. It was a story that several other people repeated.

Inside Brothers, I met Leo Johnson, a retired carpenter who lived in the New Palace Hotel on the northwest corner of Fifth and Elm, across from City Liquor House. "It's not really a hotel," he said. "I've been living there for the last 12 years." Johnson grew up in Illinois during the Depression and came to San Diego after a 20-year career in the Marine Corps. "I liked it out here because you could work all year around."

Do the homeless who drink, I asked, cause problems in the neighborhood?

I expected Johnson to bring up the sidewalk sex. But he thought the homeless problem in his neighborhood was overblown. "There are homeless people all over San Diego," he told me. "You know that. For instance, they're sacked out all around where the old California Theatre used to be at Fourth

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and C Street downtown."

We went outside, where we could hear each other better. Johnson lit up a cigarette. The woman I mentioned, he said, might have gotten into a conflict with the liquor store. "Or maybe she has no compassion for the homeless," he said. "She's probably one who's been well taken care of during her lifetime and she just resents homeless people. So she wants to make trouble for them in some way or another, instead of leaving them alone. If you don't like somebody, leave them alone. Most homeless are just on the downside and they can't find a way out of it."

The lady seemed to believe the homeless are ruining Balboa Park, I said, perhaps making it a dangerous place. But Johnson thought the park was more dangerous for the homeless than for the general public. "During the day," he said, "homeless people lie around the park because it's open to the public. At night, that's not supposed to be. So they hide somewhere in there, wherever they can flop. Now that would be normal, wouldn't it? They look for wherever they can get out of sight. Sometimes they stick to doorways. When the weather's good, they know where to be. When it's bad, they know where to be."

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5 Across: Complaint

I do not like the new rules for the crossword puzzle. The new rules are not fair to those of us that work. Also, the new rules detract from my leisurely enjoyment of the puzzle. Hopefully, you will change the new rules based on a random selection of 50 winners.

Glen D. Cournoyer
via email

The only changes in the rules are (1) we print the names of the first 50 people who turn in a correctly completed puzzle and (2) we are making the contest quarterly instead of annual. Everyone who succeeds at completing the puzzle correctly and who turns it in by Monday, 7:00 a.m., will be counted and everyone's name will be listed and the ranking updated on the website at sandiegoreader.com/news/puzzle — Editor

Jeez, Man, Get A Job!

What an asinine waste-of-time article ("Do You Live Close to Snoop Dogg?" Cover Story, July 30)!

Here we (*you* — the Reader) go again! More

absolute crap about low-life people with low-life ideas, low-life attitudes, and low-life results! I don't want to hear any more s*** about "gangs" and that boring, redundant, trite subject matter.

How about get off your ass, get a job, go to college (a G.E.D. won't cut it anymore), plant a garden, donate some blood, learn to surf, donate your time to people who need your help, volunteer, clean up the beach, plant a fricking tree...do something! College will change your mind. It took me eight long, hard, rewarding years to get not one, not two, but *three* college degrees. I had an old car, no credit cards, worked several jobs, surfed my ass off, and had a ball.

Take that joint out of your lips and wake up! Morse High meant you hated the bloods? Tiny thinking for tiny brains. Yeah, that's right. I was a college teacher for 25+ years, and you can bet you were never late for my class and you can also bet that you were rewarded (yourself) for your hard work!

Finally, grow up! Quit blaming your mom, your dad, your boss, your society, your neighborhood, your dog, your situation, the "hood," your ethnic background, the fricking sun, the moon, and your hangnail. Times iz short; time to git yer s*** togetha.

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First, I just wanted to thank you for choosing my neighborhood blog ("At Home at Vista Ranch") to be your second-place essay winner for June's contest. I hope that

your readers enjoyed reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it. For a cub blogger like myself, exposure is kind of hard to come by, and the rewards are very few indeed. I do thank you kindly for your decision and the prize that went with it.

Second, a comment on the July 16 cover story on the open carry movement ("They Carry Guns"). Frankly, I applaud their aims. The right to self-defense, be it by fist, chemical spray, baton, blade, or bullet is not one that can be just wished away in order to achieve some pie-in-the-sky version of peace on Earth, goodwill to all. As long as there are those who do not give a rat's patoot about living a crime-free life, you are going to have those folks who are going to do unto you, then split as your life-force ebbs into the street.

When it comes to open carry, however, it's all a matter of where you live and how the local law enforcers feel about the matter. What may work in San Diego may not fly in Carlsbad or Escondido. However you can do it, I say go for it! All in all, it's just like having an insurance policy; you hope you never have to use it, but if you need it, it's there!

And as for that whiner who wrote in opposition to the article but chose not to divulge a name ("No Good Guns," Letters, July 23)? Hey, if you are going to write it, you need to own it! It takes far more courage to put your name to your words than it does to send in an unowned straw-man letter. Enough with these "Name Withheld" jobbies already, folks!

Robert K. Johnston
Vista

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Hey, Matt:

My friend's baby was born with light blue eyes, but they changed to a sort of hazel color as she got older. What makes this happen? And can adults change the color of their eyes? Without colored contacts, anyway.

— Jane, via email

Grandma's baby-blues spotted this question and had to have it. I'd like the week off, anyway. So, take it away, Grandma.

"Thanks, Matthew. While I'm doing this, why don't you put the pepperoni casserole in the oven and start making that Jell-O mold."

Um, I don't do Jell-O, Grandma. What's the recipe?

"Look on the box. My Lord, what a dim lot I have to put up with around here. So, those big goo-

gly baby eyes. One of the main pigments in the irises of our eyes is melanin, responsible for all things brown on our bodies. The M.D.s have found blue and yellow pigment cells in there too. Light reflected back from our own personal genetically determined brown-blue-yellow combo gives us our eye color. Babies born with light eyes can, by about age three, end up with darker eyes because exposure to sunlight activates certain cells in the irises' color layers to produce more melanin pigments. Gradually more melanin, gradually darker eyes.

"Genes and the body's chemical environment (especially hormones) keep adult eye color mostly steady. Puberty and pregnancy are hormone disrupters that might change adult eye color. So might medications. Seen those Brooke Shields commercials for the eyelash-grower Latisse? Catch the line that says it might darken your irises? Latisse was originally Lumigan, a glaucoma med. But when Lumigan's makers noticed that their glaucoma patients were all walking around with sexy, thick lashes, they changed its name and hopped on the bus to Incredibly Wealthyland by hawking the stuff as an irresistible cosmetic product.

"If you're willing to wing down to Panama, you can have colored discs implanted over your irises to permanently change your eye color. You might have to go to Japan for some tricky eye drops that work for about 12 hours. But they can change your eyes to purple, if that suits you. Some people find that the color of a shirt or even eye makeup can affect what color their eyes appear to be. Light com-

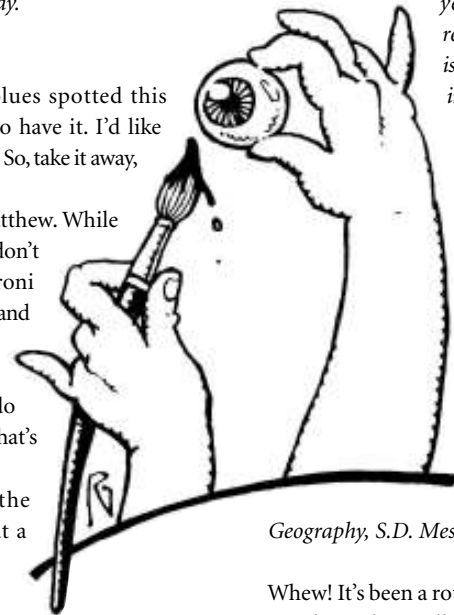
ing into your eyes includes reflected light from both sources."

May the Force Be with Me

Dear Matt: The information you gave to Sir Anthony regarding the Coriolis Effect is wrong. Water masses rotate in a clockwise direction north of the equator and in a counterclockwise direction south of the equator, not the other way around as you stated in your column. Perhaps you need to enroll in my Physical Geography class at Mesa College so you can learn all about the Coriolis Effect & other wonders pertaining to the Earth. —

Dr. Kenneth J.E. Berger,

Geography, S.D. Mesa College



Whew! It's been a rough two weeks here at the Matthew Alice College of Disposable Knowledge. Over the years we've explained the Coriolis force many times and gotten it right on each try. No explanation for why the machinery fell apart on this one.

¿Que onda? Well, More Bad Facts, of Course, Wavy Gravy Division

Dear Matt: 4th paragraph: "Since sound is an electromagnetic impulse, same as light, just at a different frequency..." leaves me flabbergasted. I may have to edit my mind of all the past information I have gleaned from your well-written column (or should Grandma take the hit on this one?). What happened this time? Does sound propagate in a vacuum? It is transmitted along railroad lines. I never thought my ears would really work with electromagnetic waves (maybe my tooth filling is picking up KOGO's AM broadcast?). — Peter, via email

(An even more dumbfounded response came in from Jim Means out in Alpine.) Okay, okay. After this one, we rounded up all the elves, got them to stop giggling and to stand in a straight line and listen up. Grandma gave a riveting speech about how we're all sworn to the responsibility of flinging facts to a truth-hungry public, or at least that part of a truth-hungry public stupid enough to believe us. I followed up with orders to send everybody back to fact-finder boot camp. While the elves are off getting the tar kicked out of them, I'll be in charge of things here. I hope it helps, but I'm sure you all realize the precarious nature of this weird circus we call "Straight from the Hip."

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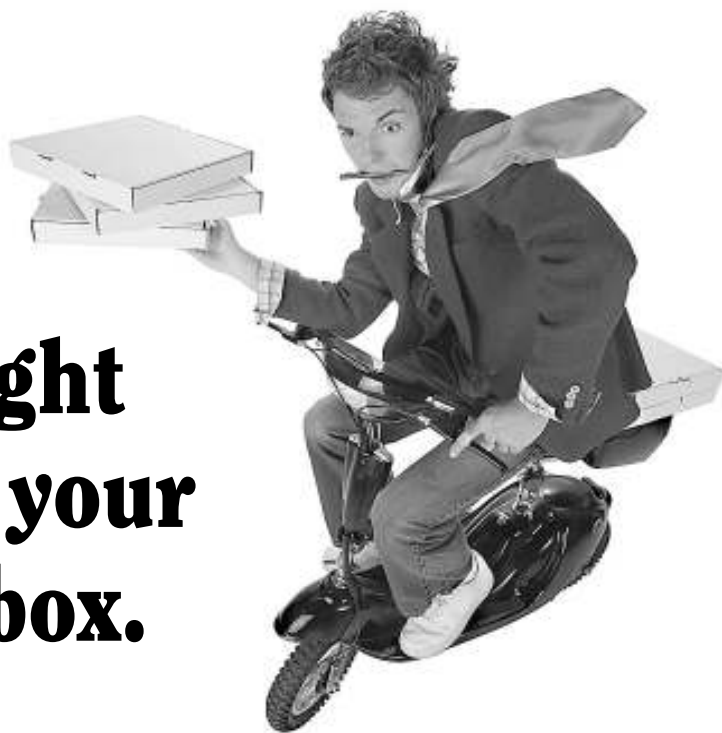
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Preseason Hotsheet



One-man team destroyer Jake Delhomme

Brett Favre can still play in the NFL says the retired quarterback, speaking to the Eupora High School (Eupora, Mississippi) student council. Favre was in town for a press availability, part of his 2009 Whether 'Tis Nobler to Play or Not to Play Tour, shaking hands, selling CDs, and talking to himself in the boys' bathroom.

From Lisa's "Yes, You CAN Go Home Again" scrapbook. Carolina fans will remember last season's final game. The Panthers won the NFC South with a 12-4 record and rolled into the NFC Divisional Round, playing at home against the 9-7 Arizona Cardinals, owners of lowest seed in the NFC postseason. The cats were favored by ten points, which counts as nothing when put next to five interceptions and one fumble. Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme was a one-man team destroyer that day, fearlessly providing Arizona with a 33-13 victory and along the way seeing to it that the Cardinals beat the spread by 30 points.

Not that easy to do. It takes longer than you'd think to throw five interceptions. Things got so bad Delhomme began apologizing to his teammates while huddling up for the next disappointment.

Michael Vick, listen up: Delhomme scored a \$42.5 million contract extension, good through 2014, off that performance.

Dumbest Off-Season Arrest: The Cincinnati Bengals franchise is disqualified because this award is for individual achievement. And, let's face it, there is only one Plaxico Burress, a used-to-be wide receiver for the New York Giants and man enough to shoot himself in the thigh, with his own gun, inside a Manhattan nightclub. This, in a town where liberals rule, guns are banned, and cigarettes cost \$9 a pack.

AFC East: How 'bout them Buffalo Bills? Jake Emen has called Bills QB Trent Edwards "Without a doubt the most secretly lousy player in the NFL." By the way, I nominate this as the

perfect sentence — nothing can be added, nothing can be taken away. T.O. is passing through, the Bills are still stuck with a 90-year-old owner, a home field located in a city no one wants to think about, much less visit. There are four teams in the AFC East. Buffalo has a death grip on last place.

AFC North: How 'bout them Pittsburgh Steelers? They could be interesting in an under-the-radar sort of way. Pittsburgh has 20 starters coming back from last year, including: Ben Roethlisberger, Willie Parker, Hines Ward, Casey Hampton, James Farrior, James Harrison and Troy Polamalu. All Pro-Bowlers.

In 2008, Pittsburgh played the NFC East and AFC South, went 12-4, all their losses coming out of those two conferences (Indianapolis, Philadelphia, the New York Giants, and Tennessee).

This year Pittsburgh plays the AFC West and NFC North, going up against the functionally disabled franchises of Detroit, Kansas City, Oakland, and San Diego. Last year the AFC West and NFC North posted a 48-80 record and no team in the AFC West had a winning record. Pittsburgh will be in the playoffs this year whether they like it or not.

AFC South: Why?

AFC West: If being crazy is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result, then the AFC West is a lunatic asylum. Looks like another 8-8 conference champion. Pick one: San Diego or Denver.

NFC East: How 'bout them Washington Redskins? Money has an unsavory reputation among Hollywood screenwriters. The rest of us know money will buy you almost anything. Unless you're Daniel Snyder, billionaire, amusement park titan, owner of the Johnny Rockets restaurant chain, Red Zebra Broadcasting (radio), Dick Clark Productions, chairman of the board of Ventiv Health, and board member of McLeod USA, not to mention executive producer of Tom Cruise's not-a-horrible-movie *Valkyrie*. There is more, but it's the same sort of soul-killing low-rent business sludge that makes young children afraid to grow up.

None of these endeavors brought Snyder a gasp of admiration or one spark of recognition from humankind. But they did produce money. Snyder bought the Redskins in 1999 for \$800 million. And yet, money, youth, arrogance, more money, and more money has not worked for Snyder. His team sucks again this year.

NFC South: How 'bout them Atlanta Falcons? Just when it seemed like owner Arthur Blank had blown up his franchise by allowing himself to be humiliated and toyed with by Bill Parcells and Michael Vick, the guy draws an inside straight with a rookie head coach and rookie QB. Atlanta made the 2008 playoffs with an 11-5 record and looks to do the same this year.

NFC North: See Eupora High School.

NFC West: Wanna bet Arizona returns to the Super Bowl? How much money do you have on you?

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T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

Moons ago I promised this column would not be about coffee shops and such, nor did I lie.

It could be someone's living room in 1969, say, just outside of An Hoa: open air — no bullet holes or mortar scars — a kind of scrub palm and bird of paradise dream of not a war brought home but a kind of carved-out peace. A small Buddha squats to my right, but this is not Vietnam. It is University Heights in San Diego, 1816 Howard Avenue, at Park Boulevard. It is Lily's Garden Café, and it is unique.

Moons ago I promised this column would not be about coffee shops and such, nor did I lie. An exception will be made here because that is what MyHue Tran and Bill Rigg have done. Lily's is to Starbucks what an English countryside cricket pitch would be to Petco Park.

"We have been here since January of 2008," says Bill Rigg, 58-year-old co-owner of the small business, where Vietnamese iced espresso is a serious draw but hardly the main one. Rigg is a phlegmatic, quick-to-smile "old lefty, I guess," as he describes himself. He wears a bush or "boonie" hat as he steams milk. Tran, an attractive former resident of Saigon — though not Ho Chi Minh City — has been a couple with Rigg for some "two and a half years now," he says. As to Lily's and its appeal, Rigg says, "What happens is what the place attracts," sounding oddly like John Lennon, whom Rigg is fond of quoting.

"We met in Sorrento Valley, where MyHue had a small coffee shop. She was looking for something more. And me? I was looking for a way out of a cubicle." The cubicle Rigg refers to would include a computer. He was an "information tech/administrator" in that previous incarnation. "I was trying to find a more natural life."

Tran, a singer as well as entrepreneur, has been in the U.S. for 30 years. She left the old country in 1979, having stayed on past Saigon's fall, as her father



was an Associated Press employee. "I spent some time in a communist reeducation camp, although I was a high school teacher — history and geography. I worked for them for two years. I quit and took off. I got out in March of '79 on a small boat.

"One baby died during that week on the ocean. We stayed there, in Thailand, because my brother was in the South Vietnamese military, and we were able to stay for four months until the American military brought us here. But I saw people running around [at the U.S. embassy in Saigon] in 1975. Before the fall, the AP offered to get my father and his family out, but we stayed. He thought it would be all right, and I still taught until 1977. After that I started looking for people who wanted to run away, too."

Tran remains active in local Vietnamese culture as well as politics. She writes and sings to raise funds for human-rights concerns. She remains anticommunist. Her latest CD, only commercial in the sense of fund-raising for her human-rights concerns, is called *Mat Dau Ngua Hong* or roughly, "A Loved One Gone in the Mist." Rigg provided the cover art for the packaged recording.

Tran's first name, MyHue, means "beautiful lily." She has named her daughter Lily as well.

Lily's Garden Café, a kind of teahouse and/or meditation garden, is also host to what Rigg calls the core of the establishment's business and that is a number of groups that hold meetings at the 65-seat-capacity ("more if you care to stand") garden/facility. These groups include 12-step "fellowships" such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Overeaters Anonymous. The nearby board of education will hold meetings beneath the canvas shade at LGC, as will the San Diego Humanist Society, a women's holistic group, various board-gamers, medical practitioners, internet Local Area Network gangs; San Diego Conscious has a meet-up on the premises once a week, an anime club, a massage therapist organization, and random card players in unofficial gatherings (no betting), to name some of those forming "the core."

LGC also hosts music on occasion until 10 p.m. Often this consists of Vietnamese music, though not necessarily; acoustic/alternative acts will appear as well. Music is an area Rigg and Tran hope to expand upon in the future. A movie night is in the planning stages for, possibly, September.

This day, like many recently, is a hot one. Over a Sumatra roast (while considering the iced espresso with condensed milk — the Vietnamese special), I am reading Donald Westlake's *Kahawa*, the Swahili and Bantu word for coffee. It seems appropriate. Reaching for my notebook, I jot down, "TGIF @ LGC?" Across the garden, a customer speaks to Rigg. "What's happening, Bill?"

"Everything is happening, but nothing's going on."

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by Barbarella

Wild Wedding

How do you forge a friendship in 140 characters or less?

— Rosa Jurjevic

'So, how do you know Charley and Rebecca?" asked the woman in the white dress. I'd noticed her earlier, had admired the rich reddish-brown of her hair and said of her, in an observational aside to David, "Hey, look, someone took the bride's invitation to wear white." The bride herself, it had been announced in advance, would be wearing a lilac-hued gown.

I met the woman's expectant stare with a lost gaze, silently chiding myself for not having prepared an answer for what was an obvious and inevitable question. A wedding is an occasion on which friends, coworkers, and distant relatives converge. Few from the divergent categories of the bride and groom's lives are assumed to have met each other, but it is expected that all in attendance know at least one member of the featured couple.

"Um..." I stalled. I looked to David, but he just shrugged, as if to say, *Don't ask me, this is your deal.* I

thought to myself that I should have improvised a lie, sparing myself the struggle to tell an unusual truth, but at this point it was too late.

"Twitter," I said. "We've never actually met either of them in person before. You?"

It's not as if I was a

complete stranger. Based on a familiarity with their screen names that regularly popped up in my Twitter feed and the short, back-and-forth Twitversations in which I'd taken part, I would have defined my relationship with Charley and Rebecca as "virtual acquaintances." The opportunity for our online relations to transcend the virtual arrived in the form of a wedding invitation via a direct message on Twitter, utilizing 139 of the allotted 140 characters.

I already knew that @sdcharley and @seubecca were an item, at least since they'd added me as a friend on Facebook. But I needed to know more about them if I were to consider attending what might be the most important event of their lives thus far. As someone who does not proffer invitations recklessly, each invite I receive is pondered in earnest. After all, this wasn't some backyard party, this was a big to-do being held at the Wild Animal Park, which, I admit, was a major draw for me.

An older generation might find it bizarre that a couple would invite someone they've never met to such an intimate affair. But they'd be underestimating our ability to employ modern technology to forge friendships. An old adage tells us the path of friendship must be oft trod upon lest it become overgrown with metaphorical weeds — I can't think of any venue more frequently trampled than Twitter. David and I eloped, but were I to now throw myself a ceremony and reception, I know a handful of Twitter tag names attached to people I haven't yet met in person that I would prioritize on an invite list. Those who follow my tweets may know more about my day-to-day than anyone else but David, family and friends included. So, how could we be "strangers"?

David, despite having answered my online ad for a prospective love machine, has no current account on any social networking site. He was apprehensive when I told him we were going to attend a wedding for two people I only knew online, and I don't blame him. The last wedding I brought him to (of a girl I'd met in person but hardly knew) was unpleasant on many levels, from the bride's three-toothed, peppermint-schnapps-in-a-paper-bag-guzzling granddad to the best man's flame-embroidered shiny shirt and gay-bashing rhetoric. I had found the whole experience fascinating from a cultural anthropology standpoint, but David had placed the day in the same category as waterboarding.

This time, I did a little research in advance. From their Facebook profiles and wedding website, I deduced that Charley and Rebecca were both performers who were really into Disney. Apparently they also dug animals, hence the whole Wild Animal Park thing. Based on what I shared with him, David acquiesced and set about finding an appropriate outfit for the occasion.

On the big day, as I sat beside my man and gazed over the backdrop of a lagoon brimming with exotic birds — a heron dipping its giant beak in the water, a white crane flitting from one branch to another — I contemplated how pivotal the internet has been for the personal relationships in my life, particularly how major a component it was for those surrounding me on this day. My presence at the event was the result of a connection made on Twitter. My date and husband had found me online almost seven years ago, and the bride and groom had found each other on MySpace. As if that wasn't enough to sizzle my cerebellum, it turned out I also "knew" other guests in attendance from Twitter and Facebook.

You don't have to spend a lot of time with a person to be able to relate to him or her. I wiped tears from my cheeks as the bride, in her sparkling fairy-tale gown, and the groom, miked so that no one would miss a word of his performance, exchanged vows. When Charley gave in to his emotions and wept as he declared his devotion to his bride, I could hear David sniffing beside me. I reached

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over and held his hand and didn't let go until it was time for us to walk the short distance to the reception area.

During the cocktail hour, zoo attendants brought out a golden eagle, an armadillo, and a cheetah that had a black dog for a buddy (both were leashed). The newlyweds appeared as the cheetah was being shown. They were invited behind the rope to have their portrait taken with the spotted cat. When I saw

Rebecca *pet* the cheetah, I told David I was willing to plan a belated ceremony for us so that I too might get to touch the cat, to which my man rolled his eyes.

David and I made fast friends of our tablemates and settled into dinner. It was just after the salad but prior to the entrée when we finally made our way to the dais to meet, greet, and congratulate the mister and missus. When I mentioned how generous it

was of them to invite a couple of random strangers like David and me to such a spectacular and personal soiree, Charley waved his hands as if to dismiss the notion and said, "You guys aren't strangers." And though the Twitter-Facebook-MySpace-free David might have hesitated to agree with that statement, I knew exactly what @sdcharley meant. ■

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GOLDING'S GRUDGE

by Josh Board

I was having a rough patch in crashing some events. It started with Comic-Con. Organizers refused to give me a press pass because something I wrote on the *Reader* website last year bothered them. I pleaded my case but to no avail. I ended up finding a way to sneak in without paying and used the technique on all three days.

Around the same time, I found out that Jewel was doing a fundraiser for a child-abuse charity called Promises2Kids. The private concert was to be held at a big house in La Jolla and I got the okay to go. Then the PR firm said that former mayor Susan Golding was involved in the charity and that she "hated the *Reader*" and didn't want me there. Again, I pleaded my case. When I write about charities, I explained, I show them in a good light. Golding was unswayed, but they had already emailed me the address. I figured I'd drive up and crash but then figured it wasn't worth putting on dress clothes if security would be hard to get by.

As I was lamenting all this, a coworker told me about her daughter throwing a party for her son Robert, who was turning 25.

Amanda, who was throwing the party at her house, told me, "We tried to think of all different themes we could have. We decided on 'ABC.'" I thought she



Left: Ice luge; Right: Amanda on left, her fiance in back with hand up

was jumping on the Michael Jackson thing until she said that it stood for "anything but clothes."

So, instead of wearing a black tie in La Jolla, it was a black Hefty trash bag in Clairemont. I wore black flip-flops and a black pair of boxer shorts underneath. When I parked a

"Great. You're wearing the same trash bag as me."

block away, I waited for the family walking their dog to go by.

As I walked into the backyard, I could see a crowd playing beer pong. A few people looked

at me and my outfit and went back to doing what they were doing.

I said to a woman, "Great. You're wearing the same trash bag as me. There's always someone wearing the same outfit." Although, she had been a lot more creative with her bag. She had made straps — it looked like a dress.

A guy showed up in a burlap sack with corresponding tie. He said, "I still have a lot of it left over in the car, if anyone else wants to make themselves a tie." He went on to tell me he couldn't decide what to wear and just walked the aisle of Home Depot.

A few women wore shower caps and shower curtains, which was a cute look. A woman designed a nice outfit for her husband and made herself a

fancy dress from curtains they were going to get rid of. Her dress was really long and had a Middle-Eastern look.

A few guys were wearing bathing suits with no shirts. I heard one of them say, "I just didn't have time to prepare anything. Sorry."

I went over to the patio to check out the food. They had a wide variety of stuff, including fresh fruit, pizza, and lots of chips and snacks. When I grabbed a few Red Vines, a woman nearby said, "I just realized, I blew an outfit opportunity: creating something entirely edible."

As I turned around with my piece of pizza, I noticed a stripper pole next to the back deck. Of course, it was only a matter of 30 minutes (and a few beers) before guys were swinging on it, acting goofy.

Robert was wearing a cowboy hat made of beer boxes along with shorts that he somehow made from the cases. I saw him talk to a woman covered in beer coasters.

A guy had covered his body in stickers. A woman told him, "I'd love to be there when you have to peel those things off. It'll be like you're waxing yourself."

The music was blastin', and everyone was having a good time. When women showed up, it was like a fashion show.

A lady wore an outfit made of tree leaves...creative and revealing. Someone asked where

her husband was. I said, "They couldn't find a leaf big enough for his crotch area."

I noticed a beer bong going. And, one of the parents at the party was trying out the ice luge. As one guy poured the alcohol, I heard another say, "I can't believe we're doing shots with you guys. This is cool."

Robert's dad was wearing a big beer-mug hat, and he told me about ordering it online.

His future son-in-law ordered a Styrofoam cooler and cut it up to make his outfit. The part around his body was snug. He'd cut a huge hole in the lid — that was his hat. When everyone started dancing on the patio, he started joking around and pretending to do a strip tease. He was a bit drunk but was being funny and entertaining. Amanda, from over on the back deck, yelled sarcastically, "Stay away, ladies. He's mine."

The only outfit that beat the cooler was the guy who wore a huge plastic trash can. He'd made suspenders to hold it up. After an hour, I saw him holding onto the can with one hand. Two hours into the party, he had taken it off.

I sat down with a few cookies. When I looked up, I was surrounded by guys dancing and grinding into me. I felt like a piece of meat!

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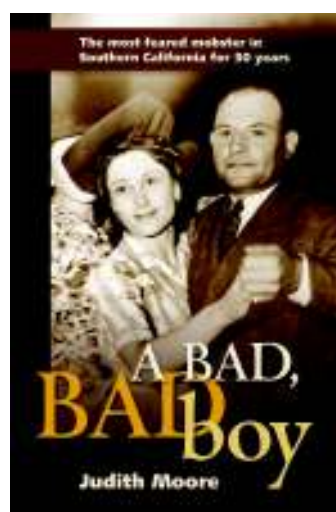
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But he began to consider the opportunities. “When the lady walked back past my cell after visiting other prisoners, I called out to her and changed my mind. The deal was that I’d go into the Serial Inebriate Program, and I didn’t even know what that was.”

In 2000, the police department adopted Serial Inebriate as a pilot program, an effort to help chronic alcoholics get sober and stay off the

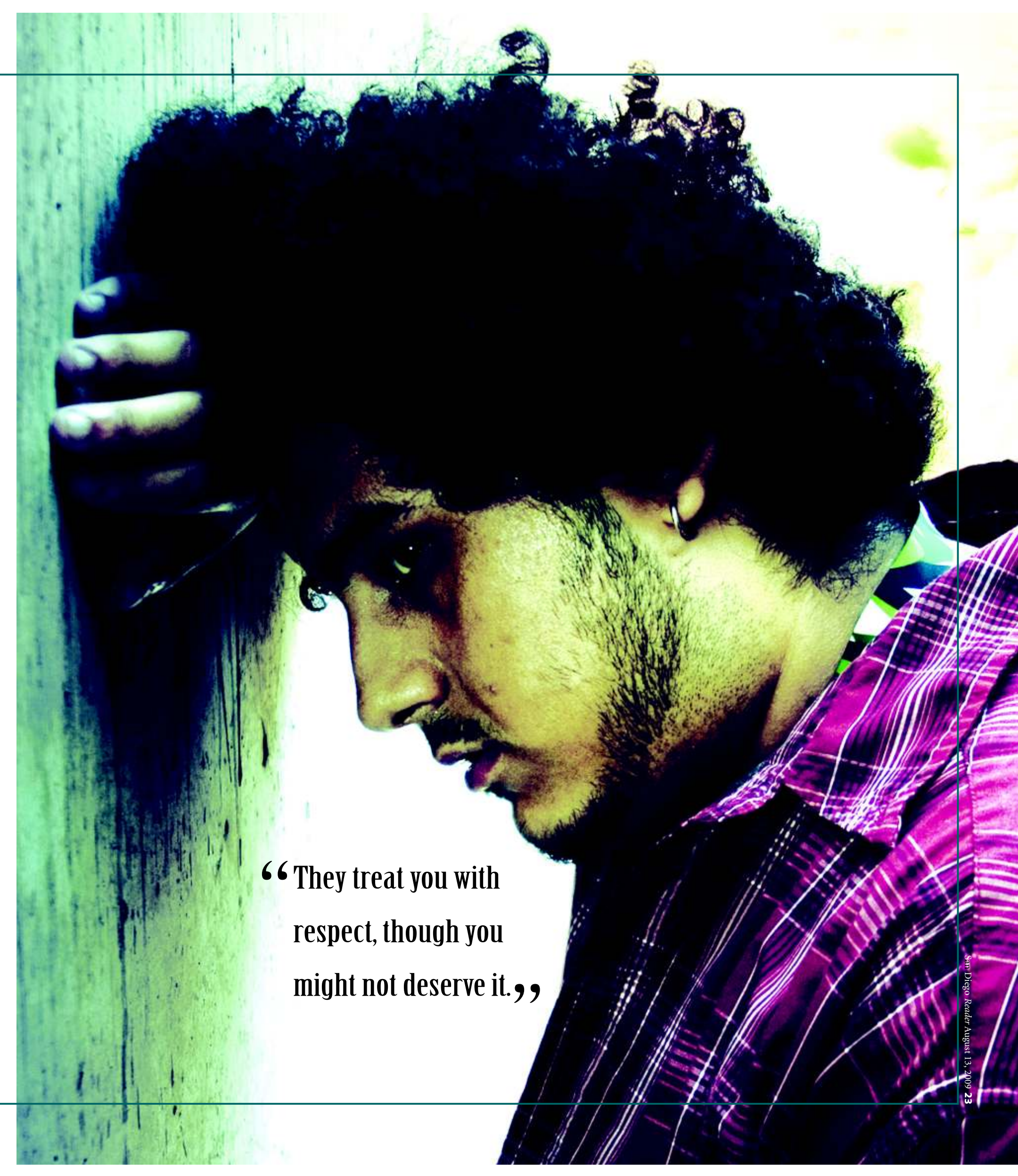
street. Instead of arresting the same “drunk-in-publics” over and over, the courts would offer them a free six-month recovery program, including housing and food. The idea was to end their cycle of incarceration, medical emergency, and back to booze and homelessness again.

The program is now in its ninth year. Paul Bacon was one of its early test cases. Today, he admits that the public defender’s deal seemed the

shortest path to his next drink.

“All through the 1980s,” Bacon tells me, “I drank mainly on weekends, or after work. I got a job I really liked around 1990; it was maintenance supervisor for University Towne Centre. After a while, one of the other guys, who’d been there longer than me, blew the whistle to the manager and said that he smelled alcohol on my breath. They fired me. So I made a decision.

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"Soon the police were tired of seeing me on the streets. One night, a cop woke me up at the dead end of a street. 'Mr. Bacon, you're drunk again.' Of course I was drunk because I was always drunk back then. This particular cop was always after me and would load me into his patrol car and

take me downtown. There was one time I started to do pretty well at detox and even got a job there. But I showed up to work drunk one morning."

Over many nights sleeping out in the cold, Bacon progressively injured his spine. "Up in Clairemont, where I hung out, I always had a spare sleeping bag hidden," he says. "But I'd sometimes just fling myself into bushes drunk. If it rained, I went under a church awning. One night, on the hard cement, I told my friend that I couldn't move. He called 911, and they took me to the emergency room. I figured they were treating me for alcohol poisoning. They did give me Gatorade to rehydrate, plus a sandwich and a sponge bath. But they also gave me some crutches."

The pilot Serial Inebriate Program called for police to take public drunks to jail after they'd been transported to detox five times in 30 days. If candidates then accepted formal court offers to join the program, officers escorted them to treatment providers who agreed to accept them.

Pathfinders on Streamview Avenue in East San Diego was the recovery home where Bacon began treatment. There he lived in an apartment, attended daily Alcoholic Anonymous meetings, and met with program counselors. Within weeks of his arrival, Pathfinders decided to stop taking Serial Inebriate clients, opting instead to work with persons having dual diagnoses, substance abuse plus mental illness. But Bacon was allowed to stay.

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Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment



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

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



To find out if you qualify for study participation, please call 858-784-7867 or visit our website at: www.pearsoncenter.org for more information.

Sprained ankle pain patch study

Local doctors are currently looking for adults who are experiencing pain due to a recent ankle sprain to help evaluate the pain-relieving capabilities of investigational medicated patches when applied directly to the injured ankle.

To be eligible for this study, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older, AND
- Be experiencing pain from an ankle sprain that occurred **within the past 48 hours**, AND

• Not have taken any pain medication or used compression to treat your ankle sprain.

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study patches at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

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Are you living with Type 2 Diabetes and controlling it with insulin?

If so, the Profil Institute for Clinical Research is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for Type 2 Diabetics on insulin.

In order to qualify for this study, participants must:

- Have Type 2 Diabetes
- Be using insulin
- Be between 18-70 years old



If you qualify, you may be compensated up to \$4,001.96 for time and travel. Some overnights may be required.

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“I did learn a lot that was useful in those dual-diagnosis meetings,” he says.

A Serial Inebriate counselor eventually arranged for him to have surgery on his back. But he still has great difficulty walking and spends most of his days in a wheelchair.

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It was last summer that I first interviewed Bacon and three other graduates of the Serial Inebriate Program. Off and on, I've discussed their situations with Robert, my most curmudgeonly acquaintance. I haven't told him whether Bacon stayed sober. “Doesn't matter whether he did or didn't, the man

is clear that he wanted to drink as his life's career. He should have to take the consequences without public money rescuing him,” argues Robert, who thinks he sounds too hard-ass to have his full name known.

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But could it be even costlier to let chronic alcoholics go untreated? In 2006, a group of researchers under the leadership of James Dunford, the city's medical director, published in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* an evaluation of the Serial Inebriate Program's first three years. The study looked at health-care

records of 529 chronic alcoholics, so determined through detox denying them service. Prior to courts collaborating with the program, the alcoholics put the following strains on local resources: 308 “were transported by emergency medical services 2335 times; 409... amassed 3318 hospital emergency-department visits; and 217...required 652 [hospital] admissions, resulting in 3361 inpatient days. Health-care charges totaled \$17.7 million.” Of this total, \$1.3 million was spent by ambulance service, \$2.5 million by emergency departments, and \$13.9 million for inpatient care.

RESEARCH STUDIES

ARTHRITIS

DO YOU HAVE Hip or Knee Pain?

Consider volunteering for a clinical research study

To qualify, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have joint pain caused by arthritis
- Other criteria will apply

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Research Study



Menstrual Migraine Headaches

Wishing your period would never come?

A medical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational oral medication for women 18-34 years of age with regular periods **who have migraine headaches associated with their periods, in at least 2 out of the last 3 cycles.** Periods are tough enough without adding a migraine headache.

To possibly qualify:

- Females, 18-34 years, with regular periods
- Have had migraine headache associated with 2 of your last 3 periods
- Can be using medication at present to treat migraine headaches at a stable dose for at least 2 months

Participants may receive at no cost:

- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs, and Pap smear
- Compensation for your time and travel

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Where is your focus? ...on your overactive bladder?



Overactive bladder makes it difficult to perform daily activities. You do not know when the sudden, strong urge to urinate will happen.

The Women's Overactive Bladder Study is a research study testing the safety and effectiveness of a new delivery method of an overactive bladder medication for women. **Qualified participants:**

- are women age 18 and older
- are experiencing overactive bladder symptoms with urgency for over 6 months
- have not had three or more urinary tract infections in the past year

Qualified participants will receive study-related exams, lab tests and study drug at no charge.

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Pain from Endometriosis?

A 16-week clinical research study is underway to evaluate a non-hormonal, injectable, investigational medication versus placebo for the relief of pelvic pain caused by Endometriosis. Have you tried a variety of hormonal medications without success over the years of dealing with Endometriosis cramps and pain? This study is for women who have a surgically confirmed diagnosis in the last 8 years.



To possibly qualify for the study, must be:

- 18-49 year old females, regularly having periods
- Surgical confirmation of Endometriosis in the last 8 years (operative report must be available)
- Moderate to severe period cramps and pelvic pain

Qualified participants may receive:

- Exam and consultation with a board-certified gynecologist
- All study-related labs, EKG, and study medication
- Compensation for your time and travel

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Do you suffer from Asthma and Migraines?

eStudySite is conducting a research study of an investigational inhaled medication for acute migraine headaches including people with asthma.



DO YOU QUALIFY?

To qualify you must:

- Be 18-65 years of age
- Have been diagnosed with migraines for at least 1 year
- Be in generally good health
- Have asthma

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



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Bad cramps... ...with your period?

Are you suffering moderate to severe cramping pain in your lower abdomen or headaches during your period? Tried numerous remedies without success? A clinical research study is underway to evaluate the effects of a new oral drug on moderate to severe menstrual cramps.

To possibly qualify for the study:

- 1) 18-50-year-old females (including smokers 35 years or younger)
- 2) Regular cycles between 25-35 days
- 3) Must have moderate to severe cramps and/or headaches with your period

Participants may receive at no cost:

- 1) Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- 2) Study-related Pap smear and labs
- 3) All study medication at no cost
- 4) Compensation for your time and travel

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“I should have been dead four or five times,” says Lou Fanucchi, by all accounts the most accomplished accordionist in San Diego. He has played occasionally for the San Diego Symphony, whenever it needs an accordion. He’s worked with Luciano Pavarotti and Bette Midler. Recently, he traveled to Chicago to perform in several venues.

“After my divorce in 2000,” says Fanucchi, “I was staying for a while at my mother’s, and one day

she watched me come crashing down from the second floor. The stairs have one of those old Mission Hills wood banisters with sharp corners. I gashed my head and dropped to the carpet right there in front of her. Blood started gushing from my head and soaking the carpet. My mom panicked and called the next-door neighbor instead of 911. The irony to this is that a guy I knew who was a meth addict happened to come to the door right then because he wanted to

borrow money from me. He looks in the door and sees me sprawled out and blood all over, and he says, ‘Did you guys call 911?’ Eventually, he did it. I learned later that, when the ambulance came, they weren’t even sure I would live, that’s how much blood I lost. I woke up in the hospital with these weird thumps to my head and the surgeon saying, ‘It’s okay, we’re putting a few staples in your head.’

“Twice this happened in my mother’s house. You know, your mothers, they

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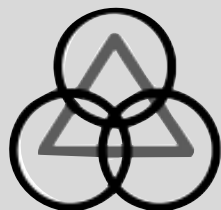
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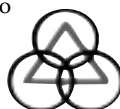
You must be:

- 18-65 years of age
- Currently diagnosed with depression
- Symptoms greater than 2 months

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

1. Study-related exams
2. Investigational drug or inactive placebo
3. Compensation for time and travel

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Are you 18-65 years old with Type 2 Diabetes?

If you have Type 2 Diabetes and are currently not taking any anti-diabetic medication, you may be eligible to participate in a research study.

To qualify you must:

- Be 18 to 65 years old
- Not be on insulin or taking any other anti-diabetic medication

Qualified research participants may receive the following at no cost:

- Medical care • Lab exams • Investigational medication
- A glucose monitoring device with supplies
- Compensation for time and travel

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Have you or someone you love been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease?

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What is the purpose of this study? The purpose of this study is to test whether a nutritional drink is effective and safe for the dietary management of Alzheimer's disease.

What will you be asked to do? You will be asked to consume a nutritional drink once every day for a period of 6 months. During this time, you will be regularly monitored and tested by study staff for any changes in your memory and thinking abilities.

To be eligible to participate in this study, you must be:

- Clinically diagnosed with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease
- Taking an FDA-approved medication for Alzheimer's disease (Aricept, Exelon, Razadyne, and/or Namenda) for the past 4 months
- 50 years of age or older
- Not previously diagnosed with vascular dementia, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, or seizures
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Is DIABETES causing you PAIN in both legs or both feet... for at least the past 6 months?

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love you and they can enable you without even knowing they're doing it. She knew I was drinking. Well, it happened again right there in the house. I tripped again and hit the other side of my head on a corner of the coffee table. Again I was down and bleeding."

Fanucchi had even more serious problems.

"One time I was drinking heavily, and I was in horrible remorse, and I tried to just make it over to the emergency room. I picked up some more alcohol on the way and ended up lying in an alley in Hillcrest somewhere. The police came and took me to the hospital, where they put intravenous tubes in me and flushed my fluids

to get the alcohol out. They flushed me for 24 hours.

"Some people can do fairly well on the streets," he continues. "Not me. I had to get inside, St. Vincent de Paul or somewhere. The longest time I was out on the sidewalks was three weeks, and it was no fun. When you're out there, sometimes you

can't get your alcohol, for whatever reason. I've had seizures during withdrawal, which is dangerous and can even kill you. So I'd get panicky and go to the emergency room to get Librium, which they use along with some other stuff to prevent the seizures.

"The last time I was in the emergency room, a nurse pulled me inside and gave me a harsh lecture. She showed me her computer screen and said, 'You know what? You're a jerk. You're not even trying to get better. Look at

this. This whole screen is you coming in here to get Librium.' "

After numerous trips to jail, Fanucchi entered the Serial Inebriate Program in June 2006, graduating in the prescribed six months. For a long while afterward, he hauled his musical equipment around on the bus and trolley. He has stayed sober and been welcomed back by the local professional musicians' community. His career is taking off better than it ever did. Eventually, he got his own apartment and now lives

in Banker's Hill.

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According to the Dunsford study of the early Serial Inebriate venture, 268 individuals were offered participation in the program and 156 accepted. Medical assistance subsequently declined by 50 percent for those who took up the offer. Researchers estimated decreases in monthly average-user charges as follows: \$5662 for ambulance services; \$12,006 for emergency-department visits; and

RESEARCH STUDIES

Type 2 Diabetic Volunteers

Dr. Robert Henry and his associates at the VA Medical Center are looking for Type 2 Diabetic volunteers to evaluate the effects of dapagliflozin compared to placebo on insulin resistance and insulin secretion.

Duration:

Approximately 24 weeks total: 11 clinical study site visits (The visits will include an initial screening visit and 10 clinic visits.)

If you meet the following criteria you may be eligible to participate.

Inclusion Criteria:

- Males or females aged 35 to 70
- Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- A1c 7.0% to 10.0%
- Body Mass Index (BMI) less than or equal to 45 kg/m²
- You must be taking Metformin for at least 12 weeks at a dose of 500mg or greater OR Metformin greater than or equal to 500 mg plus a sulfonylurea (such as Glyburide and Glipizide or Prandin, Januvia)
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Researchers at The Scripps Research Institute are working to develop new treatments for people with alcohol problems.

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When your **TYPE 2 DIABETES** is out of control, finding *harmony* is essential.



If you're having trouble controlling your diabetes, consider participating in HARMONY, a research study evaluating an investigational diabetes medication that's taken **only once a week**.

Even when you follow all of your doctor's instructions, your blood sugar levels can still be difficult to maintain. And, the inconvenience of multiple daily doses required by other medications can often disrupt your daily routine. Now, the HARMONY program is evaluating the effectiveness of an investigational type 2 diabetes medication, which could require less frequent dosings than many current treatments.

To learn more about the **Harmony program** please contact **619-229-3909**
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Does major depression change your outlook?

A clinical research study – STEP-D (Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy Program) – is now underway to explore an investigational medication for major depressive disorder (MDD) to see if it may work when taken with an approved antidepressant.

You (or someone you know) may be eligible to participate in the STEP-D study if you:

- Are 18 to 65 years of age
- Have been told by your doctor that you have MDD
- Are experiencing depression lasting at least 8 weeks
- Have tried at least one antidepressant without success

In addition to receiving study-related physical exams and laboratory services at no charge, participants may receive the investigational medication and will be monitored by a medical team, including a study doctor. After the STEP-D study ends, some participants may be eligible to take the investigational medication as part of another research study.

Ask your doctor if the STEP-D study is right for you.



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

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Are you living with Depression?

Women from across the United States are joining this study to help researchers look for better ways to treat depression.

You may qualify for this study if you are:

- A woman 18 to 64 years of age
- Diagnosed with major depression

Participants will receive:

- An initial evaluation of past and current mental and physical health
- Access to a team of medical professionals, available for consultation
- Study-related medical care and monitoring of health
- Investigational medication or placebo
- Potential compensation for time and travel.



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WITH ADHD, EVERY DAY IS A LONG DAY.

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Due to the unpredictable nature of ADHD, children may experience many ups and downs throughout the course of the day. Even if your child is taking a stimulant medication, some ADHD symptoms may be difficult to control, such as hyperactivity, impulsive behavior, and lack of focus. That's why we're conducting a clinical research study evaluating the use of an investigational non-stimulant, in combination with your child's existing ADHD stimulant medication, to potentially address some of the symptoms of ADHD that continue to affect your child. All study participants receive (at no cost):

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Forgetting simple tasks? Memory fading? Can't seem to complete projects?

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- Male or female
- Between the ages of 45 and 90
- Experiencing memory loss? Unable to organize or plan? Forgetting simple tasks?
- In overall good health

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- **Schizophrenia**
- **Smoking Cessation**

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According to Deni McLagan, the Serial Inebriate Program's total funding is approximately \$220,000. McLagan is the program manager for Mental Health Systems' Mid-Coast Recovery Center.

From the organization's Loma Portal offices, she also directs the Serial Inebriate Program.

"Initially piloted without funding, using available resources," McLagan writes me by email, "the county's Alcohol and Drug Services Division [now] provides \$140,000 in case-management dollars." (The division is a branch of the county's Health and Human Services Agency.) The city's Housing Commission also "funds \$80,000 to cover the cost of housing expenses." The housing money "funds the purchase of 12 transitional-housing beds in a sober-living environment."

Then, "We received a one-time \$6000 grant from Price Charities," writes McLagan, "that supports some of the unfunded needs of our clients, such as transporta-

tion, hygiene, clothing, and food."

McLagan wants me to know one more thing. The San Diego County Taxpayers Association recently awarded the county a Golden Watchdog Award for saving taxpayer dollars in its treatment of alcoholism through the Serial Inebriate Program.

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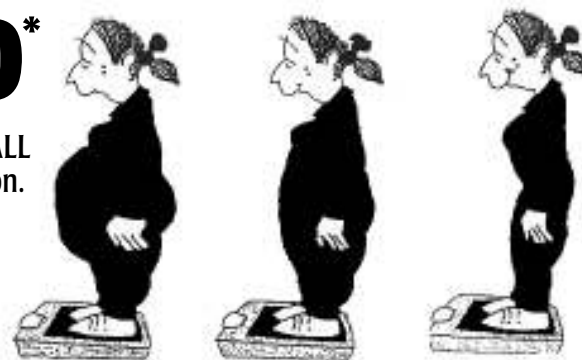
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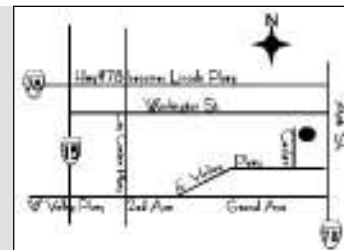
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Butterfield, who is now 47, says he remained uninterrupted outdoors through the end of 2005. "During that time," he says, "alcohol determined where I slept, what I ate." Before that, he had always been gainfully employed. "But alcohol had been a part of my life since I was 18."

The recluse spider bite wasn't Butterfield's only encounter with small critters. Once, in Pacific Beach, he was coming down an alley with friends. They were drinking from a bottle of vodka. "I blacked out," Butterfield tells me, "and fell forward, straight down on my forehead. I woke up in a hospital with sand fleas in my hair and scabs all over my scalp from sleeping on the beach."

"I had intravenous tubes in me, and when it came time to eat a meal, there were two beers on my plate. I was in the hospital for five days, and I drank two beers for break-

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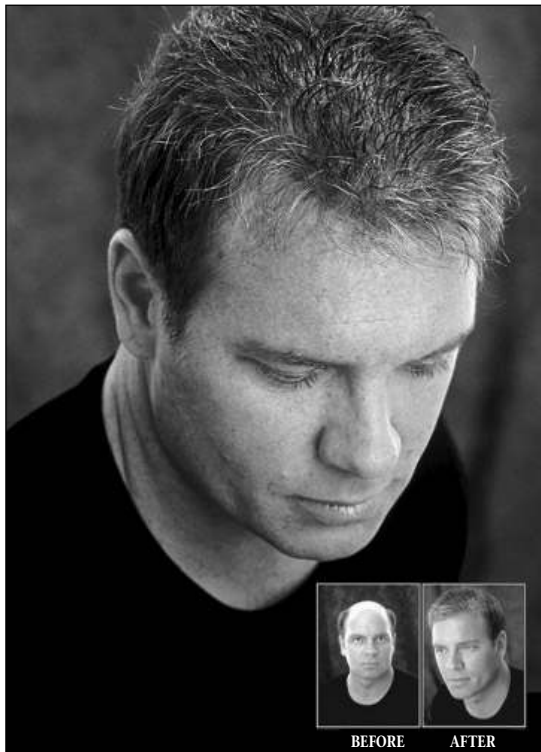
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fast and one for dinner. It was part of the detox process."

During his hospital stay, "I couldn't feel my feet," Butterfield says. "The doctor started prodding me with a little poker and determined that my feet were completely numb. He said I had peripheral neuropathy, nerve damage caused by too much drinking.

"I used to get arrested a lot, mostly for being drunk in public, illegal lodging, public trespassing, once for public nudity, a couple of different times for petty theft — way, way too many times.

"So at the beginning of January 2006, down at Pacific Beach — it was wet and cold — I didn't want to go through another winter outside, and there was just something in my heart. I'd alienated my

family. You know, I graduated from SDSU with an MBA in finance. My heart was saying this has got to stop. It's insane. Help yourself; do something. So one day I got really, really drunk and walked up to a cop car in a 7-Eleven parking lot at the foot of Grand Avenue, and I said, 'I need to go to jail again; I'm drunk.' And the cop said, 'Put your hands behind your back, yes, you are, that's where you're going.'"

It was during that stay in jail that a counselor from the Serial Inebriate Program came to Butterfield. "Yeah," he says, "and while I was still down at George Bailey's, an officer came to pick me up and let me sit in the back of the cop car with no handcuffs. Took me straight to St. Vinnie's, where they gave me a physical exam

and some thiamine and other vitamins. From there, straight to the apartment complex. So I went from being in Bailey's one morning to living that evening in a two-bedroom apartment with freedom to walk away if I wanted. I could go anywhere. The liquor store was only a block up the road. I could have left that first night and never come back. That's just the freedom they give you. When the cop picks you up, he makes sure you know that you are still technically incarcerated for the next six months. It's only that you're not behind bars. If you do walk away, a warrant for your arrest will be issued. So just know that. They do make it clear."

Butterfield finished the Serial Inebriate Program in six months, satisfying all his legal obliga-

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tions. But “when I left in October 2006, I went straight to the liquor store, bought my poison, and relapsed. I wasn’t financially ready to move out on my own yet.”

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My trusty curmudgeon Robert argues that most chronic alcoholics, those who live drinking on the street, eventually relapse, even after the best treatment. “I’m hardly alone in that view,” he says. “Even Arnold Schwarzenegger says something like it.”

Robert has exaggerated Governor Schwarzenegger’s criticism of Proposition 36 that too many offenders who enter the program fail to complete it. The proposition addresses problems of drug abuse rather than alcoholism. But it shares this much with the Serial Inebriate Program, that treatment replaces jail time as a solution to addiction problems.

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Should recidivism be a deal-breaker for public funding of alcoholism treatment? The Serial Inebriate Program’s Deni McLagan cannot say how many clients relapse and never come back. Never is a long time. But she does acknowledge that “for this year, 67 percent of our clients were readmissions to the program. It is important to note that this is a positive number! Recovery is a process, not an event.”

The program is “a six-month treatment episode,” McLagan continues, “and it is difficult to anticipate that someone who has been a homeless chronic inebriate for over 15 years will experience a full, sustained remission of their alcoholism with a limited length of intervention. The program is six

months because that is the sentencing for... drunk-in-public, but... often a greater length of care would be beneficial. Clients would likely not enroll in a program longer

than six months, whether or not it was mandated; they see this type of coerced treatment as excessive. Therefore, we work with them in stabilizing them, laying foun-

dations, and reintegrating them back into treatment should relapse occur.”

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Butterfield returned to the Serial Inebriate Program

seven months after his relapse. Now, he says he realizes that “the program has allowed me the time to understand that I truly am an alcoholic and that, if I don’t learn to like

myself, my life’s going to get nothing but worse. I’m going to be back on the streets again, I’m going to be locked up again, and I’ll have no dignity. And the program made me realize

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that I've got work to do if I want to change the way I've been living."

Besides his regular recovery activities, the work eventually included weekly meetings with a psychiatrist. "I have a great relationship with him," Butterfield tells me. "He's helping me to get rid of the anger toward my parents and resentments toward people around me."

At home in the program's apartments, Butterfield says he's acquiring "the ability to live in an environment with other individuals who have the same sickness." In the process, "I'm finding out who I am. By believing that I have a better life ahead of me, I don't need to numb myself and can learn to be happy. I'm finally coming to terms with God and

becoming able to say, 'I'm okay.' I don't have to beat myself up anymore. I'm going to learn to like myself."

Even though Butterfield relapsed during his first try, "There's one thing I'd like to emphasize, and that's that the freedom the program gives you is crucial to recovery. The choice is to run or to have the courage to face this God-given opportunity and have faith that this is where you need to be right now. In the long run, nobody else can do it for you. Motivation is critical. To recover, every alcoholic has to make that personal choice.

"What's really nice now is to be able to say I have no outstanding warrants. Since I've been in the program, when warrants have popped up, I've been able to go down and

tell the judge that I'm already legally incarcerated."

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Gary Garrin, 59, says he ended up as "one of those guys who sits in the day-times outside the NBC building, next to that 100-year-old fountain and across from the US Grant Hotel. I didn't do much panhandling because I never really liked that. But when I did, I was good at it."

In 2004, before moving to San Diego, Garrin suffered a stroke that left him unconscious in the hospital for six weeks. He had been living out of a cave in Orange County, "within sight of [Nixon's] Western White House," he says. In the minutes before the stroke, he was drinking heavily. He fell and hit his head, which the doctors

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told him slammed his brain into the inside front of his skull and set the stroke off. His right lung collapsed in the same incident, he says.

"I guess I'd been having seizures but just didn't know it, probably because I was in blackout at that time. I used to drink to blackout. The doctors said my smoking would probably cause more problems in the aftermath of my stroke than even the drinking, even though drinking adversely affects every part of your body. I know that.

"Up to that point, I always worked," Garrin says. He was a door-to-door salesman, peddling automotive services. "I drank and worked simultaneously for many years. Half the day would go by, and I'd quit and go drink somewhere. My company

tolerated it because I made them money. They even let me sleep in their office. But they were concerned about my seizures. I was taking Dilantin for them so I could keep working. Some people might say I was a functioning alcoholic. I think I just got away with it."

Garrin hasn't been employed for the past four years. After the stroke, he started receiving Veterans Administration benefits, which don't allow him to work. By the time he reached San Diego in 2005, he was receiving a check. But in lying around the sidewalks downtown, he says, "I would pass out and somebody would steal my money. I was broke a lot."

During stays in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties, Garrin has gone to the emer-

gency room over 30 times. "I only remember going in two, maybe three times on account of being a blackout drinker. I'd come to in the hospital. They occasionally kept me overnight. A few times, I was pretty shaky leaving, having a hard time walking, and they'd give me a wheelchair. I ran off from UCSD with the wheelchair once. My head was still buzzing, and that seemed to make sense. I took it about four blocks, over to Washington Avenue, before they tracked me down and retrieved it with a pickup. I was looking for cigarettes and something for the tremors."

Garrin praises the San Diego Homeless Outreach Team's watching out for him while he was homeless downtown. "They were mainly kind," he says. Because his initials are

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G.G., the officers referred to him as G squared. "I was not one to argue with the police, and they told me I was one of the more polite drunks."

I ask Garrin about the effect that hostile officers have on intoxicated men and women lying about the streets. "I can understand why they are hostile. They see it over and over, usually the same people. But the hostility, in my opinion, only hardens the resentments alcoholics already have."

The Serial Inebriate Program approached Garrin in the summer of 2007. He said he didn't want to go at first because he saw so little hope that

he'd give up drinking. He'd gone to Alcoholics Anonymous and been through treatment regimens before. Why would another effort turn out any differently? But the program's head counselor, Carrie Finley, encouraged him strongly this last time

he was in jail. "She told me, 'You've got so much to look forward to, if you get sober — a daughter, a grandson, and son-in-law.' Just the way she said it got to me," Garrin says.

He went to live at the same apartment complex that housed Brook Butter-

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field. He took the same ride from George Bailey, was taken to St. Vincent's for the same physical exam and any medications he might need. And he still lives at the apartments after graduating from the six-month program and starting to pay rent from his Veterans Administration check.

"Since I've been here,"

he says, "we've had group meetings three times a week. Then they require we go to at least five outside meetings, which can include church. We also volunteer time at various places. In turn, the program will give us things like appliances, clothing, help with getting a California identification card, and a free monthly bus

pass for the first month. Then you're eligible to buy the senior/disabled pass. And everybody gets \$1.75 per week to cover laundry."

Perhaps the most important thing to Garrin is that "they don't talk down at you, they treat you with respect, though you might not deserve it. Some people come in

rougher around the edges than others, usually because they've been out there a lot longer.

"And they give you enough room to hang yourself. You have responsibilities, things you have to do around the apartments. Guys who don't make it aren't willing to take direction. You take a drunken fool and sober him up, you've got a sober fool."

By now, Garrin has seen his grandson several times, even though the boy, who is eight, and his parents live in Riverside. "A lot of alcoholics," he says, "end up permanently estranged from their families. My daughter, though, she never stopped loving me, even during the worst of my times."

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The successes achieved by the Serial Inebriate Program have come through a customized approach. "St. Vincent de Paul and other organizations," says Deni McLagan, "devote themselves to helping homeless people, and traditional treatment programs help alcoholics and substance abusers. For [our program], we needed to help individuals who were both. They need a group strictly for themselves. So we wrote our own curriculum for the people in their unique category."

McLagan tells me that her recovery center used to employ a standard screening questionnaire to determine whether an individual is an alcoholic. "There were questions like, 'Do you ever drink before going to a party?' Well, homeless guys don't go to parties," she says. "So when homeless inebriates read that, they might even use it to deny they were alcoholics."

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graphic than problem drinkers or people who are alcoholic but have a roof over their heads and still go to work every day. "If homeless alcoholics hear somebody in a meeting talking about a meth problem interfering with his job, they can't relate and want to run off by themselves. They don't feel comfortable in groups like that," McLagan says.

"We have learned," she continues, "that conventional forms of treatment have a tendency to disenfranchise our clients.... Most, if not all, have past experiences with conventional programs that did not sufficiently address their needs.... For those reasons, we have developed a comprehensive and strategic program that focuses on the specific needs of this unique population."

Sober-living housing can also be a problem, according to McLagan, even if only formerly homeless alcoholics live there. She relates a story about a man she tried to place in a group apartment complex. "We gave him his own bed, but he slept outside on the porch instead. These guys are so independent, so used to making do all by themselves, that he couldn't bring himself to sleep in a bed. Gradually, we moved him inside, first onto the living-room couch, and then to the bed in his room."

With only 12 beds available, I wonder how McLagan's program could help very many people at a time. "Many of our clients we treat on an outpatient basis," she says. "And we make use of other sober-living providers around town that are willing to help. Clients come to our meetings at the Mid-Coast Recovery Center. We usually have about 30 enrolled at any particular time. As

soon as one of our beds comes open, though, we fill it right away."

Whether clients are housed in an apartment or only come to regular meetings, they must fol-

low program rules, the most important of which is to stay sober. A short relapse may not cause a rift in clients' treatment, especially if they immediately report what hap-

pened to program counselors. But if they leave the program to drink for good, law enforcement won't be far behind. "It doesn't take the police long to locate them,"

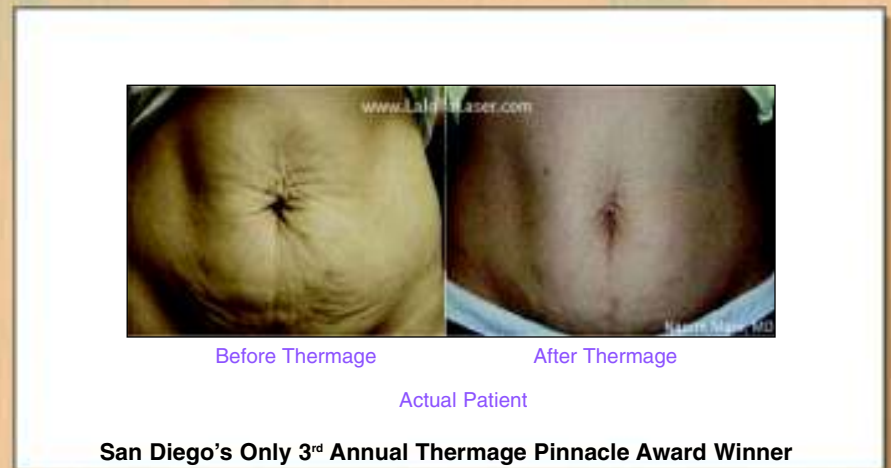
McLagan tells me. "These are not guys who keep a low profile."

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Bacon to no avail. It's been ten months since I've seen him. I am worried that the many times he threw himself into the Clairemont bushes might have caused him more problems than

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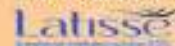
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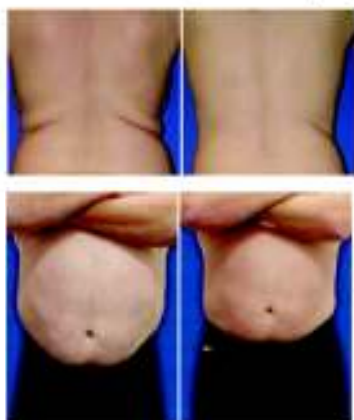
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his confinement to a wheelchair. Could he even be drinking again?

I remember Bacon telling me that, during the first 90 days of his treatment at Pathfinders, he constantly planned to leave the county and drink again. And the counselors seemed to know it. "If I went to a convenience store," he told me, "they'd be out front, looking in the window to see if I was pointing at a bottle of vodka."

Bacon also said that, while in treatment, the obsession to drink eventually left him. And when it did, he said, he gave up his bed and left the program to live on his own. He rented his own apartment. He bought a Ford Focus with money from his disability payments. "I only drive when I need to go somewhere," he said.

"Otherwise I take the bus, which is my only opportunity these days to flirt with pretty ladies. Of course, I know they don't want somebody like me, but it's fun anyway."

"Of course he's drinking again," says Robert the doubter.

If Bacon did drink, he can be sure that the Serial Inebriate Program would be willing to help again.

"Fools," says Robert. "Fools with our money."

Deni McLagan looks at it like this: "Think about cancer patients who are in remission but whose cancer comes back. How would it be if Kaiser told them, 'No, you can't come back for treatment because your cancer returned'? Some alcohol-treatment programs do tell their clients to leave after relapses. But we see treatment as improvement

over time, and if our lapsed clients come back still manifesting the disease of alcoholism, we want to help them toward the next steps of their recovery."

"Disease my ass," says Robert. "When will they stand on their own two feet?"

Finally, Bacon gets in touch, and we talk. He sounds great. "I missed your messages because I've been staying in my girlfriend's place," he says. I ask if he met her on the bus. "No," he says, laughing. "She lives in the same building I do, in the front. We met one day when I drove home and didn't stop my car in time. It smashed into her apartment. My legs are giving me more trouble than they used to. I think I'm going to sell the car." ■

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In April 1888, lots that had skied from \$25 per

front-square-foot to \$2500 went unsold. Of the estimated 1000 homes built, so many were vacant that owners let families live rent-free, just to have occupants.

"The boom did not burst," wrote historian James M. Guinn, "it gradually shriveled up." But even wide-eyed speculators could see that the bottom had fallen out. A second frenzy set in, more manic than the first: SELL!

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Back in 1887, between July and September, 5000 people came by train to San Diego. Two of them, John W. Collins and David D. Dare, would inspire visions of a turnaround.

They hailed from Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they ran the prosperous Cheyenne National Bank. With unnamed Eastern funding and the city’s support, they would build a similar, Gibraltar-solid bank in San Diego: the California National. In the same building, they’d also offer a savings and loan.

Dapper of dress and speech, Dare came with his wife Adele. The soft-spoken, reflective Collins brought wife Fannie, daughter Mary, age 8, and son John, age 6. Both families stayed at the posh Brewster Hotel, at Fourth and C.

California National Bank opened, amid the economic slowdown, on January 9, 1888. By December 31, 1889, after three banks went under and San Diego land values hit hard-pan, California National had flourished: over \$1 million in paid-up capital, undivided profits, and lines of deposit. Clients appreciated the courteous service and generous loans. The bank’s massive iron pillars, at the northeast corner of Fourth and D (Broadway) became a symbol of trust and hope.

Dare and Collins moved in such different circles it amazed people that they were partners. Dare, the bank’s Vice President, had a castle on “Millionaire’s Row” in Cheyenne. He ordered the construction of an even larger one: a 16-

room, \$40,000, brownstone-turreted extravaganza at Fifth and Juniper. He numbered Wild Bill Hickock among his pals and spent many an evening at Jesse Shepard’s mystical Villa Montezuma. A world

famous singer-pianist — and world class charlatan, to many — Shepard regaled guests with concerts and magic shows.

On December 17, 1889, Shepard traded Villa Montezuma — “the most

ornately finished and artistically furnished house in the city” (*Sun*) — to David Dare for the castle in Wyoming. Neither structure, it turned out, stood on stable financial ground. Like Shepard, San Die-

gans learned later that Dare was a relentless self-promoter who financed vast projects with wispy promises.

John W. Collins purchased an attractive bay view home, at First and

Kalmia, in Florence Heights. “Genial and charming” (*San Diego Sun*), he worked as California National’s Cashier — was, in effect, the bank’s public face — and in time became “universally loved” (*Union*).

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Fannie, his wife of 13 years, was "one of the most kindly, loveable women in the city, widely noted for her sweetness of disposition." In conjunction with the United Presbyterian Church, where the family worshipped regularly, Fannie ran several charities.

As Dare and Collins thrived, the city crumbled. Between 1888 and 1890, frantic San Diegans withdrew over \$2 million from local banks, causing several to default. Property values plummeted even more. Every street had at least one "For Sale" sign, the price often slashed and a lower one painted above it. Newcomers, promised paradise, fled. By the end of 1888, San Diego's estimated population of 50,000 shrunk to 16,000. The city's suicide rate — from the crash of '88 through the Great Panic of '93 and beyond — ranked second in the nation behind San Francisco.

During the strife, Collins and Dare not only bought a hotel, along with John C. Fisher, whose opera house they would fund, they built San Diego's first cable railway. At the opening, on June 7, 1890, the *San Diego Union* called the steam-cable system's 12 maroon-and-gray cars "an enterprise that would be permanent and... would do much to spread [San Diego's] fame abroad. It is a magnificent piece of work and has cost an immense sum of money."

No one questioned where the money came from, and Collins and Dare's credibility soared. An incident later that year elevated Collins to even higher realms.

At noon, on September 1, 1890, four Portuguese fishermen watched a 22-foot, sloop-rigged yacht struggle up the channel near North Island. The tide was going out. A 20-knot wind blew hard from the west.

The masts snapped from side to side. The canvas sails ruffled. Then a stronger gust slammed the yacht nose-first into the gray, choppy waters. The white hull disappeared.

The boat sank so fast, a fisherman said, it looked as if "an unseen force from the bottom of the blue" had yanked it down.

When the men reached the site, the deepest part of the channel near buoy #2, they found no trace of the yacht or its passengers.

An hour later Ed Page, a returning fisherman, thought he spotted a large woman's body, tangled in thick kelp, near the buoy. As he tried to free the corpse, a smaller body rose to the surface. A girl's eyes, dead as diamonds, stared up at him from the brine.

"Badly shocked," he released the woman's foot and "departed as rapidly as the breeze from the open sea could blow him" (*Sun*).

The drowned woman

was Fannie Collins. Earlier that morning, William P. Hay had phoned, inviting her and the children to sail on the bay in the *Petrel*, one of the finest yachts around. Hay brought his wife to Hunt's boathouse, where they joined the Collines and Maggie Wallace, daughter of their Presbyterian minister.

"Better take in some of that sail," Hunt warned Hay, pointing to droves of whitecaps, "double-reef it, even."

"I'm a pretty good hand at sailing," Hay replied. "I guess she'll go all right."

All six passengers drowned.

Search parties on foot and horseback combed the coast. Since the tide was going out, the bodies might drift to the Silver Strand, or as far north as Pacific Beach. Tugboats dragged the channel with 600-foot ropes, weighted with lead and lined with grab-hooks. They found the yacht,

opened parasols, a picnic basket full of sandwiches, and the mutilated body of William Hay. Those of his wife, the Collins children, and Maggie Wallace were never recovered.

When tragedy struck, J.W. Collins was in San Francisco. San Diegans worried how he would take the news that his whole family had "crossed the gold river of death." (*Sun*). "Mr. Collins is a gentleman of a domestic disposition." He "would freely give his own life rather than [his family] should receive injury."

Dare sent a message to friends in the Bay Area: tell Collins that Fannie has died in a boating accident, but don't tell him "all the particulars" — that young Mary and John drowned as well. "Few men could bear such a shock."

A search party found Fannie's body. Only her half-open eyes showed signs of a struggle. Her smile remained "as plainly visible

upon the countenance of the corpse as upon the face of Mrs. Collins during her happiest moments in life" (*Union*).

Before boarding a train to San Diego, Collins telegraphed Dare: purchase the finest lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, and make all arrangements for interment.

Collins's train stopped at the A Street crossing, where Dare, John C. Fisher, California National President William Collier, and others met and drove him in a carriage to the Brewster Hotel. On the way, they revealed the extent of his loss. Then they took him home, where Fannie's remains — surrounded by wreaths, sprays of white roses, and floral stars — lay in an open casket. "How life-like she looks," one of the men said, as Collins sunk to his knees.

Outside the house, and on street corners throughout the city, prayer vigils, often among strangers,

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lasted for hours. A rich black cloth, parted to the sides by two large white ribbons, draped over the entrance to the California National Bank.

"Nothing has ever occurred in the history of San Diego County" (*Union*), "which made so deep an impression upon all people and drew them together so closely."

What can you say to Collins and Rev. Wallace and his wife, the *Sun* asked, "to ease the awful load that they must bear through life, and convince them that underneath are the everlasting arms?"

In a time of grave, relentless loss, Collins and the Wallace's unthinkable suffering gave San Diegans an outlet for mourning, and Collins astonished the citizenry with his quiet strength.

"He bears his grief," wrote the *Sun*, "like one man in ten thousand! Few men ever drank a more bitter cup and bore it with so much fortitude."

The *Union*: "Universal sympathy was expressed throughout the city for the bereaved man, whose great kindness, quiet, simple, unostentatious manner and unwavering loyalty to San Diego's interests have greatly endeared him to all. With businessmen his just and honorable methods have made him a rock of reliance."

Unable to remain there a minute longer, Collins sold the Florence Heights house and moved into Room 39 at the Brewster Hotel.

A short time later, William Collier, President of the California National Bank, stepped down. Collins became the new chief executive by unanimous vote. He maintained his public face, keeping alive the legend of his generosity, but was often away on business and, friends noted, became psychologically absent as well.

On September 21, 1891, the California National Bank opened its books for local newspapers: "Capital paid in, \$500,000; Authorized

capital, \$1,000,000; Surplus, \$100,000" — figures that made it one of the strongest financial institutions in Southern California.

On November 11, 1891, Vice President David Dare announced he had health problems. He had to go to Europe, he told San Diegans without batting an eye at the irony, "for the climate."

On November 12, 1891, a sign at the bank's entrance announced that, "owing to continued shrinkages in deposits," and an inability to be prompt "on our notes and accounts," California National would be closed, temporarily.

Collins, who would become implicated when the bank folded, was in San Francisco. He sent a telegram assuring everyone that the troubles were minor and the bank would reopen soon. Then he boarded a train to San Diego and yet another tragedy.

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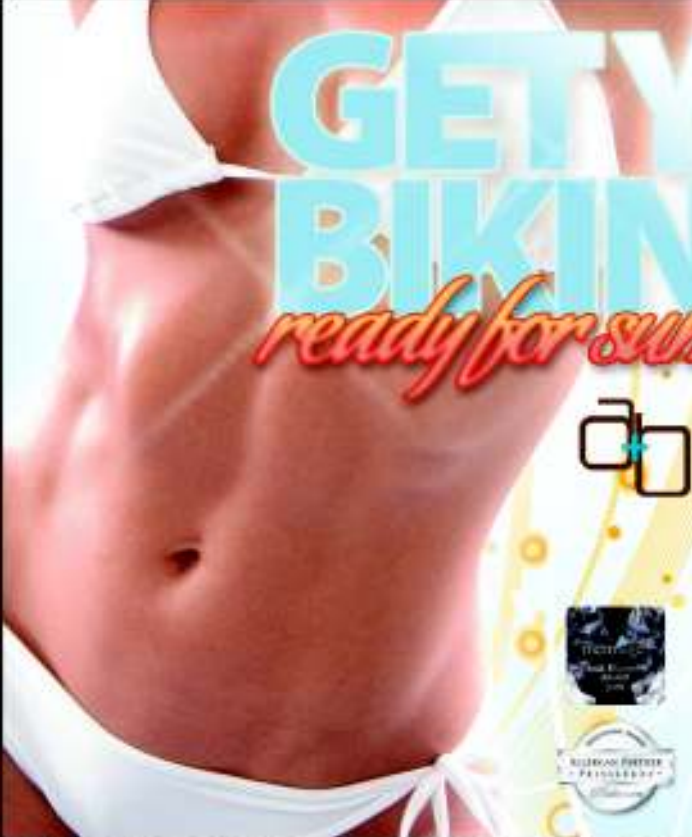
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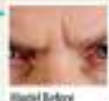
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Girl Jackson

I am Dev, the Michael Jackson impersonator mentioned in your article "R.I.P., M.J." ("Blurt," July 16). It is obvious that Mr. Sanford did not do his homework to get his facts correct. I am not a "he" but a "she" and the only professional female-to-male Michael Jackson tribute artist. I also did not raise my rates after the passing of Michael Jackson as implied by your writer. My rates are within the range mentioned, not only at the top end. If you are writing about someone, best to speak with them to get the facts correct. My phone and email contacts are easily found on my website and the Gig Salad site. I would be happy to speak with you further about my experiences of being a Michael Jackson impersonator.

Dev
via email

A Constitutional Carry
Paperwork, fingerprints, fees,

and background checks to allow people to carry a sidearm ("They Carry Guns," Cover Story, July 16)? What kind of nonsense is this? Are we citizens or subjects? Free men and women or felons? The right of self-defense is a corollary to the right to life; to deny one is to deny the other. The purpose of government is to insure our rights, not to infringe on them.

The fact is that governments should not be involved in permitting the carriage of weapons, either openly or concealed, by anyone. Our Constitution states that the right of the people to keep (possess) and bear (carry) arms shall not be infringed. *Marbury v. Madison* (1803) decided that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and that any law that contradicts the Constitution is null and void. "The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, though having the form and the name of law, is in reality no law but is wholly void and ineffective for any purpose since unconstitutionality

dates from the time of its enactment and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it; an unconstitutional law, in legal contemplation, is as inoperative as if it had never been passed... An unconstitutional law is void." (16 American Jurisprudence 2d, Sec. 178)

In *Murdock v. Pennsylvania* (1943) the Supreme Court stated that a constitutionally protected right may not be licensed, nor a fee charged. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms is one of those protected natural rights. In *Shuttlesworth v. Birmingham, Alabama* (1962) the Supreme Court decided that "If the state does convert a liberty into a privilege, the citizen can engage in the right with impunity." (That means they can't punish you, folks!)

To paraphrase an oft-quoted movie line, "Permits? We don't need no steinking permits!"

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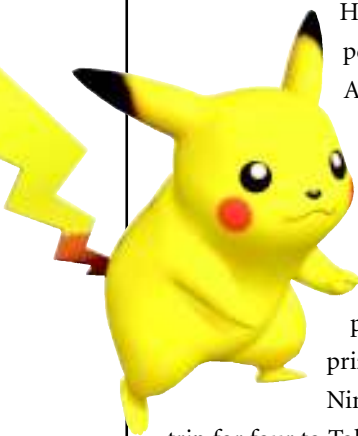
The La Jolla Music Society honors an American composer in “A Conversation with Gunther Schuller.” Enjoy the life’s work of this iconic composer who has written over 160 original compositions. See [LECTURES](#), page 60.

ILLUSTRATION WITH MORGAN BLAIR

Like to draw? If you’re a teen (14–18), you’re invited to a hands-on illustration workshop with Morgan Blair. After exploring Blair’s creative and working process, participants can collaborate with Blair on a large-scale project. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 58.

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2009 POKÉMON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Hundreds of competitors from America, Japan, and Europe will compete in the annual Pokémon Trading Card Game and video-game competition. First-place prizes include a Nintendo DSi and a trip for four to Tokyo, New York, or Oahu. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 58.

TIKI SURF CITY

San Diego gets rockabilly at the Tiki Oasis annual convention. Held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, this tikilicious fest includes surf and lounge music, tiki carving, 60 tiki-centric vendors, a Dr. Sketchy’s sketch session, ukulele music, and more. See [SPECIAL](#), page 53.

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SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S FILM FESTIVAL

The New Children’s Museum hosts this festival showcasing nearly 200 films from around the world made for children and teens, including animation, live action, and documentary. Kids can also sign up for animation workshops. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 58.

SUMMER SOL — MASQUERADE FESTIVAL

Help support arts education throughout the county at this benefit for Young Audiences, featuring “popcorn performances” by Fern Street Circus, Sol E Mar, storyteller Marilyn McPhie, the Mojalet Dance Collective, and Nos de Chita. See [SPECIAL](#), page 53.

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THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP

From Bram Stoker to *Buffy* to *Twilight*, vampires have always been the rage. Now the Old Globe Theatre presents Charles Ludlam’s satire of theatrical and movie melodramas about all things that go bump in the night (“Irma Vep” being an anagram for...?). See [THEATER](#), page 114.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19: FIRST AID FOR DOGS AND CATS

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BUNGALOW MYSTERY SALAD?



“Haunted showboat pralines,” anyone? Enjoy refreshments prepared from *The Nancy Drew Cookbook* and hear classic Nancy Drew mysteries performed in the style of old-time radio dramas with assistance by actors from Write Out Loud. See [SPECIAL](#), page 54.

HYPNOTHERAPY: WHEN AND WHY?

“Look into my eyes”...and learn all about hypnosis and hypnotherapy during this duet lecture with Charles Knoll, M.D., and Cory Cochiolo, CHT. What is hypnosis? How does it work? And when should it be used? See [LECTURES](#), page 60.

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TASTE OF BEIJING

Behind the Scenes Catering Co. will teach you how to prepare the same dishes they created for clients during the 2008 Summer Olympics in China. Items include three-citrus crusted seared ahi with wasabi and shoyu, seared Kobe beef tenderloin, pomegranate demi-glace, and more. See [FOOD & DRINK](#), page 57.



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FIRST AID FOR DOGS AND CATS

What should you do if your dog breaks a leg? The American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies, including choking, shock, poisoning, and broken bones. See [LECTURES](#), page 60.

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ROAM-O-RAMA | A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

Harry Griffen Park, quietly tucked away in the Grossmont Summit area where La Mesa and El Cajon adjoin, has for years remained one of East County's well-kept secrets. As the largest park within La Mesa's city limits, its 53 acres encompass grassy fields, sidewalks and dirt trails, a eucalyptus-shaded picnic area with barbecues, an amphitheater with seating for up to 360 persons, a kids' playground,



Eucalyptus, Griffen Park

and a fenced enclosure for unleashed dogs.

The park's main drive-in entrance is on Mildren Street, off Water Street, just north of Grossmont High School. Two additional pedestrian-only entrances can be used during daylight hours along Poppy Street in La Mesa and at the end of Blackthorne Court in the Fletcher Hills district of El Cajon.

Griffen Park is one of East County's best destinations for parents with small children. On the park's east side, an almost perfectly flat expanse of grass, devoid of trees and other obstructions, serves as one of the finest inland sites for kite



flying. The usual summer-afternoon sea breeze picks up speed here as air flowing from Mission Valley

squeezes through a wind gap and falls toward the El Cajon valley. The flat expanse of grass itself conceals the

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Below and to the west of the big grassy expanse, a "natural area" of partly native vegetation, small trees, and looping dirt paths serves as a perfect place to teach a youngster how to ride a bike. A nearly flat inner loop measuring 1/3

mile is about right for that.

Here are two other imaginative ideas to keep the little ones and their parents or older siblings busy: Build stacks of balanced rocks using the rounded cobbles found in the park's drainage channels. Discover the sound-channeling properties of the underground system of drainage pipes that underlie the park.

OUTDOORS

Towering Thunderheads have been seen hovering over the wall of mountains east of San Diego in recent weeks. Afternoon rainshowers have already dampened Palomar,

Cuyamaca, and Mount Laguna on occasion, with more of the same expected at times during the next two or three weeks. Usually this kind of activity ceases by sunset, and clearing skies usher in a cloud-free night. The marked contrast between the sunny but bland weather along the

coast and the more lively and unpredictable mountain weather is one illustration of San Diego County's "geography of contrast."

Extreme Low Tides (the lowest levels for the month of August) will occur on several occasions next week during the wee hours of the morning. Tuesday, August 18 features a -1.1 foot tide at 2:34am. On Wednesday, there's a -1.3 foot low tide at 3:12am. On Thursday, a -1.2 foot low tide occurs at 3:48am. On Friday, the -0.8 foot lowest tide occurs at 4:23am. Spring and summer extreme-low tides typically occur at

such inconvenient times of the day. Starting in October of this year, and continuing through the winter season, extreme-low-tide episodes will coincide with afternoon hours, and it will be possible to view in daylight the lowest and richest tidepools along San Diego County's coastline.

Jupiter, the brilliant, star-like object glowing like a beacon in the eastern sky after nightfall, comes to "opposition" (180° away from the sun) on Friday, August 14. Rising at sunset and setting at sunrise, the giant planet is as close and as bright as it will get this year. Jupiter can be recognized not only by its exceptional brilliance, but also by its tendency not to twinkle as much as the other stars do. Jupiter's light, which emanates from a tiny "disk" (as opposed to a pinpoint) in the sky, is less susceptible to optical distortions when passing through Earth's atmosphere. Generally speaking, any planet seen in the sky twinkles much less than stars appearing in the same part of the sky.

"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany"

Naturalist Lee Dezan plans moderate hike about 3.5 miles long, along many trails. Participants will see, discuss the ranch's "#1 oddity." Wear hat, treaded footwear, bring water. 760-839-4680. Saturday, August 15, 7am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Nature Calls"

Trail guides "heighten your awareness as you discover a surprising variety of sounds and sights along the trail." Native creatures, plants identified; expect "fascinating facts and interesting lore." 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 15, 9:30am; Sunday, August 16, 9:30am; Wednesday, August 19, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Bird Watching Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough starts at first bench on Famosa Boulevard. Bring binoculars if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, August 15, 1pm; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Discover Magnificent Beauty!

Nature walks led by trained naturalist. "Marvel at the reawakening vegetation throughout the reserve and be enchanted by fabulous flowers along the trails." 760-436-3944. Saturdays, 10am; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

It's a Hoot!

Join resident park birders for "Owl Prowl." Guides will "use their skills to coax these captivating creatures into view out of the dark of the park." Learn what stealthy hunters they are and how they see, hear, fly, eat, nest. 619-668-3281. Friday, August 14, 7:30pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk Naturalist-led hike along trail on north face of Black Mountain Park. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-484-3219. Saturday, August 15, 8am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced,

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Ein Gedi National Park, Israel

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By Debra Schroeder

West of the Dead Sea lies Ein Gedi National Park, an area whose terrain is similar to that of San Diego. A beautiful, arid mountainous region, Ein Gedi is how I pictured all of Israel.

Hikers will enjoy rocky crags, caves, and waterfalls, while animal lovers can get their fill of ibex, mountain goats, and hyrax (a rock badger) that roam freely and are not too skittish.

Ein Gedi is described in the Old Testament book of Samuel as the place where David — who had been on the run for ten years — and his army of men hid in a cave from King Saul. King Saul, looking to relieve himself, came into the cave. David had the opportunity to slay Saul but chose not to, honoring the Lord instead.

Hike the long trail and you'll see the upper portion of David's cave. Seismic activity caused the cave to split — it no longer looks "cave-like" but more like a big opening. Were it not for the stalactites, you'd never know the opening was a cave.

Mt. Shasta

By Noah Joseph

We just climbed to the top of Mt. Shasta! We experienced freezing temperatures, dangerous predicaments, and high altitude, but it proved to be one of the most amazing experiences.

We took a half-day training course and then we drove to Bunny Flats, halfway up Mount Shasta, and hiked to Horse Camp at an altitude of 7800 feet, where we camped for the night. The next day we carried 50-pound packs up to Helen Lake, at an altitude of 10,400 feet, and camped for the night. Helen Lake is in reality not a lake at all, but rather a valley of snow. At Helen Lake we had to melt snow on our stove in order to fill our water bottles, and we almost froze due to temperatures of around 15 degrees that night.



Mt. Shasta

The next morning we left at 5:30 a.m. for the summit, with one light 25-pound pack that contained six quarts of water, a loaf of wheat bread, two pounds of snack bars, and the first aid kit. We got to the summit at about 1:00 in the afternoon, at an elevation of 14,200 feet. The climb would have been impossible without ice axes, crampon steel-spiked boot bottoms, gaiters, helmets, and a series of hiking techniques that we had learned the previous day.

We didn't get altitude sickness but were both lightheaded and exhausted. We took a lot of Advil, which we think helped us. Thankfully, our summit day was beautiful, cloudless.

If you are interested in this climb, we strongly recommend you contact The Fifth Season Sporting Goods in Shasta City (call 530-926-3606 or visit thefifthseason.com).

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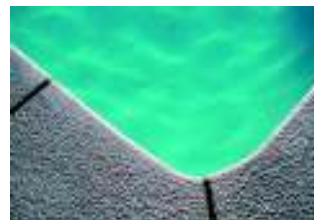
BonnieMaffei: Windmill, used to grind corn, constructed with lava rock, Island of Pico, Azores



ninjakat: Havasupai Falls, AZ



misshottie45: Olympic Village in Sydney, Australia. Each post contains a plaque that has the names engraved of all the volunteers who helped at the Olympic games.



Mango: This photo, of the edge of our kidney shaped swimming pool, was taken at the Caliente Tropics Resort in Palm Springs, a super cool, mid-century Hawaiian-themed motel.

strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, August 14, 6am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Sycamores and a Waterfall Naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced loop walk to waterfall and Carson's Crossing. 858-484-3219. Sunday, August 16, 4pm; free. Del Mar Mesa trailhead, 7107 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Tree Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlight-

ing various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, August 15, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

"2009 Cannon Invitational" Exhibition features work by Joseph Bennett (assemblage), David Fobes (duct tape), Tara Smith (paintings), and Duke Windsor (paintings). These artists were selected from the 26 artists featured in "2009 Juried Biennial" exhibition by Karen McGuire. 760-602-2021.

Thursday, 11am; Friday, 11am; Saturday, 11am; Sunday, 1pm; through Sunday, August 16, free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"A Tangled Web" "Habitat Connectivity Where the Land and Sea Meet" is examined when Drew Talley discusses complex ways in which distinct and often distant habitats are interconnected for Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series. 619-575-3613. Saturday, August 15, 11am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Hot Summer Nites" Series continues with "Off-Rd., Race Cars, and Open Header" night. Music by Tony Suraci. 760-723-2232. Friday, August 14, 5pm; free. Downtown Fallbrook, Main Avenue and Alvarado Street. (FALLBROOK)

"Lifting the Spirit" Reception for multimedia Coastal Artists exhibition, on view Monday, August 17, to Wednesday, September 30. 858-760-2524. Monday, August 17, 5:30pm; free. Solana Beach City Hall, 635 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Summer Sol — Masquerade Festival" Young Audiences

fundraiser at McMillin Event Center benefits arts education in SD County. Enjoy "popcorn performances" by Fern Street Circus, Sol E Mar, storyteller Marilyn McPhie, Mojalet Dance Collective, Nos de Chita. Tickets include hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner. 619-282-7599. Saturday, August 15, 6:30pm; \$45.

18 and up. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

"Tiki Surf City" Tiki Oasis 9, a convention for tiki lovers, promises classic and new bands playing surf and lounge music, symposia, live tiki carving, bazaar with over 60 vendors peddling wares from around world, surf costume con-

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tests for all ages, tiki tours, Dr. Sketchy's sketch session, ukulele music, book signings with Shag, James Teitelbaum, Domenic Priore, Greg Shmanske, Jay Strongman, more. Details: 619-297-1101. Thursday, August 13, 7pm; Friday, August 14, 5pm; Saturday, August 15, 10am; Sunday, August 16, 10am; free-\$40. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

(Pooch) Practice Makes Perfect Helen Woodward Animal Center hosts canine surf clinics taught by Rob of San Diego Pet Training, in preparation for "Surf Dog Surfathon" (on September 13). Bring your canine pal and towel; boards provided. Be prepared to spend time in water with your dog. Reservations: 858-756-4117 x339. Sunday, August 16, 9am. Dog Beach Del Mar, 29th Street. (DEL MAR)

All Things Nancy Drew! Does Nancy Drew represent "girl power" better than any other pop icon? Is she our favorite feminist? Enjoy exhibition of Nancy Drew books, memorabilia, and serious scholarship. Live events (August 15 and 17) promise refreshments prepared from *The Nancy Drew Cookbook*, and classic Nancy Drew mysteries will be performed in style of old time radio drama entertainment. Exhibit continues through August on main floor, west wing, of Geisel Library. 858-822-5758. Thursdays, 7:30am; Fridays, 7:30am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; Mondays, 7:30am; Tuesdays, 7:30am; Wednesdays, 7:30am; through Monday, August 31, free.

UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Altered Clothing Recycle an oversized dress, make a cool summer top from a man's button-down shirt, or remake jeans into a retro-'60s skirt during classes. Learn easy sewing skills, appliqué techniques, fabric dyeing. Bring a piece of clothing to alter or choose from stock. Fee: \$15 per class, or \$40 for month. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, August 26, \$15-\$40. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Astro Bazaar "Explore the inner, the outer, the future, and the past" during San Diego Astrological Society's annual bazaar. Readers will provide ten-minute readings in systems such as astrology, tarot, numerology, more. Fee: \$10 per reading, \$15 for two. 619-307-1636. Friday, August 14, 7:30pm; 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Beautiful and Unusual San Diego Fern Society hosts show and sale of ferns from around world in Casa del Prado room 101. Sale boasts "a great selection of fern choices for purchase." 619-239-0512. Saturday, August 15, 12 noon; Sunday, August 16, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Bungalow Mystery Salad? Haunted showboat pralines? Enjoy refreshments prepared from *The Nancy Drew Cookbook* and hear classic Nancy Drew mysteries performed in style of old-time radio

drama entertainment with assistance by actors from Write Out Loud project in Seuss Room. Sounds, music provided by Scott Paulson and the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. Also planned: live phone-in radio interviews with Nancy Drew expert Jenn Fisher. Exhibit of Nancy Drew books, memorabilia, and serious scholarship continues through August on lower level, west wing of Geisel Library. 858-822-5758. Saturday, August 15, 2pm; Monday, August 17, 12:30pm; free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Partners or Robber Barons? P&R Discussion Group gathers to focus on large corporations. 619-370-1027. Thursday, August 13, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Cleaning Out the (Museum) Attic Furniture, museum exhibition materials, Annex Gallery merchandise, folk art, other collectibles on offer. 760-735-3355. Saturday, August 15, 11am; Sunday, August 16, 11am. Mingei International Museum North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Concentration, Visualization, Meditation Learn techniques for stress reduction, relaxation during free meditation classes, as well as advanced breathing techniques and "essence of yogic philosophy." 619-640-4438. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Thursday, December 31, free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Fall Fashions Flaunted Leonard Simpson showcases men's and women's fall fashions during benefit for Childhelp. Expect avant-garde fashions, models as live art mannequins. "Fashion Runway Experience" (8pm), followed by "Fashionably Late Afterparty" (9:30pm). 619-957-1162. Thursday, August 13, 8pm; \$50. 21 and up. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Is There an Owl on Your Sweater? Learn to knit an "owls sweater" by Kate Davies during class for intermediate/beginner knitters. Sweater will be knitted over course of six weeks; homework must be done before class. Experience with cables is not necessary but helpful. Fee: \$40 for six two-hour sessions (\$60 if materials are purchased elsewhere). Required advance registration, materials list: 760-806-6744. Wednesday, August 19, 5:30pm; \$40-\$60.

18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, crochet, spinning. 760-806-6744. Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Paint-Out Paint/draw/explore Balboa Park, whether you work in oils, acrylics, watercolor, digital, charcoal, pencil, pastels, or mixed media. All artists, amateur to professional, encouraged to participate. Co-hosted by Maura McHugh and Lee Sautereau. At noon, meet back at SDAI for group discussion of work created, potluck meal (bring food and/or drink to share). 619-236-0011. Saturday, August 15, 9am; free. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Palomar Observatory Tours Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through multiple telescopes atop Palomar Mountain (weather permitting) during event sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Fee includes round-trip bus transportation, with San Diego and Escondido pickups. Dinner not included. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x806. Saturday, August 15, 3pm; \$65-\$75. 10 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Sight and Sound Preview night with performances by the Donkeys, singer-songwriter Gregory Page, Dynamite Walls, "spiritual vocalist" Toni Pope. Also planned: live painters, on-site massages, more. Proceeds benefit Autism Research Institute. Complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8pm. 619-846-7180. Saturday, August 15, 7pm; \$5. 21 and up. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Talmadge Art Show — North County Art show with 31 artists showcasing, selling works of art including jewelry, purses, pottery, wire art, clothing, watercolors, garden art, more. 619-559-9082. Saturday, August 15, 10am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Traditional Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony Cultural dance, fashion show, more, benefiting a non-profit cancer foundation. 619-742-7044. Saturday, August 15, 6pm; \$30. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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Watcha Reading? Warwick's booksellers host "reading group recommends" night. Titles to be discussed based on book reviews, customer feedback, bookseller must-reads. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, August 18, 6:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Fresh Sounds in Summer" Swiss percussionist Fritz Hauser makes appearance, joined by UCSD percussionist Steven Schick and Ensemble XII 12-piece percussion group. New and improvised works featured. Preconcert talk at 7:15pm, postconcert "instrument petting zoo" with 100 instruments. 619-987-6214. Sunday, August 16, 7:15pm; \$10-\$15. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Classical Mystery Tour" Listen for Beatle tunes such as "Yesterday," "All You Need Is Love," "Here Comes the Sun," and more during San Diego Symphony Summer Pops concerts. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Friday, August 14, 7:30pm; Saturday, August 15, 7:30pm; \$15-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Bacharach Is Back! Burt Bacharach and San Diego Symphony plan Summer Pops concert with guest vocalists singing his Grammy-winning tunes and new

songs. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Sunday, August 16, 7:30pm; \$15-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, August 16, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

British Concert Organist Catherine Ennis — who founded the London Organ Guide to promote audience interest in the instrument, its music — performs for Summer International Organ Festival. 619-702-8138. Monday, August 17, 7:30pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

SummerFest Celebrations Enjoy "Poetry and Divinity" when La Jolla Music Society's series continues with selections by Respighi, Gunther Schuller, Haydn on August 16. "Mendelssohn III — Friendship Among Masters," August 18, promises pieces by Mendelssohn and Berlioz. Spend "An Evening with Mark O'Connor" on August 19.

Festival — continuing through Sunday, August 23 — includes coaching workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Sunday, August 16, 3pm; Tuesday, August 18, 7:30pm; Wednesday, August 19, 7:30pm; \$40-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

SummerFest Under the Stars SummerFest artists led by music director Cho-Liang Lin in works by Mendelssohn, Piazzolla, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, and others. 858-459-3728. Thursday, August 13, 7:30pm; free. Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Twelve-Piece Percussion Ensemble XII plans concert of five pieces for percussion, led by UCSD percussionist Steven Schick. Preconcert talk at 7:15pm; 100-instrument "petting zoo" follows concert. 858-534-3229. Saturday, August 15, 7:15pm; \$10-\$15. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

"Dance n' Dine" The PGK Project promises premieres of *Faithful*, *The Space Between Us*, with guest artists Anjanette Maraya-Ramey and Shannon Snyder. Fee includes three-course meal, performance. Reservations: 619-474-3222. Saturday, August 15, 7pm; \$45. Café La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Fairy Tales in the Park" San Diego Civic Youth Ballet hosts dance performances, face painting, meet and greet with SDCYB dancers, more. Tickets include

fairy-tale-themed performance with excerpts from *Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Activities take place prior to each performance. 619-233-3060. Saturday, August 15, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm; \$10. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Belly-Dance Workshop Learn rhythms and dance combos with celebrity percussionist Amir Sofi (2-4pm). 619-405-2308. Sunday, August 16, 8pm; \$30. 18 and up. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Contra Dance Martha Wild calls, Pick of the Lizard makes music for contradance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, August 14, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle and Nightclub Dance Party DJ plays hustle, nightclub two-step, and requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8pm. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, August 15, 8pm; free-\$7. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Mix Dance Shawn Torgerson hosts ballroom, Latin, swing dancing, salsa, tango, and more. 858-565-9575. Saturday, August 15, 8pm; \$8.

Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

More "Ballet at Twilight" Annual summer intensive workshops hosted by City Ballet of San Diego culminate in public performance. 858-274-6058. Friday, August 14, 7pm; free. City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Summer Swing School Firehouse Swing School hosts progressive three-week classes in beginning Lindy Hop and Big Apple Jazz Routine (a partnered and circle dance made popular in 1930s Harlem still danced today). Featured DJ on August 19: Morgan Day. Class fee includes admission to Firehouse Swing Dance (8-11:30pm). Fee: \$15 per class or \$40 for three weeks. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, August 19, 7pm. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

FILM

"Summer Movie Mania" Liberty Station hosts movie series on Saturday nights under the stars on big screen moved to various locations. See *Field of Dreams* on the South Promenade. Bring blankets, lawn chairs. 619-794-1290. Saturday, August 15, 8pm; free. NTC

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Best in Show Christopher Guest's comedic take on dog shows screens for "Man's Best Friend" films featured for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky leads prefilm (5:30pm) and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, August 19, 5:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Big Night "Flicks on the Bricks" series continues with Campbell Scott and Stanley Tucci's delightful 1996 film starring Tony Shalhoub, Tucci, Minnie Driver, Isabella Rossellini, many others. Wine expert Barbara Baxter serves "a new wave of great wines from the south of Italy." Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, August 13, 8pm; \$15-\$20. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Gigantic Paul Dano, Zooey Deschanel, and John Goodman star in this "funny, surreal love story" screening for Film Forum series. Call to confirm screening: 619-236-5810. Monday, August 17, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

High School Musical 3 Troy, Gabriella, and the Wildcats return for Time Warner Cable's "Moonlight Movies" series. Contests and games promised. Bring blankets, low chairs. Fun starts at 5pm, movie begins at dusk (around 8pm). Saturday, August 15, 5pm;

free. Mira Mesa Community Park, 8575 New Salem Street. (MIRA MESA)

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian Bank of America hosts "Military Family Movie Night" for all on USS Midway flight deck. Bring chairs, blankets for seating. 212-805-8033. Sunday, August 16, 8pm; free. San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, 910 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

On Thin Ice A journalist and a mountain climber trek to Himalayas to witness affects of global warming in this film screening for Sierra Club Movie Night, following "finger-food potluck." 858-569-6005. Friday, August 14, 6pm; free. Sierra Club, 8304 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #101. (KEARNY MESA)

Roots in the Sand Celebrate India Independence Day when Jayasri Hart's documentary about Sikhs and Mexicans in the Imperial Valley screens for Movies that Matter series. Filmmaker Hart will be on hand, along with members of some of the Sikh-Mexican families in film. 619-531-8950. Friday, August 14, 7:30pm; \$5. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Bueller? Bueller? Ferris Bueller's Day Off, starring Matthew Broderick, screens for Lyric Opera San Diego's "Classics of Comedy" series. 619-239-8836. Sunday, August

16, 2:30pm; Wednesday, August 19, 7pm; \$7-\$9. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

"Taste of Beijing" Learn to prepare dishes company prepared for clients during 2008 Summer Olympics in China. Items include three citrus crusted seared ahi with wasabi and shoyu, seared Kobe beef tenderloin, pomegranate demi-glace, more. Registration: 858-638-1400. Tuesday, August 18, 6:30pm; \$45. 18 and up. Behind the Scenes Catering Co., 9888 Waples Street. (MIRA MESA)

Beer and Breakfast "Anybody can quaff a good brew at dinner-time — but it takes real dedication and finesse to appreciate a fine beer with breakfast." Enjoy samples of "tasty breakfast fare," learn how it is complemented by favorite beers. 760-471-4999. Tuesday, August 18, 7pm; \$30. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Uncork the Cure Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hosts wine-tasting event "showcasing some of San Diego's hottest restaurants and lo-

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6pm; \$50-\$80. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Anne's Canz" Cans are the "perfect canvas for hand-painted original art" during children's art workshop led by Anne Gaffey. Bring two clean small, medium, or large aluminum or cardboard cans. Materials fee: \$4. 619-223-0058 Saturday, August 15, 11am; \$20-\$23. 8 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

"Exploring Animals: Binney Gallery and European Collection" Family drop-in day program encourages exploration, learning about this exhibit through variety of child-friendly activities. For families with kids 6-12. Included in museum admission (\$12 adults). 619-231-7092. Sunday, August 16, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fiddlin' Around" Classics Philharmonic concertmaster Healy Henderson shares "all there is to know about the amazing violin." Guests will work together to musically accompany a story, make a musically themed craft project,

make sounds on violins. Program is for children 3-10 years old and their parents. Suggested reservations: 619-231-3111. Tuesday, August 18, 10:30am; free-\$10. 3 and up. Classics for Kids, 2555 State Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Hot Spots and Cool Oceans" "Uncover the steaming truth about volcanoes" when Scripps Oceanography geochemist David Hilton is on hand for Family Days program. How do researchers use gas chemistry to uncover origins of volcanoes around world? Children's author Brooke Bessen reads from her new book *Look Who Lives in the Ocean!* Included in admission (free for kids, \$11 general). 858-534-3624. Saturday, August 15, 11am; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Structures" Family science day with themed hands-on activities. Included in regular admission (\$6.75-\$8). 619-238-1233. Saturday, August 15, 12 noon. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

2009 Pokémon World Championships Hundreds of Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) and video game players compete in final ultimate competition of year; 32 American players (ages 7 to 44) will battle it out with Japanese and European competitors in video game championships. 206-344-3140. Friday, August 14, 9am; free. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

A Pirate's Life for Me! Cast and crew from ages 12 to 25 stage swashbuckling musical. Singing, dancing, swordfights promised! 760-809-6628. Friday, August 14, 7pm; Saturday, August 15, 2pm and 7pm; \$7-\$12. Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Encinitas, 1001 Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

Something's Fishy A curious little garibaldi finds trouble and is rescued by his mama in Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales performances. 619-544-9203. Thursday, August 13, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Friday, August 14, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Saturday, August 15, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, August 16, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Chu Chu the Dragon Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales plan hand puppet shows in which "a red dragon steals the weaver woman's good luck pearl and troubles begin." 619-544-9203. Wednesday, August 19, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Illustration with Morgan Blair Teens 14-18 invited to hands-on illustration workshop with freelance illustrator and fine artist Morgan Blair, a recent graduate of Rhode Island School of Design. After exploring Blair's creative and working process, participants will collaborate with artist to create a large-scale collective illustration project. Required reservations: 858-454-3541 x151. Thursday, August 13, 1pm; free. 14 and up. Museum of Contemporary Art San

Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Paint a Desert Moon Bay at the "moon" and take a walk in Cactus Garden while learning about animals that live in San Diego's desert during "History for Half-Pints" program. For kids three to five years old. Reservations required: 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, August 17, 10am; \$5. 3 and up. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego International Children's Film Festival Festival showcasing nearly 200 films from around world made for children and teens, including animation, live action, and documentary, plus animation workshops. Titles include *Oriental King Lion*, *Close Touch to Crocodile*, *Apology*, *My Homework Ate My Dog*, *In Control*, many others. Included in museum admission fee. 760-805-9510. Saturday, August 15, 10:30am; Sunday, August 16, 1:30pm. The New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

GALLERIES

"Exceptional Earrings" Exhibit opens with reception for the over 20 participating artists. Closes Friday, September 25. 619-692-0099. Friday, August 14, 6pm; free. Taboo Studio, 1615 West Lewis Street. (MISSION HILLS)

"Healing Waters" Exhibition of art by Gerrit Greve, Robin Przybysz, and local teens who have created art to help heal others. Proceeds of student art benefit Family Health Centers of San Diego. RSVP: 619-906-4566. Saturday,

August 15, 7pm; free. L Street Gallery, 628 L Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Art of Transitions" Awards reception for first open-call fundraiser exhibition, with work in variety of media. Closes Monday, September 14. 619-299-4278. Saturday, August 15, 6pm; free. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

IN PERSON

"DimeStories" These "compelling narratives — some fictional, some factual" — are just three minutes long and may be funny, tragic, strange. Local writers will read best of their three-minute prose. Host: author Amy Wallen. 760-753-7376. Wednesday, August 19, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Love Vibrations" NuExperience presents this "love-based spoken-word 'inspir-tainment' event" with work by local poets, vocalists, musicians. 619-491-3087. Monday, August 17, 7pm; free. San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"One Mike...San Diego" Comedy show with host Aida Rodriguez, featuring Nika Williams, headliner Joey Wells. 619-708-7975. Sunday, August 16, 8pm; \$10-\$15. 21 and up. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Blood: The Color of Cranberries Pamela Barratt discusses her novel focusing on "hardships of early cranberry cultivation, when the harvest was a community activity and before the use of chem-

ical herbicides." 619-236-5817. Wednesday, August 19, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Fear the Worst Suspense author Linwood Barclay signs books. 858-268-4747. Sunday, August 16, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

New Tricks "Canine legal thriller" author David Rosenfelt signs books. 858-268-4747. Friday, August 14, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Pericles, Prince of Tyre Summer Shakespeare Intensive for Teens concludes with performance of Shakespeare's play, performed in English with scenes in Spanish and American Sign Language. 619-23-GLOBE. Monday, August 17, 8pm; \$9-\$12. The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Book Launch Party Artist Kim Howell hosts launch party celebrating debut of *Why Am I Dark?* Book is second in "The Adventures of Hunter and Ramona" series by Destry Ramey, includes Howell's art. 619-459-1955. Saturday, August 15, 1pm; free. Young at Art Children's Art Center, 1821 Cable Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy featuring Christian Spicer, Jon Tomashofsky, Angelo Bowers, Jon Allen, Terry Bollea. Host: Jason Bang. 619-255-8635. Monday, August 17, 9pm; \$5. 21 and up. Riley's Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

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Meet Brooklyn-Based Blair! Freelance illustrator/fine artist Morgan Blair, a recent graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, will be on hand during viewing of her work. "Road-tripping across the country to be here, Blair brought a large amount of work with her, spanning an array of media." 858-454-3541 x151. Friday, August 14, 6pm; Saturday, August 15, 6pm. Luce Loft, 1037 J Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Messages from the Grave! American medium James Van Praagh onstage. 877-946-7252. Saturday, August 15, 7:30pm; \$30-\$100. 21 and up. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

Next Generation of Peace and Love Woodstock tribute concert planned by students from Paul Green School of Rock Music. Featured performers include house band and summer camp students and PGSOR West Coast All-Stars. 760-415-6219. Saturday, August 15, 4pm; free. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

One of a Kind! West Coast Funnies comedy variety show with Kurt Swann features Rob Little, *Maxim* magazine's comic of the year, as well as Taylor Williamson. 619-997-3033. Saturday, August 15, 8pm; \$15-\$20. 16 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Poetry and Art Slam Ola Hadi reads from her book *The Moon and Metaphor*; local artists/writers will compete for cash during poetry/visual art combination slam.

Participants who bring and show visual art connected in some way to their poetry earn extra points; performers encouraged to use artwork hanging in museum's current exhibit. First place earns \$150. Signups start at 6pm. 619-236-0011. Wednesday, August 19, 6pm; free-\$5. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

The Gelato Poetry Series Steve Kowitz reads his poetry followed by open-mike performances. 760-434-

1240. Friday, August 14, 7pm; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Thriller! Thomas Greanias signs, discusses *The Atlantis Revelation*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, August 15, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Unravalled Improv Show The Unravalled long-form improv troupe improvises an entire play from a single suggestion, right before your very eyes. 619-220-8663. Friday, August 14, 8pm; \$5. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)



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"Back-to-School Design for an Organized Family" Jerome's "JClub" Home Design Series continues with designer-led session focusing on design skills, home décor knowledge "necessary to get ready for back-to-school season." Learn ways to create organized work space for studying, computer use, reading, more. Registration: 866-633-4094. Saturday, August 15, 6pm;

free. Jerome's San Marcos, 780 Los Vallecitos Boulevard. (SAN MARCOS)

"Creativity Without Stopping" Enjoy "A Conversation with Gunther Schuller" during La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest "Encounter" series. Explore life's work of the iconic composer, who has written over 160 original compositions. Hosted by Steven Schick, program includes screening of documentary about Schuller. 858-454-5872. Thursday, August 13, 12:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Fashionistas" at the Table! Painted glassware workshop led by Sallie Brown. Learn to create designs and/or transfer patterns onto

glasses, goblets, vases, plates, more. Materials fee of \$10 includes enamel paints, brushes, glassware, patterns, other supplies. Registration: 619-223-0058. Friday, August 14, 1pm; \$38-\$44. 14 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

"How the Ghost of You Clings" Local author Diane Welch shares insights into Lillian Rice's contributions to San Diego's architecture during illustrated talk. 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, August 13, 5:30pm; free-\$10. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Hypnotherapy: When and Why?" Dr. Charles Knoll, M.D., and Cory Cochiolo, CHT, explain

hypnosis and hypnotherapy. Discussion includes what hypnosis is and isn't, how it works, when to use hypnotherapy, how it differs from stage hypnosis. 858-552-1657. Monday, August 17, 5:30pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Living a Brain-Healthy Lifestyle" Concerned about preserving your memory? Join Alzheimer's Association for discussion of how to live brain-healthy lifestyle. 619-463-3236. Saturday, August 15, 1pm; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #145. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Radical Islam: Its Components and Root Causes" Michael Hayutin, local director of Act! for America, presents slide-illustrated lecture on radical Islam, describes the threat some Americans feel it represents. Hayutin is author of *Character Immunization: How to Raise Children Strong Enough to Resist Popular Culture*. 619-236-5821. Saturday, August 15, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Considering College? National College Funding Strategies Inc. offers workshop on financial aid, scholarships. Participants gain tools to maximize financial aid and scholarships, increase grades and SAT/ACT scores for admittance leverage. Recommended reservations: 619-579-0728. Tuesday, August 18, 6:30pm; free. 13 and up. Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Days of Summer Banjo Workshop Learn to play the banjo during series hosted by Deering. Greg Deering conducts maintenance workshops at 11am and 1pm. Learn beginning Clawhammer (Appalachian mountain style) banjo with Barry Hunn at 11am and 1pm. Factory tours: 10:30am and 1pm. No banjo needed (borrow one from showroom). Reservations: 800-845-7791. Saturday, August 15, 10am; free. Deering Banjo Company, 3733 Kenora Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

First Aid for Dogs and Cats American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning, broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Wednesday, August 19, 1pm; \$55. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Home Grown: Compost Community gardening seminar covers composting with master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash hosted by Agri Service Inc. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, August 15, 1:30pm; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

Tackle Clutter, Simplify Your Life Jerome's J Club hosts "Organize With Style" class. Learn "tricks of the trade" for making the most of your space, tips for getting family organized with "creative activities," decorating with form and function in mind, more. Storyteller on hand for kids. Registration: 858-753-1549. Saturday, August

15, 11am; free. Jerome's San Marcos, 780 Los Vallecitos Boulevard. (SAN MARCOS)

SPORTS

Backcountry Bikin' San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists head out for 80-mile adventure to Valley Center, Lilac, more. 619-688-6536. Sunday, August 16, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride The 36th annual event begins with registration on south side of County Administration Building (8pm). Costume and bike-decorating contests at 10pm; primarily flat, 20-mile loop ride pedals off at midnight. 619-338-9981. Saturday, August 15, 8pm; \$30-\$35. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

National Kickball Championship Two divisions of competition — "Kick Ass" and "Just for Kicks" — in Liberty Station's NTC Park. Costume contest, DJ music. Space availability, registration: 858-273-3485 x10. Saturday, August 15, 8am; 18 and up. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Oceanside Longboard Surfing Club Contest Competition and beach festival takes place at Ocean-

side Pier amphitheater and on South Pier beach. Event opens with Guy Takayama's ninth annual Pro Noseriding Contest, Friday, August 14. Free for spectators. 858-792-5541. Friday, August 14, 6am; Saturday, August 15, 6am; Sunday, August 16, 6am; free. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Pelican and Sea Lion Kayak Discover many varieties of birds living in Mission Bay during San Diego Natural History Museum outing. Explore bay after introductory paddling lesson. Paddle by a great blue heron nesting site on way to a favorite area for sea lions. Fee includes equipment, paddling instruction. Registration: 619-255-0203. Saturday, August 15, 9am; \$20-\$65. 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Supergirl Pro Junior Surfing Contest Surfing's top 20-and-under female surfers hit the waves. Free for spectators. Saturday, August 15, 8am; Sunday, August 16, 8am. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

To the Lighthouse Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for jaunt from J Street boat launch parking lot (I-5 to J Street). Bicyclists will take Coronado ferry (bring money for fare) on this flat 47-miler and hit Point Loma lighthouse too. 619-647-3212. Tuesday,



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MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "Past Tents: The Way We Camped" provides "photographic romp through the great outdoors, exploring camping in California from post-Gold Rush times to the mid-1900s," on view through Saturday, August 15. Through exhibit themes "Round the Campground," "Hitting the Trail," and "Open Roads, Open Fires," visitors view rare historic photographs of camping from collections of California Historical Society and Bancroft Library.

"School Bells, Cow Bells, and Fire Bells" opens Friday, August 28, with treasures from museum's permanent collection. Display boasts equipment from local dairy industry, photographs and equipment donated by fire department, school artifacts including the old schoolhouse bell. Photos from past Bonitafest celebrations will be on display. Closes Saturday, October 3.

Museum features exhibits of local history and fine arts, striving

"to preserve and celebrate the spirit of Bonita in its two spacious galleries." Stories of Bonita's 100 year history are told with artifacts, photographs. Displays include Native American culture, lemon orchard period, events of the flood of 1916, and transformation of family life by technology. 4355 Bonita Rd., 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum "Quint: Three Decades of Contemporary Art," a survey of artists represented by Quint Contemporary Art opening on Saturday, August 15, explores "how the vision of one local gallery has contributed to the commonwealth," documents "changes seen in the artistic community of San Diego, in the art world, and for each individual artist as they have found their notoriety and artistic voice." Exhibition features paintings, sculptures, installations, drawings and prints by artists such as Jean Lowe, Sol Lewitt, Mel Bochner, Kim MacConnel, Julian Opie, Ryan McGinness, Manny Farber, and Patricia Patterson. Through Thursday, December 31. 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Centro Cultural Tijuana Center includes Museo de las Californias, cultural and artistic exhibits. "Buda

Guanyin: Treasures of Compassion" continues through December. Currently screening in the CE-CUT Omnimax: *Vamos a la Luna* and *India, El Reino del Tigre*. 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum "The Many Faces of Cantonese Family Locks" features "a collection of exquisite Chinese locks" from the Qing Dynasty (1638-1911 CE). "From Chinese character combination locks to animal-shaped padlocks, these antique brass pieces are works of art in themselves."

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

Craftsmanship Museum The Joe Martin Foundation hosts this museum and machine shop with displays of projects in metal and wood at the small end of the size-scale, including working miniature gas and steam engines, aircraft

models, cars, trains, clocks, miniature tools and guns. Machinist mans the shop (Tuesday-Friday) for machining demonstrations. Museum is also open on first Saturday each month (10am-3pm). 3235 Executive Ridge, 760-727-9492. (VISTA)

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

Museum of Photographic Arts "Ansel Adams: A Life's Work" includes over 80 photographs by the master, celebrates Adams as an artist and conservationist. Exhibit features an overview of Adam's work from his early years in Sierra Nevada and Yosemite Valley to his

work in Japanese internment camp at Manzanar, along with his well-known masterpieces. Closes Sunday, October 4.

"Picturing the Process: The Photograph as Witness" explores the variety of ways photographers and photographs document people, places, events throughout history. Exhibit from museum's permanent collection closes Saturday, February 6.

The interface between nature and urban technological culture is explored in "Jo Whaley: Theater of Insects." Over the last 25 years, Whaley's photographs have ranged from allegorical nudes to a revi-

sion of the "vanitas" still-life tradition to fusion of natural history and environmental issues. Pieces juxtapose organic and man-made elements to reflect issue of environmental degradation in an imaginative manner. Through Tuesday, October 13. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of San Diego History "100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in

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ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building, 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

New Children's Museum
Artist-in-residence open studio event hosted by Miyoshi Barosh, through August 28. "Meet the artist and experience the creative process firsthand." See artist in action on Thursdays (4-6pm) and Fridays (11am-1pm).

Participate in studio project inspired by visiting artist Britton Neubacher, August 14-16. Using living plants, rocks, soil, Neubacher's work is said to be "not only beautiful, but good for the planet."

The title of the "Childsplay" exhibit is reference to art of Allan Kaprow, "one of the most important artists to have made work for the museum in the past." Local artist Brian Dick reinterprets two installations Kaprow created with his sons — *Yard* (1961) and *No Rules, Except* (2000) — merging them into a new project celebrating spirit of Kaprow's interactions. Exhibition boasts work by 19 artists, 6 of whom are from Mexico. 200 West Island Ave., 619-233-8792. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo Da Vinci's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have pored over Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on materials that were available in 15th-Century Italy. The result is over two dozen fully functional models, 11 of which are full-sized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo Da Vinci drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)



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Canes Unscathed The latest on Canes: it's open for business, and the \$2 million damage estimate from a July 17 fire was "way too high." But the most significant news from owner Eric Leitstein is that he may retain the café/bar/music venue that he founded 13 years ago.

"The fire couldn't have happened at a worse time," says Leitstein. "Our busiest month is August. Our employees were literally crying about how they weren't going to be able to pay rent." So Leitstein, his managers, and a restoration company mobilized to reopen. "There were crews of electricians and plumbers running around everywhere. They threw a lot of bodies at it. Our management team and myself worked day and night." The bar was open by the following Monday, and an auxiliary kitchen serving

They thought Canes had burned down. Now we're down about 20 percent, but everyone is back to work. The only thing that's not open is our old kitchen and our offices."

Leitstein says that arson was ruled out. "But everybody's pointing fingers as to what caused it."

He says that insurance companies are looking at a grease fire that traveled up the hood work to the roof. "The hood work was cleaned thoroughly three weeks before the fire. They are still investigating..."

Eek-A-Mouse, who was scheduled to headline the night of the fire, "has been rescheduled to

Earlier this year it looked as if a takeover might be in the works. Landlord Tom Lochtefeld would not commit to a lease renewal with



THE MOUSE MAN RETURNS

Leitstein, who openly discussed the possibility that he may move Canes and its liquor license. Leitstein said that he had other possible locations in mind.

Lochtefeld has a 99-year lease with the city to control the Belmont Park property, which includes Canes. Lochtefeld also owns the WaveHouse, which is adjacent to Canes and has booked bands to play during the summer months.

Leitstein says that the once-cold relationship between landlord and tenant has thawed. "I don't know

which way it will go...all I can say is we are talking now. We are working toward a resolution."

— Ken Leighton

A Teardrop, a Smile

April was a busy month for three-piece slowcore act Little White Teeth. Apart from recording 13 songs in a blistering four-day session with Pall Jenkins at his SDRL studios and a trip to Japan, (where drummer Yuko Sugiyama is from), the band managed to record the score for a documentary on the challenges of living in

Tijuana — *Tijuaneado Anonimos: A Teardrop, A Smile* — by members of visual-arts collective Galatea Productions.

The documentary's producer, José Luis Figueroa, approached Phil Beaumont, bassist-vocalist for Little White Teeth, in April.

"At first, I didn't think we could do it, time-wise. We had two weeks to record it," Beaumont says in our August 5 phone interview. "But, I really like doing scores for movies. I like having the content to write about and having the mood

to set it to. It gives you a nice target."

So, despite the time crunch, the band told Figueroa they'd give it a try. Before recording, Beaumont, Sugiyama, and guitarist Dmitri Dziensuwski watched the documentary in their studio and talked about the moods and shared ideas about what the score should sound like.

"I speak some Spanish, but I'm not fluent, so I relied on the imagery and mood more than anything," says Beaumont.

After watching the docu-

things up, and we were done."

Three months later and a few days before our conversation, Beaumont got a call from Figueroa, who was planning to take the score and release it as a soundtrack. Figueroa said the documentary had been selected for this year's Morelia International Film Festival in Michoacán, Mexico, this October.

For Beaumont, one of the highlights of the experience was working with Figueroa and Galatea. Of course, the surprise payment didn't hurt.

"I wanted to be a part of



SOUNDTRACK SONGSMITHS LITTLE WHITE TEETH

mentary, the band improvised for "about 20 minutes," recording all of the tracks as they played. A few days later, they shared the impromptu tunes with Figueroa and his colleagues.

"They took to it quickly," says Beaumont, "so all we had to do was go back and clean

it and assumed we weren't going to get paid, but we got decent money for it. It should cover the recording we did at SDRL."

Little White Teeth play the Ruby Room Saturday, August 15.

— Dorian Hargrove

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a shortened menu was up and running within a week. "We lost 75 percent of our business the first week. The TV and newspaper accounts scared a lot of people off.

September 5." Leitstein says that Canes has dates booked through October but that all dates after October 31, when Leitstein's lease runs out, are uncommitted "holds."

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Injured Reserves As San Diego's Nathan Williams of Wavves recovers from breaking his wrist in a skateboarding accident, another local, who says skateboarding nearly killed him, is vying for an opening slot on the local Warped Tour date.

"After my accident, I was so tuned in to my drums and

it took 90 staples to close up his skull. "I found I had a sharper grasp on how I wanted to play...an almost reborn set of skills making me even better than I was before the accident....

"I was surprised about four months after my accident with a new set of DW drums from my bandmate KC [Casey Jenkins].... I would spend hours sitting and playing to get back in the groove." Now, gigging again, Grandview is among seven



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had a keener sense of what I wanted to accomplish in life," says Craig Winger of Grandview, who cracked his head open while skateboarding at night at a bandmate's house in Clairemont. He says

finalists in the Warped Tour competition, with the final round happening tonight at Canes. The other finalists include the Get Down, Pushin Rope, High Tide, Chasing Claymores, Hershel



Abram, and Sick Life.

Win or lose, Grandview is preparing to record an album with producer Darian Rundall (Pennywise, Suicidal Tendencies). To ensure they all make it that far and beyond, Winger says, "I have given up skateboarding, and so has the band!"

— Jay Allen Sanford

No Helicopter, No Iron Butterfly The 40th anniversary of Woodstock this weekend also marks the career-curtailling failure of San Diego's Iron Butterfly to play the historic festival as scheduled.

How did things fall apart for the Butterfly in August of 1969?

Though sources remain in conflict, one certainty is how huge they were: their second album, *In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida*, was at number four on the *Billboard* 200.

(Released in July of 1968 and the first certified platinum album, *Vida* charted for 140 weeks, half in the top ten.)

The routine shorthand answer about how the band missed Woodstock is that they got "stuck at the airport" and couldn't travel the traffic-choked 100 miles of highway from New York City to Upstate New York in time. The longstanding consensus on the rest of the story, however, is supported by festival co-creator Michael Lang in his just-released book *The Road to Woodstock*:

"Iron Butterfly was booked for Sunday after-

noon, but John Morris [production coordinator and stage MC] told me that their agent had called with a last-



IRON BUTTERFLY COULDN'T GET OFF THE GROUND

minute demand for a helicopter to pick them up.... Apparently the agent had a real attitude, and we were up to our eyeballs in problems. So I told John to tell him to forget it; we had more important things to deal with."

In Pete Fornatale's *Back to*

the Garden, released this June, John Morris explained that his telegram was only a conclusive response to the Butterfly people: "They sent me a telegram saying, 'We will fly to LaGuardia. You will have helicopters pick us up. We will fly straight to the show. We will perform immediately, and then we will be flown out.' And I picked up the phone....got a cooperative lady at Western Union....and said: 'For reasons I can't go into Until you are here Clarifying your situation Knowing you are having problems You will have to find Other transportation Unless you plan not to come'"

— David Stampono

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club crawler This Week In Music

Thursday 13

The doctor makes a house call to Belly Up, as New Orleans' Creole king of boogie-woogie stomps and blues-rock romps **Dr. John** joins Bible Belt bluesman **James Cotton** and his **Superharp Band** in taking the Solana Beach scene down home. The Doctor, though a nasty guitarist, spends most of his time behind the keys these days, and Cotton at 74 is still one of Southern blues' preeminent harp-men. Between these two roots players, you got over 100 years on the road, nearly 50 original collections, and a half dozen Grammys. Dig that for trad fare!... The local quartet **Hotel St. George** will check into Casbah tonight for the anticipated release of *City Boy Lemon*, the band's debut full-length. It's chock full of fine, fun indie pop that smacks of Spoon with a SoCal bent. Deep cut "Island Man" stands way the fug out. And *cannonball!* **Swim Party's** in support along with **Writer** and **Intricate Machines** in the Atari. That's a load for five bucks, yo.



HOTEL ST. GEORGE AT CASBAH

The offbeat filmmaker (*Buffalo 66*) and John and Yoko's youngest have been a musical item since '05, when Gallo curated an All Tomorrow's Parties and performed with Yoko and Sean. The pair has since recorded together, but it's yet to be released. Lennon and his girlfriend, Charlotte Kemp Muhl, open as the **Ghost of a Saber Toothed Tiger**, a musical "happening" in which they perform under the aliases of Amatla and Zargifon. I know, right.... Anyway, lotta big pants and posturing as **Method Man** (Wu-Tang), **Redman** (Def Jam), and **Ghostface Killah** (Wu-Tang) hit the beach at Canes Friday night. The trio take turns rocking the mic, and you get what you expect if you hold out for **Red & Meth**. Word.... The big ticket at Cricket

this week joins British new-wavers **Depeche Mode** with Swedish nu-wavers **Peter, Bjorn and John**, or, if you prefer, PB&J. Mmm.... Been to the Tin Can Ale House yet? Go check out the newish Banker's Hill hot spot and pop a coldie with odd-pop peeps **Da Bears** and tropicalia big band **Red Pony Clock**. With over 50 flavors wrapped in tin and a fine live vibe, it's time to get back to the can, man.

Saturday 15

Under the sun: from noon till six at Ray and Joan's Salvation center in La Mesa, the **Paul Green School of Rock** will celebrate the 40-year anni of Woodstock by reenacting live highlights from the legendary hippie fest.... Under the stars: a posttrace gig at Del Mar track finds **Flaming Lips** in the infield. The Lips in September are set to drop their 12th proper, *Embryonic*. The trio carries a caravan of performers and stage props that make for an explosive live performance that needs to be experienced to be believed.... And in the bars: post-rock power trios **High on Fire** and **Earthless** join forces at Casbah Saturday night. The mostly instrumental stoner-metal ranges from Southern sludge to tribal beats and psychedelia. L.A. thrashers **Early Man** are on the bill.... Slow to flow trio **Little White Teeth** joins lo-fi folkie **Greg Gibson's** CD-release thing at Ruby Room. (Check out Dorian's White Teeth bit in Blur this week for more on them and theirs).... Soda Bar taps **Apes of Wrath**,

Friday 14

Back to rockin' "Kids in America," Kim Shattuck and her pop-punk trio the **Muffs** make it to Casbah on a mini reunion tour. Though the L.A. act never officially broke up, they've been on hiatus since '04's 17-song long-player, *Really Really Happy*. Word is something's in the works, so they're probably road-testing. Nice she-punk triple bill, too, as Bay Area power-pop duo the **Lovemakers** and our own well-kept secret **Revenge Club** set the Midtown stage.... The duo of **Vincent Gallo** (bass, voice) and **Sean Lennon** (guitar, voice) bring their show to Little It supper club Anthology.



VINCENT GALLO AND SEAN LENNON AT ANTHOLOGY



FLAMING LIPS AT DEL MAR RACETRACK

Japanese Motors, and **Gestapo Khazi** for a trick triple bill of angular dance jams.

Sunday 16

Pennsylvania punx **Pissed Jeans** pull up at Casbah Sunday night. The quartet culls chops from the same '80s crate as hometown openers **Rats Eyes** — Flag, Flipper, Jerks, Descendents — it's all good. The Jeans are out to tout their second Sub Pop collection *King of Jeans*. Get a load of the lead, "False Jesii Part 2".... Sludge'll get tracked in the House when Southern metal powerhouse **Down** hit House of Blues with the **Melvins**, **Weedeater**, and **Danava** for what is, bar none, the best nickel-to-decibel deal



PISSED JEANS AT CASBAH

this week.... Bar Pink books proggy experimentalists **Schmaltz** for a Sunday-nighter. Check out the Zappa fanatics' "Goth Porn" on their-Space for a taste.... And here's an interesting take on talent contests: Beauty Bar bills **Fight for Fame**, "a full-contact battle of the bands." *Not in the face! Not in the face!*

Monday 17

Coupla decent Monday nighters, as Radio Room dials in Kevin Preston's (the Skulls) L.A. glam-punk band **Prima Donna** and Sac-town pop-punk trio

Boats!.... And Belly Up books Detroit rapper **D12** (whose new Re Up record is "leaking" now on *mtv.com*), Humboldt Co. duo **Potluck** (get it?), and hometown crew **Mob Nasty**.

Tuesday 18

Must be "cool kid" night on Tuesday, as hip-hop homies **Clipse** and **Cool Kids** hit Canes...and then from Denton, TX, the **Teenage Cool Kids** join our own **Christmas Island** and **Fergus and Geronimo**, filling Soda Bar with sticky indie pop.... Tin Can Ale House stages buzz band **Scène Enterre**. This is the drum-n-bass duo's first gig evah. Check their tasty fuzz-pop take on Twitter, "Teenager."

Wednesday 19

"We are not a terrorist organization. We are just a band." Hardly *just* a band with **Mike Watt**, **Rob Crow**, and **Gabe Serbian** rockin' with the SanFran experimental psych-rock band **al Qaeda** at the Ché Café.... Hip-hopping hardcores **Jedi Mind Tricks** kick off their national Hell Awaits



SCÈNE ENTERRE AT TIN CAN ALE HOUSE

summer tour here at Canes.... British goth-rock quartet the **Cult** perform their 1985 hit disc *Love* at House of Blues.... Delta Spirit front man **Matt Vasquez** flies solo at Casbah.... While **Lanterns** light up Radio Room with Thousand Oaks garage-pop trio **Nobody Wave**. And they mean *nobody*.

— Barnaby Monk

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Klezmer Gypsy Punk

“My bass was once thrown through our tour-van window...but I glued it back together.”

Di Nigunim is a 13-member band, making it difficult to perform on small stages and a challenge to coordinate rehearsals and gigs. The band's instruments include the cimbalom, accordion, piano, violin, trumpet, euphonium, guitar, trombone, clarinet, drums, percussion, and bass.

“With so many members, sometimes it's hard to get the sound right,” says Forest Borie, the band's accordion player. “Also, we sometimes become intoxicated, which doesn't help for staying in time.”

In addition to Forest, I talked to four other members of Di Nigunim: Mason Pairish, bass; Gabe Krebs, accordion, percussion, vocals; Michael Uribe, drums, glockenspiel, vocals; and Ben Ziff, clarinet, guitar, vocals.

Di Nigunim released their first CD last August titled *Balagan*, a Hebrew word meaning “chaotic.” Interpunk describes the EP as capturing “the raw bursting energy and unique sound of the Eastern-European Balkan klezmer gypsy punk.”

The band started a 15-stop West Coast tour last week.

HISTORY OF YOUR AXE?

Mason: “My bass was once thrown through our tour-van window and broken during a band argument in Denver that resulted in blood and stitches. But I glued it back together.”

Forest: “My accordion was invented in early mid-19th-century Germany, probably in the state of Bavaria.”

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Ben: “The Klezmerim, *East Side Wedding*. Reminds me of a big drunken bar fight.”

Gabe: “Right now I'm loving Yard Dogs Road Show, the Orkestra, Blackbird Raum, and whatever is playing on the street corner.”

Forest: “Civilization Records, *No Speed Limit Vol. II*. I felt like some good Euro-crust this afternoon.”

Michael: “Man Man's *Rabbit Habits* — nutty, fun, sexy.”

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MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

TOP THREE END-OF-THE-WORLD CDs?

- Ben:**
1. Blackbird Raum, *Swidden*. “Acoustic anarcho-punkers who are probably doing a better job saving the world through their music than anyone else.”
 2. ¡Tchkung!, *Incite: Soundtrack for Post-World Insurrection*. “These guys would play and full-on riots would break out with police and tear gas and bandannas and onions.”
 3. Lajkó Félix, *Lajkó Félix és Zenekara*. “Instead of fleeing when NATO was bombing the hell out of his native country, Serbia, Lajkó toured, playing some pretty dangerous gigs. The song ‘Etno Camp’ is brighter than the sun.”

SEXIEST SAN DIEGO PERFORMER?

Ben: “Bill Wesley — his nail violin is a bona fide orgasm machine.”

Michael: “Anna from Trash Axis — just look at that smile, yeowza!”

Forest: “The drummer from Vaginals. She's sexy.”

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

Ben: “The Brooklyn St. Ninja Lair [Emerald Hills/Encanto]. It's where the band pretty much started, plus our favorite bands play there all the time.”

Forest: “It's a toss-up between UTC and Fashion



Di Nigunim

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE KREB

Valley. Kidding — I would have to say Friendship Park [Chula Vista] is a great place.”

BEST GIG?

Michael: “In Tijuana my brother and I went outside to drink a beer...the cops saw us sitting on some stairs and searched us. He had a bag of loose vitamins — the idiot — and the cops thought they were drugs, so they cuffed us and hauled us off to another cop that looked at them. Since they were just vitamins and we didn't have any money, they took us back just in time to play the show.”

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?

Ben: “I spent a weekend with Taraf de Haïdouks.

We'd finagled our way backstage when they last played UCSD and got an invite to the hotel room where three of them were staying. They didn't really speak any English but knew how to say ‘Marlboro’ and ‘Jack Daniel's’ and ‘girls.’ We drank and waltzed in the room and then headed down to the beach, where I got naked and lost my glasses. The next day they invited us up to L.A. to Johnny Depp's house and their show at UCLA. We skipped out on Mr. Depp, but the show was great.”

WORST FEAR?

Forest: “Capitalism.”

Ben: “Subliminal democracy.”

Michael: “Jesus is real.” ■

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Saturday, noon — Heart of Love Festival. Dance/electronic. \$20.
Wednesday — West Coast Funk Connection. With Bonafide Players, Zamore Players, and Barry Brewster. Funk.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Baskery. Acoustic/country/punk. \$15-\$40.

Alpine Inn: 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172.
Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Loss of Control. Covers/rock. Free.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.

Thursday, 7:30pm — The Jesse Palter Quartet. Jazz. \$12.
Friday, 7:30pm — Vincent Gallo and Sean Lennon. With Ghost of a Saber Toothed Tiger. Neo-folk. \$16.
Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm, *Sunday*, 7:30pm — The Yellowjackets. With Mike Stern. Jazz. \$22-\$26.
Tuesday, 7pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz. \$5.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Charles McPherson. Jazz. \$18.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850.
Friday, 8pm — The Even Keel. With the Lost Angel Crew. Hip-hop/rap. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8pm — Fighting Chance. With the Devotees and Lil Hitt. Reggae/ska. \$7. 21 and up.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.

Saturday, 9pm — Broken Dreams. With Suga Bear and guest DJ. Hip-hop/rap. \$5. 21 and up.

Sunday, 9pm — A Fight for Fame. Battle of the bands. With DJ Yalda. \$5. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 9pm — Eclipse79. With Still Ill. Covers/indie/rock. \$5. 21 and up.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 8pm — Dr. John. With James Cotton. Jazz/funk/blues. \$40-\$42. 21 and up.
Friday, 9pm — Faux Punk. A tribute to Daft Punk. With CBot and the Paperwork. Electronica. \$11-\$13. 21 and up.

Friday, 5:30pm — Atomic Groove. Covers/standards/dance. 21 and up.
Thursday, 7:30pm — The Jesse Palter Quartet. Jazz. \$12.
Sunday, 4pm — The Swingin' Kings. Swing. 21 and up.
Monday, 9pm — D12. With Potluck and Mob Nasty. Hip-hop/ rap. \$15-\$17. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 9pm — Get Your Dub On. With Dub Traffik Control DJs. Reggae. \$8-\$10. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8pm — 3rd Borough. With Cafe Moliendo, Chris Zach, and Jefferson Jay. Folk/hip-hop/rock. \$8. 21 and up.

Belo: 919 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-9200.
Friday, 9pm — Flaunt Fridays. Featuring Jeremih. R&B. 21 and up.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-295-2464.
Friday, 7pm — David Patrone. With Sky Ladd and Grant Clarkson. Jazz/lounge. Free.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-3474.
Wednesday, 6pm — Jack Tempchin. Blues/rock. \$20-\$25. 21 and up.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300.
Thursday, 9pm — Lessons from Zeke. With Donovan Nugent. Alternative/rock.
Wednesday, 8pm — Shant. With John January and Nova. Rock.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
Thursday, 9pm — Despite the Wolves. With Aghori and Stiletto Silhouette. Metal. \$5. 21 and up.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Saturday, 8pm — Amanda

Overmyer. With Travis Larson Band and Metal Priestess. Rock. \$12-\$15. 21 and up.
Sunday, 7pm — The Grownup Noise. With the Moviegoers, the Minor Canon, and Watch Us Burn. Acoustic. \$5. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Double Standard. With Bed of Nails and Spiral Pitfall. Rock. \$5. 21 and up.

Cabo Cantina: 1050 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-0805.
Sunday, 7pm — The Ambassador. Reggae/ska. Free.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979.
Thursday, 9pm — Son y Clave. Cuban.

Sunday, 7pm — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. Salsa.
Tuesday, 9pm — Dominican DJ Israel. With Mambo Salvaje. Bachata/merengue.
Wednesday, 9pm — Orquesta LGC. Latin.

Calavera Hills Park: 2997 Glasgow Dr., Carlsbad.
Friday, 6pm — Tinsley Ellis. Blues. Free.

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Friday, 9pm — Pig Champion. With Killing California and SuperBuick. Punk. Free. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — Filtered Aggression. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: 1814 Marron Rd., Carlsbad, 760-720-4300.
Friday, 9pm — The Kyle Van Band. Bluegrass/country/rock.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa.
Thursday, 7:30pm — The Banned. Covers. \$5.
Friday, 8pm — Gheezzer. Classic rock. \$5-\$8.
Saturday, 9pm — Zamore Band. Funk. \$7-\$10.
Monday, 7:30pm — Rockin' the Country. Country. \$5.
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Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
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Georges on Fifth: 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444.
Thursday, 8pm — The Mar Dels. Covers/standards/rock. Free.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Deblois Milledge and the Line Up. Acoustic/rock/world.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa, 619-713-6900.

Friday, 9pm — The Ballad Mongers. Alternative/rock.
Saturday, 9pm — Rockslyde. Rock. Free.
Sunday, 4:30pm — Steelin' Tin. World. Free.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — The Edge. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
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Sunday, 6pm — Down. With the Melvins. Metal/rock. \$24-\$26.
Wednesday — The Cult. Rock.

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Wednesday, 8pm — Devon Allmann & Honey Tribe. Pop/rock. \$8. 21 and up.

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Thursday — Jackson Browne. Rock/folk.

Friday, 7:30pm — America. Folk/rock. \$45.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Tracy Chapman. Blues/pop/soul. \$50.

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.
Thursday, 8pm — John Katchur. With Jeff Berkley. Acoustic.
Friday, 8pm — Mary Dolan. With Lisa Sanders and Doug Pettibone. Acoustic.
Saturday, 7:30pm — The Gregory Page Show. Acoustic.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Lovemakers** have attracted a lot of press since the band formed in Oakland in 2002, and nearly every article begins the same way: by telling the story of how the band's only permanent members, **Lisa Light** and **Scott Blonde**, used to be a couple. See? I just did it, too. It's kind of hard to avoid the subject when the band's sexually charged live shows — including, famously, onstage strip-downs and make-out sessions — were a big reason the Lovemakers were able to sell out large venues before they even had a record contract. But I think the more interesting thing about Light and Blonde is that they kept going after they

broke up. They kept going after they lost the record contract. They kept going after third member Jason Proctor quit. And yes, Light and Blonde kept on, from time to time, making out onstage. But lots of couples don't know when to quit. The more unusual thing is that they kept on making music.

Times of Romance, the band's 2005 album for the Interscope Records imprint Cherrytrees, was a joyously bawdy collection of catchy choruses and '80s-style dance rhythms. It seemed destined to elevate the Lovemakers to national fame, but record-industry drama intervened, and Interscope dropped the band. Proctor left to return to his computer job full-time. But Light and Blonde, who had broken up just before the recording of the album, kept going. They self-released their next album, the darker and more mature *Misery Loves Company*, with



LOVEMAKERS

a video for each of the songs. Next month, the Lovemakers are set to release *Let's Be Friends*.

The Muffs and **Revenge Club** also perform.

LOVEMAKERS: The Casbah, Friday, August 14, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10 advance; \$12 day of show.

Saturday, 9pm — Randi Driscoll. Pop/rock.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-741-7778.

Thursday, 8pm — Adalia. With Adestria. Hardcore/pop/punk.
Friday, 8pm — Holy Grail. With Raise the Guns and Aventale. Metal.
Saturday, 7:45pm — Hemoptysis. With Hate Times Nine, In Silence, Despite the Wolves, Silence Betrayed, Animus Divine, and guests. Hardcore/metal. \$10.

The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-543-0933.
Sunday, 8pm — Author & Punisher. With R. Jencks, Clew of Theseus, and Zsa Zsa Gabor. Experimental/noise. \$5. 21 and up.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
Saturday, 9pm — Dark Globe. With the Gloom Cookies. Rock. 21 and up.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.

Friday, 9pm — The Flat Out Liars. Covers/rock.

Saturday, 2pm — Ghost Riders. Covers/pop/rock.
Saturday, 9pm — Blue Heat. Rock.
Wednesday, 9pm — Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band. Funk/soul.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505.
Wednesday, 9pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/covers/rock. Free.

The Lumberyard Shopping Center: 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 619-987-1277.

Saturday, 6pm — Evan Marks. Jazz. Free.

Main Tap Tavern: 518 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-749-6333.
Friday, 9pm — A Conscious Few. Hip-hop/reggae.
Saturday, 9pm — Washing Matilda. Rock.

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Saturday, 5pm — Fleetwood MAX.

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Thursday, 9pm — Big City Shaman. Rock.
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Saturday, 9pm — The Stilettoes. Rockabilly/jazz/roots.
Sunday, 4pm — Harmony Road.
Monday, 8pm — Tommy Price. Rock.
Tuesday, 8pm — Gene Warren. Folk/blues/rock.
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Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9pm — Johnny Favorite. Rock.
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Moonlight Beach: 200 B St., Encinitas.
Sunday, 3pm — The Devastators. Reggae. Free.

O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Friday, 8:30pm — Manic Diffusion. With the Napoleon Complex, Hear No Evil, J.D. Combs, and Catapult. Rock. \$7.
Saturday, 9pm — Eken Is Dead. With Critical Me, Prosthetic Arms, and Industry. Rock. 21 and up.
Sunday, 9pm — Rad Touch. With Country Death and Macrophobia. Country/pop/punk. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 9pm — Chanauk. With Misc. Ailments, Damaged Dolls, and Unruin. Hardcore/metal/rock. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 9pm — Fat City Reprise. Alternative/funk/rock. 21 and up.

Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.
Wednesday, 6pm — Aja Alycean. Country/pop/rock. Free.

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.
Sunday, 4pm — The Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble. Klezmer/world. \$10-\$15.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-235-ONYX.
Thursday, 10pm — Toquali. Electro/world. Free.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-582-6699.
Friday, 9pm — Beale St. West.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
Friday, 9pm — No Limit. Dance/Top 40. Free.
Saturday — Lee Rocker. Rockabilly.

Pannikin Coffee & Tea: 1234 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-481-8007.
Friday, 8pm — Tony Taravella. Jazz. Free.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday, 9pm — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz.
Friday, 9pm — 145th Street. Blues/funk.
Saturday, 9pm — Soul Diego. Blues/covers/soul.
Sunday, 9pm — Chet & the Committee. Blues.
Monday, 9pm — Artwork Jamal.
Tuesday, 9pm — The Burnsville Band. Blues.

Wednesday, 9pm — Kofi Baker's Tribute to Cream. Rock.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-486-0764.
Friday, 9pm — West of 5. Covers/rock.

Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church: 2128 Chatsworth Bl., Point Loma.
Sunday, 5pm — Bryan Verhoye and Friends. Featuring Glen Fisher, David Zedaker, Shelly Marie Verhoye, Mollie Rae Verhoye,

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Pounders: 125 West Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-739-1288.
Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Stone Wolf. Covers/rock.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main St., El Cajon.
Friday, 6pm — The Variations. Standards. Free.

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BY DAVE GOOD

The number of tribute bands your band has spawned could be seen as a gauge of success. Take Van Halen, for example. "Just in L.A.," says **Brian Geller**, "there's us and three other [Van Halen-tribute] bands. In San Diego there's a band that just does Sammy Hagar-tribute material, there's one in Northern California, and across the country there's another ten bands."

Onstage, Geller fronts **Fan Halen** as a larger-than-life David Lee Roth from the band's early days. "I took vocal lessons and tried to find Roth's scream. I spent a good six months driving to and from work practicing the scream over and over again — and then one day I hit it, and I've had it ever since."

Is the VH-tribute gig better than a regulation cover-band gig? "You've cheated the system. You're duplicating great music that everybody wants to hear." Geller says that after shows "people want autographs, and they want us to pose for pictures." Do you guys do "Eruption"? "Yes." I tell him that I listen to Van Halen every day. Does your guitarist play it as good as Eddie? "No one," he says, "plays it as good as Eddie..."

"I got into this or seven years ago because I love Van Halen." Geller says he thought he could pull the Roth look off, but at the time he didn't know how to sing. In truth, Fan Halen physically resembles the original members of Van Halen, the sound is close enough, and they have incorporated all the telling details right down to the racing stripes on "Eddie's" (**Derek Fuller's**) guitar. In the past FH have performed with Sammy Hagar and Michael An-



FAN HALEN

thon, but Geller says he's never met Roth. Should the occasion arise, what would he say to the rock star? "I'd say, 'If you're not interested in staying with Van Halen, could I get the job?'"

FAN HALEN: House of Blues, Saturday, August 15, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$10.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. *Friday*, 9:30pm — Joey Harris and the Mentals. Rock/country/blues. *Saturday*, 9:30pm — The Nards. Americana/pop/classic rock. *Wednesday*, 9:30pm — Pushin Rope. Country/punk/bluegrass.

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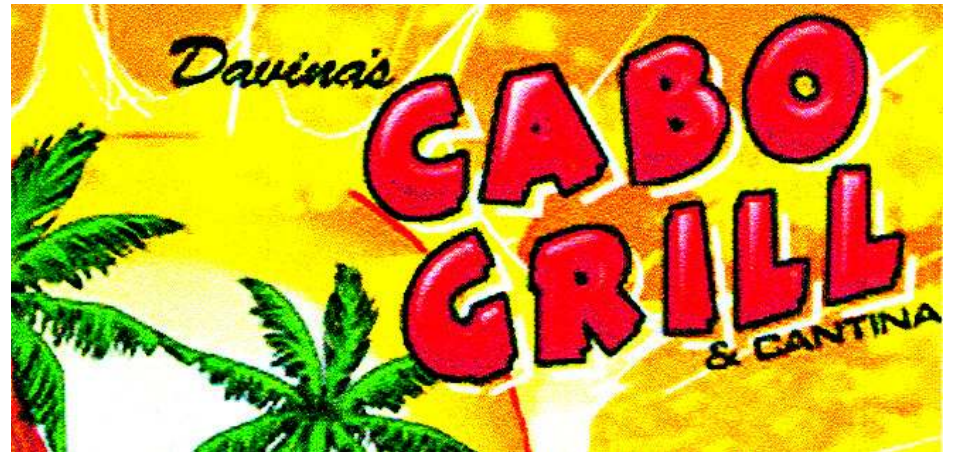
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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Jaymz Dare**

Song: "Rock Paper Scissors" (from his self-titled CD)

Heard by: **Aaron Rubin**, San Diego



Aaron Rubin

It was awful. It wanted it to sound like Soft Cell, but it didn't achieve it. This is a great example of why people shouldn't get an Mbox or Pro Tools and make a CD. There's

zero quality control. There was no point in writing that song; the better version has already been written. The guy that wrote that song can't possibly think it's great.

When I hear that song, I picture someone sitting in his bedroom really scratching the bottom of the creativity barrel. There's no E for effort even. I'd give it a 1 out of 10. Hang it up. Don't quit your day job.

Artist: **Joey Harris & the Mentals**

Song: "She's on the Pill" (from their self-titled CD)

Heard by: **Salomon Maya**, Chula Vista



Salomon Maya

Lyrically, it was not my thing. It kept repeating, "She's on the pill." Musically, it was not that bad. It had a little bit of the Doors in there. The bass riff and the guitar riff were

great. I think the song was about birth control, but, obviously, it's about something more, too. I think it could have some radio airplay. I just saw *The Hangover*, and I could see that song in a buddy comedy where they're driving to Las Vegas. It's catchy and as a Top 40 listener, I'd give it a 6.5 out of 10. I wouldn't change the channel if it was playing on the radio.

Artist: **Revenge Club**

Song: "Dead Girls" (from the CD *The Reds of Their Eyes*)

Heard by: **David**, Mission Hills



David

I liked the beginning and end more than the middle. For some reason, in the middle it got a little boring, but then at the end it picked up. I would compare them to Metric. It doesn't

sound like a lot of underground punk; it sounds a little bit more mainstream. Not many punk bands have female singers. She sang a little off-key at times. The tone of the song was kind of dark and morbid...although I did like the drums. That's a good enough song to go on the radio. Moshing would be an obvious activity for that song.

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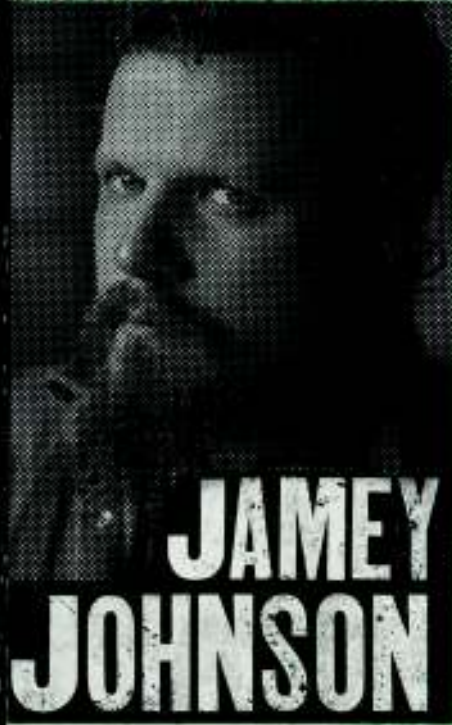
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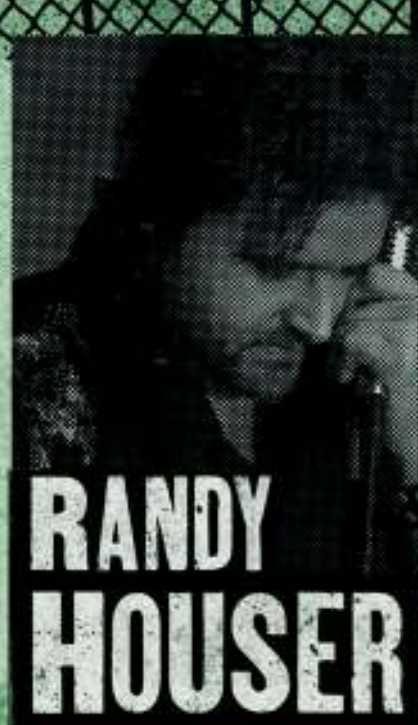
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 August 21 — Lipstick N Leather.
 August 23 — Daniel Johnston.
 August 23 — Foundation.
 August 26 — Lee "Scratch" Perry.
 August 27 — George Clinton.
 August 28 — Fat Joe.
 August 29 — Dead Man's Party.
 August 30 — Pau Hana.
 September 4 — The Pharmacy.
 September 5 — Eek-A-Mouse.
 September 6 — Children of the Grave.
 September 11 — Cash'd Out.
 September 12 — Devin the Dude.

September 19 — Guttermouth.
 September 23 — Living Colour.
 September 25 — SOJA.
 October 2 — Soulfly.
 October 10 — Ooklah the Moc.
 October 15 — Mayer Hawthorne.
 October 17 — The Butthole Surfers.
 October 21 — Brother Ali.
 October 22 — Platinum Rock Stars.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
 August 20 — As Tall as Lions.
 August 21 — Wallpaper.
 August 22 — The Zeros.
 August 23 — Goin' Fishin'.
 August 24 — Built to Spill.
 August 25 — Six Organs of Admittance.
 August 26 — The Dirtbombs.
 August 27 — The Warlocks.
 August 28 — Cash'd Out.
 August 29 — No Age.
 August 30 — The Gift/Curse.
 September 1 — Bad Veins.
 September 2 — The Boxing Lesson.
 September 5 — Deadbolt.
 September 6 — The Thermals.
 September 9 — Southern Culture on the Skids.
 September 11 — The Silent Comedy.
 September 12 — Soul Savers.
 September 15 — Monotonix.
 September 17 — The Charlatans.
 September 23 — Sondre Lerche.
 October 3 — David Bazan.
 October 4 — School of Seven Bells.
 October 14 — The Jesus Lizard.
 November 8 — The Revival Tour.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804.
 September 29 — Wynton Marsalis.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

Yo, DJ!

Talk About a Star



Method Man and Redman play Canes on Friday, August 14.

Jamar: I actually did security for Method Man last time he was at Canes. I walked him to the limo twice.... He's one of the most talented lyricists to come out of Brick City [New Jersey]. I met him after

the show, and he really interacted well with the fans. He took photos and was willing to hang out and talk with the fans that approached him.

Quartez: I've seen Method Man perform twice. Once at 4th&B and another time at Street Scene [2005]. Both were great shows. Method Man, in my opinion, is one of the best MCs out there. He's a definite crowd-pleaser, has crowd-control and great presence.... When he teamed up with Redman, who I thought was good, I didn't think they would be able to share the stage. But they came together like booty cheeks.

If you happen to see them perform live, be prepared for their signature crowd-surfing move. It's classic. It was obviously stolen from white people, as nobody black would

want to look up and see another man's sack. It is a staple if you see Method Man in concert. I was standing too close to him for all those antics and got a fresh cold beer spilled on me...which is not fresh, no matter how you look at it. Either way, it was worth it.

Also, he brings a lot of people with him. [They're] onstage at all times, and their job is to open water bottles and pour them on the fans that weren't entertained enough by the crowd-surfing.



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 September 5 — Nickelback.
 September 9 — Def Leppard and Poison.
 September 12 — The Dave Matthews Band.
 September 16 — blink-182.

October 2 — Brad Paisley.
 October 10 — Marco Antonio Solis y Pepe Aguilar.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467.
 August 21 — Michael Gulezian.

September 4 — The Great Guitars of Jazz.

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 August 28, August 29 — Street Scene 2009.

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August 23 — Tom Jones.
September 6 — Willovelot.
September 11 — Gary Allan.
September 19 — Pitbull.
September 26 — Grandmaster Flash.
September 26 — Chickenfoot.
October 3 — Richie Jen and Rene Liu.
October 4 — Vince Gill.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
August 20 — Panda.
August 21 — Atmosphere.
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August 28 — Pyromania.
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September 16 — The Gaslight Anthem.
September 17 — Michael Franti & Spearhead.

September 18 — Gov't Mule.
September 20 — The Psychedelic Furs.
September 21, September 22 — Flogging Molly.
September 23 — Better Than Ezra.
September 24 — Pitbull.
September 25 — The Get Up Kids.
September 28 — Sonic Youth.
September 30 — Shinedown.

October 1 — Robert Earl Keen.
October 3 — Ingrid Michaelson.
October 8 — Reverend Horton Heat.
October 11 — Mutemath.
October 12 — Moby.
October 16 — The Academy Is... and Mayday Parade.
October 18 — KMFDM.
October 19 — The Pogues.
October 21 — Brand New.
October 22 — Lila Downs.
November 1 — Deadmau5.

November 4 — Boyz II Men.
November 7 — Matt Kearney.
November 8 — Hanson.
November 22 — The Black Crowes.
January 31 — Nile.
February 5 — Badfish.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

August 21 — Tower of Power.
August 25 — Chris Isaak.
August 28 — Dave Koz.
August 30 — Susan Tedeschi.
September 4 — Bob Weir and RatDog.

September 11 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
September 16 — John Legend.
September 17 — Bontaj Roulet.
September 18 — LeAnn Rimes.
September 21 — The Australian Pink Floyd Show.
September 25 — The Beach Boys.
September 26 — Keali'i Reichel.
September 27 — Pink Martini.
September 28, September 29 — Crosby, Stills & Nash.
October 2 — Chris Botti.
October 4 — Cecilio & Kapono.
October 14 — Jesse Cook.

October 15 — Loggins & Messina.
October 18 — Roger Daltrey.

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August 20 — John Katchur.
August 21 — Shaun P. Rolph.
August 22 — The Gregory Page Show.
August 28 — Berkley Hart.
August 29 — Lisa Olson.

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August 21 — Matt Duke.
August 27 — Matt the Electrician.
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October 8 — Metronomy.
October 9 — Dean and Britta.
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October 28 — Cyro Baptista's Banquet of the Spirits.
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February 11 — Brooklyn Rider.
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October 17 — Snow Patrol.
October 21 — Rob Thomas.

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August 28 — The Original Latin Legends.
September 18 — Train.
September 19 — John Legend.
October 2 — Lee Salonga.
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October 23 — Rob Thomas.

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August 29 — Ricardo Arjona.
September 1 — Pedal to the Metal Tour.
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September 24 — Britney Spears.
October 17 — Wisin y Yandel.
December 4 — Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
August 21 — Northwall.

August 28 — Social Green.
August 29 — Sea of Treachery.
September 4 — The Mars Volta.
September 5 — Plane Without a Pilot.

September 11 — One Drop.
September 14 — The Arctic Monkeys.
September 18 — Every Time I Die.
September 21 — Placebo.
September 26 — Autolux.
September 27 — Dance Gavin Dance.

October 7 — Family Force 5.
October 8 — Austrian Death Machine.
October 10 — Mae.
October 11 — A Day to Remember.
October 16 — Yo La Tengo.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
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 August 20 — Green Day.
 August 21 — Kings of Leon.
 September 18 — The Killers.
 October 9 — Pearl Jam and Ben Harper.

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Confidential: *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ Henry Diaz. With Tone Capone and Omar. Electronic/hip-hop/ lounge. 901 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-696-8888.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: *Thursdays*, 10:30pm: DJ Earl Henry. *Fridays*, 10:30pm, *Saturdays*, 10:30pm: DJ Steve Hasty. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. 760-729-4695.

Dakine's Plate Lunches: *Mondays*: Club MAW. 1635 Sweetwater Rd., National City. 619-477-8494.

Davina's Cabo Grill: *Saturday*, 10pm, *Sunday*, 2pm: DJ kidRIZ. Funk/hip-hop. *Friday*, 10pm: DJ Sinn. Hip-hop/indie/rap. 212 North Tremont St., Oceanside. 760-637-2450.

Deco's Restaurant & Nightclub: *Thursdays*: Krush.

Hosted by Chase Costello, Steve Kamp, Jack Kennedy, and more. Hip-hop/mashups/party rock. 18 and up. 731 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-696-3326.

El Cajon Grand: *Fridays*, 8:30pm: DJ Neko. Spins classic rock and other hits. *Saturdays*, 8:30pm: DJ Chuck. Spins classic rock and other hits. 351 W. Main St., El Cajon. 619-444-0949.

Fannie's Nightclub: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Mick B. Spins hip-hop tunes. *Thursdays*, 9pm: DJ Underground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Demond. '80s/hip-hop/pop. Free. 21 and up. *Mondays*, 9pm: DJ Underground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. *Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Biko. Hip-hop/reggae. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley. 619-698-2204.

The Filling Station: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Dance Party. 9522 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa. 858-578-0757.

The Flame: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: *Saturdays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

The Flying Bridge: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ Ricardo. Reggaeton/salsa. *Saturdays*, 9pm, *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Waistline. Hip-hop/R&B. 1105 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-722-0081.

Four Points by Sheraton: *Tuesday*, 7pm: DJ John Phillips. Funk/R&B. \$5-\$8. 21 and up. 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Thursdays*, 8pm, *Fridays*, 4pm, *Wednesdays*, 8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-239-3339.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi *Wednesdays*. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Hawthorn's Restaurant: *Wednesdays*: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins

Top 40, techno, and '80s. 15 and up. 775 Metcalf St., Escondido. 760-741-1271.

The Ivy Hotel: *Friday*, 10pm: Morgan Page. House. 600 F St., Downtown. 619-814-1000.

Kaden: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Darkwave Garden. Featuring B. Pollard, Heather Hardcore, MarieScaryMary, and guests. Gothic/industrial. 4696 30th St., North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Keating: *Saturday*, 9pm: Victor Dinaire. Techno/trance. 432 F St., Downtown. 619-814-5700.

McDini's: *Saturday*, 9:30pm: Baja Nights. Rock/Tejano. *Tuesdays*, 9pm: '90s Throwback *Tuesdays*. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. *Friday*, 9pm: The E Club. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Saturdays*, 9pm: What's Good. DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. Free. 832 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Mondays*, 6:30pm: Metal Mondays. Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

RT's Longboard Grill: *Wednesdays*: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.

Radio Room: *Tuesday*, 8pm: Pressure Drop. With DJ Skarina, and DJ Jeff Graves. Rock. 21 and up. 3519 El Cajon Bl., North Park. 619-284-3323.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Thursdays*: '80s Night. *Fridays*: Hip-Hop Night. *Mondays*: College Night. With guest DJ. 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sapphire Mediterranean Cuisine & Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ KA. With DJ Chuck. Hip-hop/reggaeton. \$5. 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita. 619-470-8000.

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Saturdays, 9pm: DJ Dizzy D. Spins hip-hop, old skool, and techno. 18 and up. *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Blazin' 98.9 Night. With guest DJs. 6195 University Ave., College Area. 619-544-1177.

Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby *Thursdays*. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill: *Thursdays*: Tattoo *Thursdays*. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. *Fridays*: DJ Tony Sneeze. Spins Top 40 and hip-hop hits. *Saturdays*: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. *Sundays*: Soul Glo *Sundays*. With DJ Girth and friends. *Wednesdays*: Beer Pong. With DJs. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 21 and up. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stingaree: *Fridays*, 9pm: Live *Fridays*. Featuring DJs Sanjay and Jorge Luna. 21 and up. 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-544-0867.

Tavern at the Beach: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ D-Skizwiz. *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. *Saturdays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9:30pm: Tunes by Trent. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

True North: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. *Fridays*, 10pm, *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. Hip-hop. *Sundays*, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. *Mondays*, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. 21 and up. *Fridays*, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. 21 and up. *Sundays*, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jester, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 21 and up. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. *Mondays*, 9pm: U-Call-It *Mondays*. With DJ Marc Thrasher. *Tuesdays*, 9pm, *Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Wednesday*, 10pm: DJ Mikey Face. Rock. 21 and up. *Sundays*, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 21 and up. *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Friends Chill. Board games and mellow grooves every Tuesday night. Free. 21 and up. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

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Café La Maze: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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Blind Lady Ale House: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza. Saturday-Sunday, 11:30am-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza.

Triple Crown Pub: Saturday, 12-2am: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers. Sunday, 12-5pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

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Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

Lips: Sunday, \$5 homojitos. \$10 build-your-own tacos.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Monday-Thursday, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. Friday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

Toronado: Monday, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. \$2.50 tacos, \$5.25 nachos or wings. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises, greyhounds.

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

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Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC BEACH

Costa Brava: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, \$6 pitchers.

Hennessey's Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. Saturday-Sunday, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

Johnny V: Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. \$1.95 street tacos, \$3 off appetizers. Wednesday, all day: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. Friday, 4-9pm: \$2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. Saturday, all

day: \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, \$3 margarita.

Miller's Field: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

Moray's Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins, more.

Pacific Beach Ale House: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Tavern at the Beach: Monday-Saturday, 12-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. Sunday, 12-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: Every day, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm: \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels, more.

Extreme Pizza: Monday, all day: \$1.50 domestic drafts. Tuesday, \$6 wine carafes, beer pitchers. Wednesday, \$5 wings night. Thursday, 3-6pm; 8-10pm: 1/2-off any pizza. Fri-

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Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers.

Riley's Music Lounge: Monday, 4-7pm: \$4 calls. Tuesday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.

POWAY

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings, more.

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SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 8am-11am: \$1.50 drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

The Fish Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-9:30pm: \$3.50 wells, dis-

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Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: Every day, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: Every day, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine. \$5 appetizers.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Café Japengo: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers, California rolls.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Gulf Coast Grill: Monday, all night: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine. Tuesday-Sunday, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

VISTA

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexican Grill: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$1 Coronitas, Pacifiquitas, \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine.



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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

modern-day cinematic equivalent of Zola; and you are going to get acting so faultless in its verisimilitude that you would almost swear, even if you recognized Jérémie Renier from separate roles in each of the brothers' five films circulated in the States, that the fictional characters were factual; and you are going to get an eye-level ambulating camera that follows rather than anticipates the action, providing a "visual correlative" (as some film scholars used to say, maybe still do) of a narrative method that sets up nothing ahead of time and requires you instead to suss out the situation on the fly. As the camera follows, we also follow. Finally, if you can be said to receive

a negative, you are going to get scrupulous avoidances: no mood lighting or coloring, no incidental music for emotional cues, and, no matter how intricately suspenseful the situation, no melodramatic milking of that situation, no heightening and hyping, no contributing and colluding.

In *Lorna's Silence*, at the Ken Cinema for the next week, you get all of that, and yet perhaps a little less. Or perhaps we've simply gotten it too many times now, so that, by the law of diminishing returns, the same only seems less. The persistent Renier, last time out the insensible baby-seller of *L'Enfant*, is here a heroin addict, disturbingly scrawny and mangy, trying his best to kick the habit and in the process putting on a spectacle of awful animal neediness and helplessness. His official helpmate, his legal wife (Arta Dobroschi, a new face if not technically a Dardenne discovery), appears less than fully supportive of the effort, whether, we are compelled to wonder, out of tough love or sheer tiredness. Neither one,



Lorna's Silence

as it develops. The young woman, generally dressed in fur-hooded jacket and red jeans, often shot in harried profile, half, quarter, or three-quarters, is a pixie-haired, grim-faced Albanian immigrant — truthfully, although I knew she was an immigrant, I didn't know she was Albanian till almost the end — who has married the junkie, by financial arrangement, solely for Bel-

gian citizenship. She meanwhile maintains an Albanian boyfriend with whom she hopes to open a snack bar. (Her tour of an available rental space offers a rare and fleeting chance at vivacity.) But she also maintains some no-goodnik business associates who, in return for her own citizenship, have lined up an emigrating Russian mobster for her to marry, just as soon as her current

husband has accidentally-on-purpose OD'd. Deviating from the plan, she begins to ask why and how she couldn't achieve the same end with a mere divorce.

The plot, as *noir* as they come, is perhaps a tad more complex than the Dardenne are accustomed to or comfortable with. (That step-behind camera has perhaps too much ground to close.) And, in conjunction with the broth-



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ers' accustomed and comfortable social stratum of constant scramble and barely-scraping-by, it could all have been intolerably bleak and arid if not for the weedy little sprouts of morality and conscience that so readily flourish under the brothers' green thumb. These sprouts, similarly, are perhaps a tad more florid than normal, even while their depiction isn't.

Adam, written and directed by Max Mayer, is an Asperger's romance (and high time, too, after Tourette's, Alzheimer's, etc., have had a whirl at romance) about a socially handicapped

astronomy buff and his pretty upstairs new neighbor, an aspiring children's writer, in a New York apartment house. Hugh Dancy and Rose Byrne, the afflicted and the normal respectively, play their parts with tremendous detail and concentration, and even though Dancy's details are the more ostentatious (the blindman's lack of eye contact, the panic attacks, the tantrums, the non-stop spiels), Byrne more than holds her own through ordinary human warmth and engagement. It's a stand-off as well in suppression of native accents, English and Australian, his and hers. The romantic element is not too gooey, notwithstanding the do-it-yourself home planetarium or the raccoon communion in Central Park, and

is helpfully counterbalanced by some prosaic family business (Peter Gallagher, Amy Irving, as Byrne's concerned parents). Beautiful atmospheric drifts snowfall at, or just prior to, the climax.

Bandslam, carrying on in the line of *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* and *Hannah Montana: The Movie*, is a squeaky-clean teen musical culminating in a battle of the high-school rock bands. The music competition proves to be a bit less intense and thorny than the romantic competition, but nothing, either way, that can't be smoothed out amicably by the final curtain. In the hands of director Todd Graff and in the faces and bodies chiefly of Gaelan Connell, Aly Michalka, Vanessa Hudgens, Ryan Donowho, Elvy Yost (not so much, as virtually the only visible parent, Lisa Kudrow), the presentation has pep and pluck and all the candor of yearbook portraits, a pleasant and impenetrable illusion.

A Perfect Getaway is a passable

time-whiler about a Hawaiian honeymoon spoiled by a pair of psycho killers (Hawaii itself spoiled by unglorious muddy color). There's a trick to it, inasmuch as any thriller these days has to have a trick to it if it's not to be seen as hopelessly elementary and complacent. True to form, the trick entails, in addition to a fair amount of ingenuity, an unfair amount of cheating, as well as a suspension of the suspense, at the moment of revelation after a nice long steady buildup, when the trick is tediously elucidated in flashback. Steve Zahn, Milla Jovovich, Timothy Olyphant, and the curvaceous Kiele Sanchez gamely go through their paces, and writer and director David Twohy rigorously puts them through them.

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra, like *Transformers*, has put the merchandising first, succeeding as opposed to preceding a line of toys. (Trademark Hasbro.) The movie, opening deflatingly in 17th-century France before

advancing to a science-fictional "not too distant future," is a live-action cartoon from the maker of *The Mummy* and *The Mummy Returns*, Stephen Sommers, or at any rate is live-action as far as its actors, Channing Tatum, Marlon Wayans, Sienna Miller, Dennis Quaid, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Christopher Eccleston, et al., though the actual action is predominantly computer-generated cartoon, dead and deadening on arrival. It comes to a bitter end when a sequel is pledged: "You know, Duke, this has only just begun." Gulp.

The idle thought of why it has been so long since I've seen a film by Gillian Armstrong (*Charlotte Gray*, *Oscar and Lucinda*, going back in time) sent me to IMDb.com, where was revealed to me the existence of a 2007 period piece called *Death Defying Acts*, featuring Catherine Zeta-Jones as a phony Scottish psychic and Guy Pearce as Harry Houdini, evidently left out in the cold in the wake of *The Illusionist* and *The Prestige* the year before. This sent me in turn to the video store, a futile quest at Blockbuster, promoting it as a "Blockbuster Exclusive." Though it yields nothing to its two immediate predecessors in screen magic, I make no claims for the film beyond a firm hand on the tiller, a sumptuous production, and a charming performance by Saoirse Ronan, the young girl from *Atonement*. Gillian Armstrong getting the bum's rush is in any event a little troubling, a little more so even than the conspiratorial notion of Blockbuster exclusivity.

A week from Friday the San Diego Latino Film Festival rouses itself from its slumber to resume its monthly Cinema en Tu Idioma series at the Ultra-Star Mission Valley 7, beginning with the Mexican musical comedy, *Casi Divas*, and continuing for three more months, three more movies. ■

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Adam — Reviewed this issue. With Hugh Dancy, Rose Byrne, Peter Gallagher, Amy Irving, and Frankie Faison; written and directed by Max Mayer.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/14)

Bandslam — Reviewed this issue. With Gaelan Connell, Aly Michalka, Vanessa Hudgens, and Lisa Kudrow; directed by Todd Graff.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12;

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Brüno — A reteaming of the star and director of *Borat*, Sacha Baron Cohen and Larry Charles respectively, to peddle the same or a similar shtick in a different persona: a different funny accent, different funny wardrobe, different funny hairdo. The shtick, should you need to be reminded, is to inflict the persona on unsuspecting innocents untipped that it's a disguise; and the persona on this occasion is a flaming homosexual fashionista (and oxymoronic fascist) out of Austria, dismissed as host of the *Funkyzeit* TV show after a public *faux pas* on a Milan catwalk in a Velcro suit, determined now to start afresh in the U.S. The first and foremost point to be made is that the film is not a mockumentary in the manner of *Borat*, slightly slicker than in technique. Most of the time, there is no excuse for a camera to be present, as there was for the Kazakhstan journalist on his journey across America. (Very much a secondary and subordinate point would be that the stereotype of the Third World boor was at least somewhat novel, whereas the stereotype of the Euro swish is no more than yellowed comic book.) There is, in consequence, a precipitous drop in opportunities to ensnare unsuspecting innocents and a steep rise in staged scenes with undeclared actors, thus narrowing the gap — not all that wide to begin with — between the guerrilla comedy of Cohen and the mainstream gonzo comedy of a Ferrell, a Stiller. To be able to believe, or partly believe, or almost believe, in the "reality" of a scene, turns out to be vital to Cohen's identity and individuality. Without it, the guerrilla is shooting blanks. 2009.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Captain Abu Raed — The first Jordanian cinematic import, nothing to awaken a craving: an ineptly manipulative heart-tugger about an airport janitor who fishes a captain's hat from the trash and regales the neighborhood kids with fictitious tales of his world travels. Nadim Sawalha, Rana Sultan; directed by Amin Matalqa. 2007.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/14; KEN, THROUGH 8/13)

The Cove — Call-to-action documentary by Louie Psihoyos, rather like a magnified detail from *The End of the Line*, a tight focus on a "little town with a really big secret," the Japanese fishing port of Taiji, where an estimated twenty-three thousand dolphins and porpoises are covertly slaughtered every year. Upon his return from there, Psihoyos has pictures of the blood-red water to prove it. His chief guide and ally in this endeavor is Ric O'Barry, the one-time dolphin trainer on the *Flipper* TV series in the Sixties, who flipped (if you will) when the aquatic star of the show, real name Kathy, committed "suicide." In large part the film is composed of standard talking-heads sermonettes, but it also records the hugger-mugger "mission" of an Ocean's Eleven commando team in the field: high-def video cameras concealed in fake rocks, and so forth. The operation, for all its justifiable paranoia, doesn't approach the pitch of excitement we would expect of a fictional thriller. But if it is not quite tense, at least it's present-tense. 2009. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

District 9 — Neo-apartheid in South Africa: a million ghettoized extraterrestrials from a stalled spacecraft over Johannesburg. The documentary affectations, discontinued at convenience, make it seem initially a joke rather than a reality. And not a funny joke, either. The aliens — pejorative as well as descriptive term, "prawns" — are well visualized, and the *Fly*-like metamorphosis of a human into a partial prawn achieves a high degree of disgustingness. With Sharlto Copley, David James, Nathalie Boltz, and Vanessa Haywood; directed by

Neill Blomkamp. 2009.

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500 Days of Summer — Chronicle of the relationship of a young couple brought together at the office, a greeting-card company, through their shared taste for the mu-

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sic of the Smiths, among other things: "She likes Magritte and Hopper!" It is a maddeningly mixed experience, beginning (and continuing) with the two leads. A dimply Joseph Gordon-Levitt, often a tortured soul on screen (*Mysterious Skin*, *Brick*, *The Lookout*, etc.), proves himself capable of being a real charmer, a chick-flick dreamboat who believes wholeheartedly in the preordained One-and-Only and who deserves better than his halfhearted object of desire: "There's no such thing as love. It's fantasy." As the latter — Summer is her name, 500 days her shelf life — Zoey Deschanel is by contrast her usual saucer-eyed, spacey, sedated, affectless self, some of which may be ascribed to the character, but most of which must be ascribed to the actress, and all of which tends to signal and soften the bumps in the road, the body blows. ("You should

know up front," intones the off-and-on omniscient narrator, "that this is not a love story.") The main gimmick of the film, the directorial debut of Marc Webb, is not just its nonlinear narrative but its advance identification of each and every scene by its placement on the timeline (Day 488... 1... 299...), something like an Alain Resnais film with a road map and rounded edges. The resulting juxtaposition of discordant moods, often for facile comic effect, is no longer fresh, yet forever ageless. Bits of cleverness, plentiful enough, are balanced equally by bits of cutesiness. 2009.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

Food, Inc. — Educational as well as motivational film about where our food comes from and where else we can turn. Documentarian Robert Kenner, guided largely by activist authors Eric Schlosser (*Fast Food Nation*) and Michael Pollan (*The Omnivore's Dilemma*), goes behind the persistent

"pastoral fantasy" of agrarian America ("The reality is a factory. It's not a farm, it's a factory"), explores the monopolization by multinational corporations, takes offshoots into health hazards like E. coli, diabetes, and obesity, avoids the easy temptation to turn stomachs, maintains the whole while a calm and rational tone, and wraps things up with Springsteen's rendition of "This Land Is Your Land." All in all, a useful introduction or summary, depending on your initial level of awareness. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Funny People — A monument of Success Going to One's Head. The head in question belongs to writer-director-producer Judd Apatow, previously of *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *Knocked Up*, but more widely known as just producer and/or writer, weather vane, fashion plate, brand name, school headmaster. In these capacities he has apparently accumulated sufficient Hollywood capital to command what fairly shrieks of Final Cut (one shudders to imagine a DVD of the Director's Cut, unless it would be the Director's Second-Thoughts Cut), a pacesetter, desultory, two-and-a-half-hour comedy-drama centered around a terminally ill comedian played by and modeled on Adam Sandler, who hires a struggling stand-up comic (a slimmer Seth Rogen whose slimness is much commented on) as a joke writer, gofer, and all-purpose

companion, and who, upon his miraculous recovery under a program of experimental drugs, tries to reconnect with and reignite a now married Old Flame played by Leslie Mann, Mrs. Apatow in real life. Among the self-indulgences, besides merely the running time, are Memory Lane clips of the young Sandler and Mann, key roles for the two preteen Apatow daughters, a raft of as-themselves celebrity cameos, and more penis references, in a wide variety of synonyms, than you could shake a stick at — or a sheaf of sticks at. The serious bits at least see to it that there are some laughs in the film, and it's a tribute to Mann that her own serious bits can indeed be taken seriously. She also, at a different time, gets an actual intended laugh when in the course of a marital row she mimics the Aussie accent of her husband (Eric Bana). It may be a credit to Apatow, something less than a tribute to him, that he attempts some difficult and subtle things in human interactions. He manages to make them look more difficult than subtle. With Jonah Hill, Jason Schwartzman, Aubrey Plaza. 2009.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 8/14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

G-Force — Computer-animated guinea pigs, with the voices of Nicolas Cage, Penelope Cruz, Sam Rockwell, Steve Buscemi, directed by Hoyt Yeatman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra — Reviewed this issue. With Channing Tatum, Marlon Wayans, Sienna Miller, and Dennis Quaid; directed by Stephen Sommers. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard — Comedy starring Jeremy Piven as a high-powered used-car salesman, directed by Neal Brennan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/14)

The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2009. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince — Part VI — Pot VI — comes close to a complete cheat. The once child actors, children no more, are developing faster than the story, and indeed the foretold war with the Dark Lord tends here to be crowded out by assorted amorous hankerings among Hogwarts classmates. (Those broomsticks for games of Quidditch are now looking more phallic than at first.) Whatever climax we had built to by the end of episode five, directed as was this one by David Yates, is no longer in evidence, as we begin a new school year with a new guest star in the cast, Jim Broadbent (more or less assuming the prior guest spots of Imelda Staunton and Miranda Richardson) as the faculty's new Potions Master, first introduced in disguise as an overstuffed armchair, a promising shape-shifting gift never glimpsed again. The laden production — muggy atmosphere, congested décors, piles of bric-a-brac, oodles of CGI — further gums up the plot machinery, impedes forward progress; and the infrequent action, when it comes, comes out of nowhere and quickly returns thereto. Toward the end, the sustained scene in the cavern does attain a degree of creepiness, not hard to do when you've got a battalion of the mutant offspring of Gollum from *Lord of the Rings*, and this admittedly is followed by a Major Development. To get to that, however, oughtn't to have required a two-and-a-half-hour running time. If anything, we seem further from a final resolution than we seemed at the finish of the previous episode, with two more still to go. The entire series shapes up as the exemplary opposite of economical storytelling, and the exasperated spectator can but concur with the character who declares at the curtain, "It

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was all a waste, all of it." Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman. 2009.

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The Hurt Locker — Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelve-month tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-science-fictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bomb-sniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs — the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces — carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert Aldrich's *Ten Seconds to Hell* or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's *The Small Back Room*. The ambush in mid-desert, outside the squad's normal sphere of operations, is if anything even tenser: more unpredictable, more open to possibilities. Kathryn Bigelow, one of the rare female action directors, dead-set on matching any man in muscle, favors here the combat-footage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not necessarily restricted to scenes of combat. This is trendy at best, a tired cliché at worst. (The amplified heartbeat and the slo-mo explosion ought to be put to bed for a rest period of not less than a generation.) She takes a lot of time on the action scenes, or more broadly the tension scenes, and not much time in between, so that the three principals — Jeremy Renner, Anthony



A Perfect Getaway

Mackie, Brian Geraghty, each of them looking the part — are thin on character, static in development, no more than generic as opposed to individual soldiers. With Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs — A deferral of extinction and a detour to a subterranean tropical paradise, save some rapacious reptiles and a river of molten lava. The intermittent enlivener of the two earlier installments, the obsessive squirrel, is now as tedious as everyone else (in a mating dance, to a Barry White tune, with a bushy-tailed *femme fatale* squirrel); and the new character of a one-eyed weasel (voice of Simon Pegg) fails to take up the slack. No more beneficial is the added attraction of 3-D. Extinction can't come soon enough. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Queen Latifah; co-directed by Carlos Saldanha and Mike Thurmeier. 2009. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

In the Loop — Satirical postulation of how the U.S. and the U.K., on idiotic intelligence, came together to wage war in Iraq (unnamed but unmistakable). The actors are real pros, and can well handle the rapid-fire dialogue, probably better than the overwhelmed viewer can handle it. The raggedy documentary-style camerawork, on top of it, generates an excess of turbulence. Tom Hollander, Peter Capaldi, Gina McKee, James Gandolfini, Mimi Kennedy, Anna Chlumsky, Chris Addison, David Rasche; directed by Armando Iannucci. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Julie and Julia — As per its punchy sub-head, this is "based on two true stories," parallel stories of feminist self-determination, set half a century apart, then and now. One focusses on Julie Powell, self-made blogger, daily chronicler of a year-long project to cook her way through volume one of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, 365 days, 524 recipes. The other focusses on the American co-author of the aforesaid cookbook, Julia Child. Though each story in turn gets equal time, back and forth, the film suffers from a built-in imbalance. The women, no need to be overly polite about it, are not equal pioneers. The one — the earlier — the pathfinder — was, in her own humorously grandiose phrase, out to "change the world," while the other — the follower — the copier — the coattail rider — was only out to carve herself a

niche in the blogosphere and eventually the publishing world. Nor are the players equal. Amy Adams is an agreeable light-comedy actress (not so agreeable a heavier actress), whose Julie has been drastically watered down from the real McCoy, the real Powell, evidently out of primary concern that everyone should like her and every woman identify with her. Meryl Streep, meanwhile, is nothing less than the prima donna of contemporary American cinema; and her Julia, far from a bland Everywoman, is a one-of-a-kind: a stylized self-parodist parodied to perfection, but softened and molded into a rounded, humanized, full-service screen character. We want at all times, not just half the time, to be with Julia; and we should probably be grateful to writer-director Nora Ephron, whose title comes from Powell's blown-up blog but whose source material expanded to encompass Child's autobiography, that we have Julia-slash-Meryl even half the time. It could have been less. Stanley Tucci, Chris Messina, Jane Lynch. 2009.

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Lorna's Silence — Reviewed this issue. With Arta Dobroshi, Jérémie Renier, Fabrizio Rongione, and Alban Ukaj; directed by Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne. ★★ (KEN, 8/14 THROUGH 20)

Marnie — Women's-magazine Freudian romantic drama about an icy hypertense blonde with an interesting collection of obsessions — kleptomania, sexual disgust, a tendency to black out (or red out, actually) at the sight of anything red. Hitchcock pilots the thing with a vulgar, comfort-craving delight in Quality Living — vast country estates, riding stables, the race track, an ocean cruiser, separate bedrooms, etc. With Tippi Hedren, Sean Connery, and Diane Baker. 1964. ★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/13 AND 14, 8:30 P.M.)

Moon — Speculation on the anomie of the self-knowing human clone, a reasonable stand-in for the self-knowing human. Written and directed by the British team of Nathan Parker and Duncan Jones respectively, it's a nice little piece of short-story-sized science fiction freighted with reminders of 2001 — some of *Silent Running* as well, less burdensome — and stretched out to just barely endurable length. As in its eminent forebear, the human cast is very limited, mostly Sam Rockwell in a dual role — at one point playing pingpong with himself in the same frame, at numerous points matching the ostentatious torment of Bruce Dern in *Silent Running* — sup-

ported if not upstaged by a talking computer called GERTY 3000 (smarmy voice of Kevin Spacey) instead of HAL 9000. A sufficient innovation in design is the emblematic Smiley Face that signals the computer's "mood," or alternatively a Frowny Face, Quizzical Face, or Noncommittal Face, every bit as expressive as the Jack-in-the-Box of fast-food TV ads. It's quite astonishing how even the most modest-budget science fiction now approximates the nonpareil special effects of the Kubrick monument of forty years ago. 2009. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

O Brother, Where Art Thou? — A road comedy, "based upon *The Odyssey* by Homer," about three chain-gang fugitives in Depression-era Mississippi. (The title, should you need reminding, comes from Preston Sturges's *Sullivan's Travels*: the proposed title for a "meaningful" film by a refractory Hollywood contract director, whose subsequent quest to get in touch with the Common Man lands him on a Southern chain gang.) While the humor is as broad as the Coen brothers ever have allowed (i.e., *Raising Arizona*), it is equally as bright and as funny. No one in American cinema, past or present, writes tastier, tangier dialogue than Joel and Ethan Coen; and the script is studded with well-turned gags that could stand alongside any textbook samples from the pages of Preston Sturges, Jules Furthman, Ben Hecht. (The nitwit fugitives enter inevitably into a who-put-you-in-charge dispute. The rebellious one says, "I'm votin' for Yours Truly." The besieged leader responds, "Well, I'm votin' for Yours Truly, too." The swing voter, looking uncertainly from one to the other, puzzling out the politic choice, says, "Okay, I'm with you fellers.") And the Coens show here, as they showed already in *The Hudsucker Proxy*, that if you take the four-letter words out of their vocabulary they will not be handicapped in the slightest. Also comparable to *Hudsucker*, or more exactly comparable to the metamorphosis of Tim Robbins therein, is the loosening-up and warming-up of George Clooney into a flexible and a palatable actor, flourishing in the part of Ulysses (you see?) Everett McGill, fond of the four-dollar, as opposed to four-letter, word ("bifurcated," "rusticated," "rancor," "paradigm"), and hypersensitive about his hair every waking moment ("My hair!" is the first thing from his lips when startled from sleep) — even to the point of borrowing John Turturro's hairnet from *The Big Lebowski*. And his grooming routine with a tin of pomade (it has to be Dapper Dan brand, not Fop), getting a sort of razor-stropping motion going with his comb, is as educational as it is elegant. Turturro, as the second of the escapees, is of course an old reliable in a Coen movie. But the revelation in the cast is the writer-director (of *Eye of God*) and sometime bit-player, Tim Blake Nelson, whose expressions of open-mouthed and cross-eyed stupidity, as the slowest of the trio, form the solidest thematic link to the Coen brothers' previous effort, *Lebowski*. In spite of the preponderance of the evidence (the Farrelly brothers, Adam Sandler, et al.), it is not necessary for a comedy about stupidity to be stupid itself. Not unless it is content to be unfunny and hypocritical in the bargain. The Coens have become the keenest observers of American boobery since the departure — right around the time in which *O Brother* is set — of Ring Lardner. With John Goodman, Holly Hunter. 2000. ★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/15 AND 16, 8:30 P.M.)

Orphan — Adoption nightmare wherein an affluent suburban couple, parents of two children already, immediately replace their stillborn baby with a nine-year-old Russian of cute accent and evil intent. Outside of a committed performance from Vera Farmiga as the troubled mother, it's all very routine

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until the dilly of a surprise twist, creepily visualized. With Isabelle Fuhrman, Peter Sarsgaard, CCH Pounder, and Margo Martindale; directed by Jaume Collet-Serra. 2009. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Paper Heart — Oddball blend of documentary and pseudodocumentary on the subject of love in general and its absence, in particular, from the life of comedienne Charlyne Yi. “It’s about I don’t believe in love,” she sums up the project with characteristic informality and infelicity. This absence might be more puzzling or alarming if the now twenty-three-year-old didn’t act like she were twelve and boys were frogs and snails and puppy-dog tails. The on-the-road, man-on-the-street interviews, in spots such as Las Vegas, Nashville, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Oklahoma City, would appear to be authentically documentary albeit triflingly anecdotal (the anecdotes occasionally illustrated with low-tech puppet reenactments). On the other hand, Yi’s embryonic relationship with actor Michael Cera under the ever-present eye of the camera, although almost unbearably realistic in self-consciousness and awkwardness, is never really believable as *cinéma vérité*. They are good enough actors, or anyhow idiosyncratic enough, to create an illusion of reality; not enough to dispel the illusion. And while they each have their childlike charms, the unpersuasiveness deprives the spectator of a rooting interest. The fix is in. Directed by Nicholas Jasenovec, portrayed on screen by Jake Johnson. 2009. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

A Perfect Getaway — Reviewed this issue. With Steve Zahn, Milla Jovovich, Timothy Olyphant, and Kiele Sanchez; written and directed by David Twohy.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Ponyo — Hayao Miyazaki’s animated adaptation of *The Little Mermaid*, with the voices of Tina Fey, Cate Blanchett, Liam Neeson, Matt Damon, Noah Cyrus. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/14)

The Proposal — Anne Fletcher’s contemporary romantic comedy has a premise no more ridiculous than something that might once have featured Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. The editor-in-chief at Ruick & Hunt Publishers, a transplanted Canadian ice queen slash wicked witch of the north, now threatened with deportation for an expired visa, commands her lackey to marry her, true love following along lickety-split. The rotelike working-out of the premise appears heedless of the ridiculousness and therefore increasingly ridiculous, heedless in particular of the age difference between Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds, obvious to the naked eye. The two stars nonetheless display a polished smoothness if something less than a Golden Age luster. With Mary Steenburgen, Betty White, Craig T. Nelson, Malin Akerman. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Séraphine — Speculative, segmentary biography — twenty years in scope — of an obscure figure from 20th-century art history, Séraphine Louis, *dite* Séraphine de Senlis, a pious provincial housecleaner by day, and by night a compulsive self-taught painter (under past orders from her

guardian angel at the convent), whose secret talent is discovered just before the First World War by one of her cleaning customers, a homosexual German art dealer and critic (discoverer earlier of Henri Rousseau) on sojourn in northern France, a prissy connoisseur preferring the label of Modern Primitives to the veiled insult of Naives. Well structured, well proportioned, well (if slowly) paced, the film carries out a dispassionate examination of hidden inner worth, long ignored, thrillingly recognized, hazardously overinflated, and — it’s not an Andersen fairy tale — ultimately, tormentingly unrewarded. Anyone can relate. Both of the main characters, the painter and her patron, are complicated people, treated with respect but not reverence, tact but not timidity, by filmmaker Martin Provost, and played for full complication and consequent inconsistency and ambiguity by Yolande Moreau and Ulrich Tukur. The former, primarily a stage actress, and on screen a supporting actress, never raises the least suspicion that she is *acting*, only the total belief in her *being*. She is Séraphine, and Séraphine is she. Nor, in the larger picture, is there the tiniest pinprick in the tangible illusion of the place and period, the sights, the sounds, the surfaces, the objects, observed with a near scientific exactitude. The film picks you up, sets you down, seals you in. Like magic. 2008. ★★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/13)

Shrink — Pothead psychotherapist, best-selling author of *Happiness Now*, unhinged by his wife’s suicide, unshaven, unresponsive, uninterested. His Tinsel Town zip code opens the door to all manner of well-known and well-worn Hollywood types (superagent, aging actress, alcoholic actor, aspiring screenwriter, slutty starlet, etc.), but despite the range of material and of mood, the treatment remains everywhere superficial. With Kevin Spacey, Mark Web-

ber, Keke Palmer, Saffron Burrows, Dallas Roberts, Jack Huston, Pell James, Laura Ramsey, Robert Loggia, and Robin Williams; written by Thomas Moffett; directed by Jonas Pate. 2009. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Spread — Ashton Kutcher as a serial lady-killer in L.A., with Anne Heche and Margarita Levieva, directed by David Mackenzie. (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 8/14)

Star Trek — Enjoyable prequel, thirty years after the same-named debut of the series on the big screen. The chaotic and incoherent prologue might somewhat smother the emotional punch of the birth of James Tiberius Kirk at the same moment as his father’s death, but the reintroduction of the old familiar characters — the assembly of the changeless crew for the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Enterprise — can’t help but be fun for initiates. Chris Pine’s Kirk, sounding as though modelled on no weightier a prototype than Christian Slater, starts out an obnoxious punk and fails to advance very far beyond that. Zachary Quinto’s Spock, on the other hand, has some big ears to fill and fills them fully, achieving that elusive goal of undemonstrative intensity. If it’s fair to say that the film, rather than stand on its own, benefits from the groundwork of its forerunners — if it safely and securely goes where others have gone before — it would also be fair to object that the speedy evolution of special effects since the last *Star Trek* outing, seven years previous, serves to render the “ensuing” adventures anticlimactic. Topping what came before — a petty enough creative impulse in the first place — is in effect topping what came “after.” That may not constitute disrespect, but it constitutes disproportion. Director J.J. Abrams’s preference for the rambling Steadicam and

the trembling closeup reveals him further to be a man of trend as opposed to a man of tradition. With its gigantic hands-of-Freddy-Krueger enemy spaceship, its Mad Max-y tattooed heathens, and its gratuitous CG monsters, the film is, by the standards of the franchise, skimpy on ideas, apart from a bit of time-travel abracadabra that enables Spock to be two places and two ages at once. Which is to say, enables Leonard Nimoy to play a part. Karl Urban, Anton Yelchin, Zoe Saldana, John Cho, Simon Pegg, Eric Bana. 2009. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Time Traveler’s Wife — Science-fictional romance with Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana, directed by Robert Schwentke. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/14)

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen — Autobots vs. Decepticons, Round Two, a blur of liquidy computer-generated metal (robot design by trash compactor) and a mess — no, a mess — of contradictions: apocalyptic pomposity and low comedy; heavy combat and light casualties; a too-fast pace that attains two and a half hours and total boredom (except perhaps for John Turturro’s succinct “one-man-alone” soliloquy). With Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, and Ramon Rodriguez; directed by Michael Bay. 2009. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Calendar MOVIES

The Ugly Truth — Cool-blond control freak and dark hairy caveman (Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler) in a conflict of philosophies, personalities, and sexualities, behind the scenes at a Sacramento TV morning talk show. The road to the predictable and inevitable is paved with, among other things, a pair of vibrating

panties, the remote control in the wrong hands at the wrong time. Hard to imagine Katharine Hepburn or Jean Arthur at that spot in the road. With Bree Turner, Eric Winter, Cheryl Hines, and John Michael Higgins; directed by Robert Luketic. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Up — Pixar computer cartoon weaves a web of delusional whimsy around a cantankerous old widower, not too dissimilar to Clint Eastwood in *Gran Torino*, determined to live out the dream and the adventure he denied to his lifelong soul mate. To that end, he attaches a forest of helium balloons to his two-story house and sets sail for South America, specifically Paradise Falls, "a Land Lost in Time," the stomping ground of his boyhood idol, an intrepid globe-trotter out of Jules Verne. (If party balloons can serve as a means of intercontinental transport, we can hardly

be surprised at finding the boyhood idol still alive and kicking. Or at anything else.) This literal flight of fancy and its touchdown in "paradise" might have been taken as a metaphor of suicide were it not for the roly-poly little stowaway, a Wilderness Explorer in quest of a merit badge for Assisting the Elderly, presumably not including assisted suicide. He assists, rather, in a new lease on life: geriatric swashbuckling. (The old man, voiced by Ed Asner, bears an unmistakable likeness to the Penn State football coach, Joe Paterno, and the kid, Jordan Nagai, is a Baby Buddha.) There seems no

intrinsic reason for the insipid graphic style, the vacuum-sealed atmosphere, or the general feel of marshmallow and Styrofoam; no reason, that is, outside the limits of taste and talent among the Pixar people. The one glaring success in the picture is the oversized wide-eyed multicolored exotic bird, its resistance to anthropomorphization, its intractable maniacal birdiness. Co-directed by Pete Docter and Bob Peterson. 2009.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

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Aliens in the Attic (PG); Bandslam (PG); District 9 (Not Rated); G-Force (PG); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); Julie and Julia (PG-13); A Perfect Getaway (R); Ponyo (G); The Time Traveler's Wife (R); The Ugly Truth (R)

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264)
Aliens in the Attic (PG); The Answer Man (R); Bruno (Not Rated); The Collector (R); Food, Inc. (PG); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Julie and Julia (PG-13); Orphan (R); A Perfect Getaway (R); The Proposal (PG-13); The Time Traveler's Wife (R); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13)

HORTON PLAZA 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Bandslam (PG); District 9 (Not Rated); Funny People (R); G-Force (PG); The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); Moon (R); Ponyo (G); Spread (R); Star Trek (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (R); Up (PG)

KENSINGTON

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Captain Abu Raed (Not Rated); Lorna's Silence (R)

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
District 9 (Not Rated); 500 Days of Summer (PG-13); Funny People (R); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); The Hurt Locker (R); Julie and Julia (PG-13); A Perfect Getaway (R); Ponyo (G); The Ugly Truth (R)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Adam (PG-13); The Cove (PG-13); In the Loop (Not Rated); Paper Heart (PG-13); Séraphine (Not Rated)

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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

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Bandslam (PG); District 9 (Not Rated); Funny People (R); G-Force (PG); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); Julie and Julia (PG-13); Orphan (R); Paper Heart (PG-13); A Perfect Getaway (R); Ponyo (G); The Time Traveler's Wife (R); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (R)

Mission Valley 7

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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Hard, Sell Hard (R); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); Julie and Julia (PG-13); Orphan (R); A Perfect Getaway (R); Ponyo (G); Spread (R); The Time Traveler's Wife (R); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (R)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

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Otay Ranch 12

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Over the Airplanes

A few months ago, some guy from some burg like Dubuque emailed the paper, asking which restaurants he should try during a few days' visit here, price no object. Bertrand at Mr. A's was one of my most emphatic recommendations: "This has the best view in the city, and it's not a tourist trap — locals come here to celebrate any excuse they can think of. Good easygoing French food from a serious French chef, but if you don't want dinner, at least have a drink on the wraparound patio to watch airplanes breeze by you at eye-level, then swoop down to land at Lindbergh Field. Skip this treat, and you haven't experienced the San Diego that San Diegans love."

That point was proven on a recent Monday night. Mondays are dead at most restaurants, especially during this recession. Not here: It was nearly a full house, and most diners were eating à la carte. In fact, we had to ask for the prix-fixe menu. Some of our neighbors were speaking Russian, maybe. Some were Zonies, maybe. (Probably none were Comic-Con conventioners, as they didn't look bluish or greenish or webbed.) Many seemed to be recession-proof locals just out for fun.

"I've been wanting to come here ever since it was renovated, what, ten years ago?" said Samurai Jim. That was when French-born restaurateur Bertrand Hug took over the former "continental cuisine" premises and turned the velvet-flocked Storyville bordello decor into a clean-limbed modern eatery. ("Hug" is pronounced "oog" with a tight Gallic smile: "Ewwg.") The chefs here have been a line of classically trained French dudes — connected like a family tree of Biblical "begats" — who worked with or for each other at Coronado's famed Marius Restaurant at Le Meridien Hotel (a Marriott since the year 2000) and then at Sally's. Current chef Stéphane Voitzwinkler picked up the banner from previous head chef Fabrice Poin (later at Laurel), of this same lineage.

Our own celebration excuse was that Jim had



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just won his black belt in swordsmanship. The cocktail list was tempting, but at \$15 per drink it made more sense to start with a wine that would keep us hydrated through dinner, if the weenie three-ounce prix-fixe pours (you get two glasses for \$12) ran out before the food did. Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc (a reasonable \$50 here) was the tried-and-true answer. (On Mondays, you can BYO with free corkage. Don't try it other nights. I'll explain the baroque rules in an upcoming review when we visit Hug's Mille Fleurs.)

After a basketful of good breads, first courses arrived quickly, highlighted by a velvety, creamy corn soup studded with sweet kernels, spiked by chopped chives and minced chervil, with a pure-comfort airy corn fritter in the center, *ooh la la!* Heaven to sip, hell to pass on to posse-mates. For my first prix-fixe quaff I chose a Prum Riesling out of curiosity. It was quite sweet, mouth filling, and went well with corn. Jim tried the excessively dry ("Refreshing!" he said) Pinot Grigio, and I

wished I'd strong-armed him into ordering the more civilized Joseph Drouhin French White Burgundy instead.

Escargot de Bourgogne (snails in garlic butter) had very tender snail meats in an exceedingly mild sauce: Maybe it's all the courtships happening at this restaurant, but it's drastically light on garlic. A nice dish — too nice. Escargots speak of Burgundy, so Michelle's Tantara Pinot Noir (from the same grape as red Bourgogne) should have been perfect — but it was too light and "nice" as well.

Mac and cheese is rich with black truffle bits, white truffle oil, and discreet streaks of invaluable spinach, lending darker character to the insouciant Comté cheese — sophisticated comfort food.

At a nearby table, a techie-looking dude (beard, specs, plaid shirt) seemed increasingly nervous over his dinner with a voluptuous black-haired, golden-skinned beauty in a strapless mini, resembling the gals in Gauguin's Tahitian paintings.

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Bertrand at Mister A's

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2550 Fifth Avenue at Laurel, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377, bertrandatmisteras.com.

HOURS: Lunch weekdays 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; happy hours weekdays 2:30–6:00 p.m. Dinner weekdays from 5:30 p.m. — weekends from 5:00 — until closing (about 10:00 p.m.).

PRICES: Three-course prix-fixe dinner, \$40, including two three-ounce wines for \$12 more, Sunday–Tuesday. À la carte menu starters, \$12–\$19.50; entrées, \$24.50 (burger)–\$50 (made from Prime-grade Angus loin); most about \$35. Desserts, \$11.50. Happy-hour menu, \$7 per graze, discounted generic beverages. Patio/bar grazes, \$7–\$16. Lunch dishes, \$10–\$30, special quick lunch, \$20.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Easygoing French food with an American accent (or vice versa). Classic and creative cocktails; huge, serious wine list at standard markups, strong on French bottlings, wines by the glass about \$15. Free corkage Mondays, otherwise high-risk sliding corkage rules.

PICK HITS: From prix-fixe: corn soup, veal cheeks, lamb. Happy-hour and patio menus: swordfish sliders, fries, charcuterie plate. À la carte best guesses: lobster/crab leg; duck confit and breast; grilled Kobe rib-eye with béarnaise sauce.

NEED TO KNOW: Star rating applies to \$40 prix-fixe only, not to à la carte menu or bar menus. Ask for weeknight prix-fixe menu if not provided automatically. A few shallow stairs to dining room and to patio; staff will help with wheelchair access. Validated parking \$7.50 (entry on Fourth Avenue). Heated patio with super views, smoking okay at northwest end. Business-casual dress, all hours and venues. Reserve for dinner, not needed for happy hour.

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"Watch that table!" whispered Michelle. "He's gonna propose tonight!"

Meanwhile, we were enjoying wonderfully professional service. If our waitress wasn't nearby, we had only to whisper our needs to the comely buser, and they were fulfilled in seconds. No walkie-talkies on view — is telepathy one of the job requirements? In fact, our buser (looks aside) way out-classed the waitstaff skill level at most trendy new eateries in North Park.

Entrées swiftly followed. I started with pan-roasted sole with lobster mousse stuffing (also on the regular menu). The sole, lightly panéed, was perfectly cooked tender, the mousse a thin, subtle layer hidden in the center of the fillet, lightly sauced with a champagne and chives beurre blanc. Didn't notice the advertised caviar. For that matter, I'd have liked more lobster mousse in the middle. I'm getting a little tired of playing "where's Waldo" with the prime garnishes on everybody's bargain dinners and the truffles on everybody's truffled fries. Do it or don't do it, but don't say it if you're not doing it enough for everybody to taste it.

Both of the other entrées were hearty braises (neither from the regular menu, although they should be), and both were wonderful. Lamb osso buco (shank) came with two links of irresistible Moroccan-style lamb sausage (*merguez*). Alongside were white flageolet beans, favas, and tiny blue Peruvian and white new potatoes — all a bit undercooked — plus a few vibrant caper berries (resembling big, sour, juicy capers), dark-flavored and pickly, brilliant against the faint fattiness of lamb cut from low-on-the-sheep. Even better were the fork-tender veal cheeks, gently-flavored but deeply satisfying, topped with substantial slices of Parmesan for a jolt of sublimely funky aged-cheese flavor. Surrounding the cheek-meats were broccoli rabe, sautéed red peppers, and delicate puffs of potato mousseline (Tater Tots, minus browned-flour coating). With these, we drank the house pours of Cab (a bit tannic), Merlot (ultra-mild), and Tobin

James "Ballistic" Zinfandel (just right).

Meanwhile, dessert arrived at the table of the nervous bearded guy: a large pastry with "Will You Marry Me Caroline?" written in chocolate syrup. Caroline blushed and giggled. Bearded guy pulled out shiny rock, bride-to-be buried her face in his shoulder, all surrounding tables applauded. (Hate to imagine: What if she wanted to say no?)

Before dessert, I headed for the balcony for a breather and to sneak a postprandial smoke (and an eye-filling unfiltered view of the view). Big kiss and "ewwg" to Monsieur Hug for being a Frenchman and not a Puritan about *le tabac*.

When I went back inside, the buser brought my fine espresso precisely (as requested) as the waitress delivered desserts. A white chocolate Chambord crème brûlée had a thick, crackly crust and a garnish of berries; the Chambord (black raspberry liqueur) added interest. A strawberry shortcake was topped with caramelized marshmallow fluff. (But *où sont les marshmallows d'antan?* Even the whole ones don't taste the same now that they're made with HFCS in place of cane sugar. And the fluff? It actually hasn't changed much since its invention nearly a century ago, though the current version does include corn syrup.) A triple chocolate dessert was splendid — three little multilayer pastries. One seemed to be a lemon cheesecake with a thin white chocolate glaze. Another reveled in dark bittersweet chocolate, and the third showcased not-too-sweet milk chocolate. Inside, at this restaurant, everything's for your pleasure, everything and everyone spoils you. And it's so sweet to be spoiled — especially for

a bargain price!

I returned a few days later with Sam and his friend Jerry to check out the happy-hour grazes and patio/bar menu (the latter consisting mainly of the "happy" grazes for a few bucks more, plus extras at cut price from the à la carte appetizers). "Ooh, I have to bring my girlfriend here," said Jerry, taking in the view from the balcony. We started with unidentified \$6 vinous happy-hour objects — passable-not-great Chardonnay for Sam and me and an anonymous red for Jerry. Out in the wild, service was a little less perfect: one waitress apparently had to cover the whole balcony area and was running around frantically. Our first buser was so-so; another, later, was calm and smart.

These menus consist mainly of upscale pub-grub clichés, albeit well executed, with a few Frenchie variations. Almost everything is fried, battered, or breaded, to leave you feeling full but thoroughly buttered and greased. There are no clean, fresh choices such as ceviches or salads, even though the regular menu abounds in these starters. For instance, the *niçoise*, the baby iceberg and arugula salad and/or the heirloom tomato salad would be terrific alternatives to this phalanx of flour, fat, and fauna.

Our best graze had swordfish sliders on brioche, with tartar sauce, cornichons, and a pile of ethereal tempura red onions (the latter the outstanding taste of the evening). The fish was tender, the sweet brioche complementary. But slightly greasy fried spring rolls (with dips of golden peanut sauce and sweet-tart red sauce) sported a rich pork confit filling rather than lighter Asian-style seafood and crunchy vegetables. Good con-

fit, not so good a context.

Croque Monsieur mini-sandwiches had thin layers of serious French ham and cheese swamped by heavy country bread with a ramekin of béarnaise sauce on the side. Brioche might be better here (given that this dish is the basis of America's gooey white-bread Monte Cristo). These (and the Kobe sliders) both came with "our famous truffled fries." (Actually famous?) They're excellent slim, fresh-herbed fries. None of us tasted any truffle.

I used the béarnaise as a "shmeat" for Kobe sliders, instead of the ketchup-mustard yin-yang on that plate. The sliders were plump little pillows, pink inside, served on mini-buns — yet somehow not fabulous. They tasted more like mini sirloin-burgers. Maybe Kobe sliders have outlived their moment. When frozen American-Kobe burgers first appeared in Trader Joe's food case, they were astonishingly soft and fatty. (They vanished soon, like all TJ's fabulosities.) Now that everybody's doing Kobe sliders, they all taste like normal good beef. Either the meat has

changed or the smaller size changes the meat.

Fried calamari were flawless, normal — excellent, boring. Best part were slabs of tempura fresh-fennel root. "I remember eating really great grilled calamari..." Jerry reminisced. There you have it: Frying turned squid into a fashionable fast food that's outworn its welcome over 20 years, given the many other interesting, neglected possibilities the species offers.

When happy hour expired, we ordered a couple of patio-menu specialties. The charcuterie plate (\$14.50) included ethereal slivers of house-made chicken-liver mousse, along with excellent prosciutto, bresaola, mortadella, and something that looked like salami but must have been house-made *salumi* instead — tender, salty, delicious thin slices. But I was disappointed by a lobster "strudel" (\$16) because it really was a strudel: a flaky, puff-pastry crust crammed with big chunks of none-too-tender lobster tail meat, swathed in melted butter, with incidental veggie bits.

"Rich enough for you?" teased Sam. "Rich, but not the way I wanted," I said. "I guess I envisioned a puff-pastry shell filled with lobster in a cream sauce. This is too dense. I'm mad for lobster, but *with* something more than just pastry and butter."

Just then, the strangest thing happened: the soft-jazz Muzak on the sound system played an instrumental version of Charlie Mingus's "Fables of Faubus." Mingus wrote this furious musical outburst after Arkansas Governor Orville (or Orval) Faubus, in 1957, resisted the federal order to desegregate public schools by calling out the National Guard to physically bar nine African-American students from entering Little Rock High Central School. The lyrics start: "Name me someone who's ridiculous — FAUBUS!" It was strange to hear even the melody of this subversive stuff in an upscale restaurant — I wondered if Hug had any idea of what his sound system was doing behind his back. But then, not that long ago, this same restaurant required jackets and ties. ■



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From the start, you pretty much know: Everybody getting off the number 3 bus at Fifth and Elm is headed there. Five o’clock on a Thursday, where else? Horizon Park Chapel.

Free food.

Me too. I’m stony. Not homeless, but had to pay two months’ rent at once to catch up. Cleaned me out, and then some. Can’t have Carla coming back (she’s away till Sunday) not knowing if we have a bed or not. Just need to hang on till tomorrow. So, what the heck? I’ve walked past the place often enough. Figure they won’t mind this once. Besides, done this before elsewhere. It’s kind of social...

A short walk, and at Sixth and Fir, there’s quite a crowd. Things are happening. “Lord, forgive me! In Jesus’ name. I will try harder this time...” This from a red-faced gent with the look of someone living rough. He’s holding hands with some guy who must be a pastor. Their arms reach high in the air, forming an arch.

“You here to eat?” asks a guy at the entrance to a big old building. “Could be standing room only. Go down the stairs.”

The stairs take you down and into the building at cellar level. A wide hallway funnels you through double doors and into the belly of the beast. It’s crammed with pushchairs and kids’ bikes and scooters and adult bikes. Whole families are here tonight.

I walk into the large room. A curtain with “Jesus” painted across it hangs behind a stage. The place is packed. Maybe 150 men, women, children. Some from the streets, I’m guessing, some from downtown’s residential hotels, some who have maybe faced empty cupboards in the kitchen and have no money to feed the kids. It’s

the end of the month, plus hard times are starting to bite wider. Someone onstage talks into a mike, telling us that God will forgive us, not only for some sins, but all of them.

“Here.” A guy jams a folding chair into my hands. “Find a table.”

“Sit down, sit down,” says this bright-eyed li’l lady. “Everyone calls me Renée.” I squeeze between her and a lady named

Gloria. People sit around circular white tables. It feels like one of those awards dinners, minus the tablecloths and bottles of champagne. When the sermons end, volunteer girls blossom out from the kitchen and bring everybody paper plates loaded with, *aah*, sloppy joes — barbecue-flavored ground beef on open hamburger buns with coleslaw, potato chips, and raw carrots. This is service. And, gotta say: the meat is sweet and *delicioso*, the bun so tender you hardly have to chew it.

“Seconds?” I ask.

“You can try, but with this crowd,” says Gloria, “you might be out of luck. But they usually have pasta for late people.” She gets up. “Think I’ll try for that.”

By now, the preacher, who Renée says is Pastor Jeff, has picked up a guitar. He serenades us with Christian songs. That’s what they sound like, anyway, except that with all the noise, it’s hard to tell.

One of the volunteers, Amy, brings each person at the table a plastic cup of fruit cocktail. That’s when this guy Chris goes to pick up our desserts. He comes back with little tubs of chocolate pudding. “I wanted to make sure our table got them before they ran out,” he says. I’m getting the vibe that everyone’s kind of like family here, united by our troubles. Chris, Glo-

ria, Eric, Renée, a gent named Quinn Johnson Cisco, and me. We crack open the gloopy brown custards and talk. “They cook these meals down at the Rescue Mission,” says Chris. Seems last week’s was chicken-noodle casserole, organic salad, bread, and watermelon. Sounds darned good.

“The best is the First Presbyterian at Fourth and Date, Sunday afternoons, at 2:00,” says Renée. “Well, the sermon’s at 2:00, and you have to be there. The meal is at 2:30. But it’s worth it. More meat — and that’s what we need — and extras like bacon, fruit, even live music. Real singers.”

Gloria comes back. She has only coleslaw and brown bread on her plate. “They’re out of everything,” she says. “It’s this crowd.”

“We used to serve about 100 meals a week,” says this gal Anna, who’s with the organization, when I ask. “Now it’s up around 200. I’ve been doing this work for over 40 years, and I’ve never seen times so hard.”

Renée talks about going to her granddaughter’s graduation, Gloria about being called for jury duty. Gloria lives in a by-the-week hotel room that runs her a monthly \$595. That doesn’t leave much extra. Chris, to stave off hunger between meals like this, collects packets of peanut butter and containers of orange juice at the Lutheran church meals and lives off them. “I have a friend, Rose,” says Renée. “She lives on peanut butter, period. That’s all. She’s 86.” Eric tells how thugs tied him down, beat him up, cigarette-burned his chest, and left him half dead. Renée, who seems so cheery, says she’s bipolar. “You have credit cards?” she says. “I had three. Those card people have made my life hell. They gave me a nervous breakdown. I



Pastor Jeff

was locked up in the psych ward at one point. Then one day I just decided. I gave all my cards to Jesus. That really helped.”

When I take a trip to the kitchen to see if they have more fruit cocktail, I meet Michael, sitting at the table beside the servery, eating bread and pieces of melon. “Food here’s good and sanitary,” he says. “But I need medical help. There’s bees and dead squirrels up where I sleep. See?” He shows me his hand and arm, all red and swollen. “Bee stings,” he says. “But I try to stay positive. People are kind. The greatest thing that ever happened to me was right here. A group of Christian children saw my swollen feet one time, and they washed my feet. They *did* that. It felt good. Real good. So that’s the thing. What we homeless people need is a hand up, not a slap down.” ■

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Allied Gardens

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. All the staples: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Inexpensive.

Alpine

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef-lovers heaven, with a juicy special ground-in-house (so rare-cooked is feasible) Texas burger. Crowded weekends. Moderate to expensive.

Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers 2754 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1264. You get a bang for your burger buck, from the junior burger to quarter-pounders and half-pounders to Fred's three-quarter-pound "monster burger." Even the BLT sandwich comes loaded with six slabs of bacon. Inexpensive.

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite burning under fresh-cut beef rib is too much to resist — the secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire. Inexpensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velasco #1407, Tijuana, 664-634-3039. Mexican haute cuisine, with complex sauces based on Mexican ingredients including tropical fruits, nuts, and chili peppers. Treats: mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile-meat mini tacos, posole with crabmeat. Moderate.

Happy Face Restaurant In Plaza Viva Tijuana (near Yellow Cab parking area), Tijuana. Breakfast (all day) includes *chilaquiles* with chips doused in cheese, a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips, salsa, coffee, and a house salad. Inexpensive.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. House specialties at this hidden mansion are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*); the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (*cabrito tatamado*). Moderate.

Manzanilla Boulevard Teniente Azueta #139, Ensenada, 646-175-7073. Sophisticated "nuevo" Mexican cuisine at this Euro-style bistro features seasonal menus with fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill. A spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is a constant. Moderate.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Rosarito, 661-612-1430. In a restaurant full of caged birds (and a patio with free birds a-wing), enjoy sublime mesquite-grilled aged steaks, quail with garlic sauce, or venison — especially the savory *machaca de venado* (meat

strips with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Mostly moderate; cash only.

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Tijuana, 664-685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado. Inexpensive.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel (south end of Blvd. Benito Juárez), Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out

the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. Somewhat expensive for the area.

Banker's Hill

Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine (and house-made desserts) in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Happy-hour bargains at bar; otherwise high-moderate.

Azuki Sushi Lounge 2321 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760. Skillful, creative sushi and sashimi in a convivial atmosphere. Don't miss the spicy Pon Hama (yellowtail sashimi with yuzu juice and chili powder) or the fusion-y RU Kidding Me roll, the owner's favorite. Moderate to expensive.

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location

desserts only; downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

Hexagone 495 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-236-0467. This urban spin-off of Rancho Bernardo's French Market Grille offers provincial "bourgeois cuisine" (snails, frog legs, bouillabaisse) nearly identical to that of the mother ship — including the inconsistent nightly quality. Moderate to expensive.

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. All-day breakfasts and sandwiches, and at dinner, while there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners

(with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Bay Park

Bay Park Fish Company 4121 Ashton St., Bay Park, 619-276-3474. Go big (surf 'n' turf can cost you thirty-plus) or small: a filling seafood stew or the panko-crusted halibut tacos go for \$10. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive.

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Borrego Springs

Olde Homestead Fudge Co. 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The chocolate walnut fudge is delicious, but the masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Inexpensive.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. The most authentic dishes come from the Specialties section of the menu, including a good pork in green chile sauce, enchiladas, and *chilaquiles*. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Cardiff

Beach House 2530 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. Branch of a beachy mini-chain. Great oceanfront view, but stay with the simplest foods — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs. Week-end brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive.

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

Carlsbad

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex, but who gives a

flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Inexpensive.

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza, only here. They make the pies with thin, crisp crusts and toppings like meatball or garlic. Maybe their best is the Bronx Special: pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper, and garlic. Inexpensive.

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also 4645 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. It's not Southern so much as SoCal "Q," but the meats are genuinely smoked. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor; ribs come in three versions. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. First-class ingredients enliven skillfully executed Italian haute cuisine — think Medici princes, not *mamma mia*. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

Carmel Valley

Arterra 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Local, sustainably raised ingredients in treatments growing bolder over the years, offering treats for both palate and mind. A blithe patio, sushi bar, and happy hour at the booze bar offer more casual (still serious) eats. Expensive-plus.

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-675-2225. Vickie Pappas (sis of Mary) serves up the Greek classics at this offshoot of Athens Market, with particularly flavorful lamb souvlaki and lamb chops. Inexpensive to moderate.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Organic grocery chain with prepared foods to go. Best deals at the hot case are usually the daily specials, like vegan seitan stew (a low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's jerk turkey in fig sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spices Thai Café 3810 Valley Centre Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Additional locations in Mira Mesa and Rancho Bernardo. Not only elegant, but the food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chollas View

Asia Café 4710 Market St., Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Rare Laotian restaurant's dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. Famous for Grandma's buckwheat pancakes, banana-pecan pancakes, and rolled pancakes. Other good bets: deluxe burger with french fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Inexpensive.

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. Rustic-looking family-run restaurant offers Italian-American standards, big portions, low prices, late hours. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite" eight-inch pizza. Inexpensive.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar St., Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. Zesty Peruvian dishes include *papa rel-*

leno (creamy potato with a lively beef and raisin filling), *seco de cabrito* (young goat in a complex, herbal stew). Mexican-style seafood served here, too. Inexpensive to moderate.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the *chile rellenos*, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Additional locations in Coronado and Point Loma. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

Zorba's Greek Buffet 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. Families are here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in flaky pastry), dolmas (ground beef and egg-rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (rice-plant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Inexpensive.

City Heights

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant 4155 University Ave., City Heights, 619-677-3999. Similar to Ethiopian food, with a long, interesting menu, including a fine three-meat combo platter, luscious veggies. Seasoned to your specifications: "hot" means "hot!" Cash only. Inexpensive.

Canada Steak Burgers 3604 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4345. Run by a Greek-American family for 30 years, their hamburgers and especially their steak burgers are nicely seasoned and a great value. Interesting

Greek choices include gyros souvlaki (skewered lamb), chicken kebabs. Inexpensive.

College Area

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Rd., College Area, 619-265-0218. A full range of European-Jewish specialties including deli meats and smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, huge sandwiches and dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter). Moderate.

The Living Room Café and Bistro 5900 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-286-8434. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, and National City. This Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with good breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet. Inexpensive.

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-3536. The tempura special roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is filled with whitefish and garnishes. The Johnny roll shows otopus at its most tender. Inexpensive to moderate.

Coronado

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0612. House-baked breads and croissants and crunchy imaginative sandwiches like the Brie Fantasy (Brie, chicken, roasted peppers). Bino's Austrian wife makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive.

Burger Lounge 922 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6835. Additional locations in Kensington and La Jolla. Their Tallgrass beef is juicy, tastes sweeter, and comes only from grass-fed

cattle. Inexpensive, if you avoid extras like fries and onion rings.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-522-0217. They call themselves "Memphis style" and indeed cook their meats and tender chicken in a hickory-fueled smoker. Consistency problem — some days you taste smoke, other days not a whiff. Local delivery available. Moderate.

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0454. Classic fine Italian cooking with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a summertime special of white king salmon. Expensive.

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white tablecloth, dangling-Chianti-bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out on great pizza and calzone. Inexpensive.

Del Mar

Il Fornaio 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Also 1333 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4911. Regional Italian dishes range from *filatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy Dijon and salad) to a mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*. Great breads, of course. Moderate.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co. 12840 Carmel Country Rd., Del Mar, 858-481-7883. Several San Diego locations. House-made brewskis and American-style pizzas, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings.

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Sammy's Woodfired Pizza 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600. Additional locations in La Jolla, La Mesa, Mission Valley, University City, and Downtown. The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Inexpensive.

Shimbashi Izakaya Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-523-0479. Izakaya-style restaurant and sake bar with ocean-view dining serving fusion sashimi, tempura, shiitake seafood sandwich, sushi rolls, grilled yakitori, and desserts.

Downtown

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Additional locations in La Mesa and Chula Vista. 18 fish to choose from, available seasonally, most prepared simply. Moderate.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Fast fish, mainly fried, but the clam chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. Inexpensive.

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 G St., Downtown, 619-696-7220. You sit under poplar trees in a brick patio — and except for the wind, it's blissfully silent. With light fare like quiche, salads, and *panini*, it's the nearest thing to a French country café downtown. Inexpensive.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar 807 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-4300. The real Buster surfed the world — Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket. Here there's a surfer-pub dish from each of those

waters, not one of them authentic. Bay view. Prices cover the waterfront.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-325-0977. This true French pâtisserie offers golden croissants, gorgeous pastries, and terrific lunches including *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce) and crepes with seasonal fruit and sweet cream cheese. Inexpensive.

Cheese Shop 427 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-2303. Also 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Not much retail cheese anymore. They still have all-cheese sandwiches but now specialize in overstuffed spit-roasted meat sandwiches like lamb and roast beef. Inexpensive.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-9236. Enjoy grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, rice dishes, and appetizers like leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). Moderate.

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-531-0955. Definitely West Coast pizza, with specialties like the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. Inexpensive.

Cowboy Star Restaurant and Butcher Shop 640 Tenth Ave., Downtown, 619-450-5880. A Western-themed restaurant specializing in great steaks and game meats, where the food is as good as the decor, and the decor is more fun than a rodeo clown. Expensive.

Croce's 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive.

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Jsix 616 J St., Downtown, 619-531-8744. The chef's charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are better — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive.

The Kebab Shop 630 Ninth Ave., Downtown, 619-525-0055. The menu here specializes in kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef *kofte* (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, *Iskender* kebab (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Inexpensive.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-764-6950. Back to the '50s with frozen peas and instant-tasting mash. The meaty meat loaf may improve on Mom's, but the chicken pot pie is barely better than Morton's. Moderate.

The Mission 1250 J St., Downtown, 619-232-7662. Also 2801 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-8992. Eco-conscious big breakfasts and Chino-Latino lunches in arty surroundings are halfway between health nut and old-time diner fare. Great eye-opener: bounteous chicken-apple sausage and egg platter. Inexpensive.

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Neighborhood 777 G St., Downtown, 619-446-0002. This mainly male-patronized, rickety gastro-pub's menu centers on fine half-pound burgers, plus steak tartare, sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, and big, interesting salads. Inexpensive to very low-moderate.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-6550. Pleasant dishes include mussels *marinière*, Cajun seafood pasta, seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood).

Operacaffe 835 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-6538. True Tuscan cuisine, not austere but simple and sensual, priced for a song — with salads to sing about, unique Florentine home dishes, and sublime seasonal specials. This one's for us, not conventioners. Low-moderate.

Organic to Go 1143 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-0086. Lunch for most is a lunge at the salad bar, but they make a cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and a vegan Thai-style veggie wrap. Other interesting dishes include mango-chutney-curry chicken salad sandwich. Inexpensive.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (mozzarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Expensive on up.

Roy's Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-239-7697. Also

8670 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain, serving Pacific Rim fusion and sushi on a daily changing, seafood-oriented menu. End with the signature chocolate soufflé. Very expensive.

Royal India 329 Market St., Downtown, 619-269-9999. Standard North Indian Sikh menu. The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flavor — none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars cheaper buffets. Moderate to expensive.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0008. Also 613 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-551-0643. Good Persian food, better at the more adult-oriented L.J. branch. Try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Salad Style 807 F St., Downtown, 619-255-6731. Original salad concoctions for lunch include Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak, with organic greens, tomatoes, smoky mushrooms, hearts of palm, bleu cheese, red meat. The Tally Vegan, a golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market St., Downtown, 619-546-5973. Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages are served Chicago style. Other bun-held treats are the Comiskey Park Pole (charbroiled Polish sausage) and the Italian Stallion (Italian sausage). Inexpensive.

Sole Luna Café 702 Ash St., Downtown, 619-232-0436. Umbrella-strewn terrace is fun. Many items taste straight from Milano, like the breakfast croissant with prosciutto and smoked mozzarella, the Rustico Panino, and the Siciliana salad. Inexpensive to moderate.

Suite & Tender Hotel Sè, 1047 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-3003. Celeb chef Christopher Lee officially

presides — phoning it in from Manhattan. Cocktails are more creative than the corporate, Vegas-created "pick hits" menu. Fine raw bar and surf 'n' turf combos won't rock your world. Expensive.

Tabule 535 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0048. Offshoot of popular Tijuana restaurant offers eclectic, Mexican-based global fusion including fine steaks, duck, seafood, in unexpected preparations — with glimpses of the owner's native Persia and Southeast Asia. Long menu is made for play, no boredom. Low-moderate to expensive.

Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-5788. This clubby bistro/coffee/wine place offers reasonable breakfasts with organic coffees, lunch specials, and elegant happy-hour specials on bites, wines, upscale beers. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Cajon

Ali Baba Restaurant 421 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-442-3622. Chaldean specialties served until midnight, in a "sheik's oasis" atmosphere, offering airy house-baked bread, kebabs, lamb shanks, yummy "potato pie," and a "Feast for Three" that will feed five. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda Casa Blanca 700 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively *camarones al tequila* and *enchiladas suizas* in tangy green sauce. Brunch and all-day buffet Sundays. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraq-rich El Cajon offers exotic like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated

lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. American fries (served all you can eat), french fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu. Lunch runs to deli sandwiches (with potatoes) or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Inexpensive.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Swami's Café 1163 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or

black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites

(hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

Café Bleu 530 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-1717. French-accented, wine-friendly seasonal cuisine with local produce and grazing options to accompany international wines, including fine mushroom vol-au-vent, short ribs with vanilla sauce. Happy-hour bargains, Sunday \$25 three-course dinner, otherwise moderate/expensive.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (including salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

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The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Whole Foods Market 711 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. Also 8825 Villa La Jolla Dr., La Jolla, 858-642-6700. Gourmet organic grocery eat-in/take-out selections offer healthy plates like Emerald Mushrooms salad and couscous studded with almonds, raisins, scrambled egg, and veggies. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish 'n' chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Serious gastronomy, low price. Weekend breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Creative dinner fare varies nightly. Inexpensive to moderate.

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. Great vegan sandwiches on ciabatta or focaccia — the eggplant Baby Greens and the Vegan Fusion (imitation smoked turkey and salami, cheese). But the carnivorous sandwiches are also

way better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, house-made soups. Inexpensive.

Julian

Jeremy's on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kearny Mesa

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by Yankee flying aces, offering classic American fare and mighty cocktails. Moderate.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious Japanese chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like a sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more elegant house specialties, including the "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the

goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tangy tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hang-over Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Adobe el Restaurante 9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000. California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with local produce and something for every taste. Moderately expensive.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-0077. Bond-trader atmosphere, prole prices. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Inexpensive.

Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., La Jolla, 858-452-9858. Spectacular ocean view. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there are generous half-pound hamburgers. Inexpensive.

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-5877. When local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that does them right. The juicy critters come with two



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melted-butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. Moderate.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-454-2500. A dramatic Moroccan restaurant with tented ceilings and low-banquette "sheik" seating offers five-course prix fixe dinners with superb lentil soup, salad, chicken-filled phyllo pie, entrée, and orange-flower perfumed almond baklava. Best entrées: lamb with honey (when available), chicken with olives, duck. Moderate.

Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with close-up sea views serves "Neighborhood American Cuisine" with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian home-style, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Moderate.

La Mesa

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good.

Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Lincoln Park

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Low-moderate.

Little Italy

Just Burgers 2034 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-234-7900. Juicy, healthy, grass-fed beef from happy healthy cows, with a wide choice of burger garnishes. Not cheap, but congratulations — you're PC. Inexpensive-moderate.

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits — in drinks, salads, and combos like *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Bull's BBQ 1129 W. Morena Bl., Midway District, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, file gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Classic North Indian menu specializing in tandoori dishes. Numer-

ous vegan and vegetarian choices, too. Buffet lunch daily and some dinners. Inexpensive.

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the all-you-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), *bengan bartha* (eggplant), and sensational Asian-mango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-

1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

North Park

Apertivo 3926 30th St., North Park, 619-297-7799. Wine-bar/bistro offers tapas of scaled-down Italian classics, including tasty prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, lemon cheesecake mousse. Noisy, no reservations, packed on weekends. Inexpensive.

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert. Inexpensive.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the

same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. Lunchtime specials give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo like chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice. Other specials include *yaki soba*, *champion* noodle soup, and the chicken bowl. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Azafran 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

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Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg's St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and *pastel de choclo* corn pudding, Peru's herbal *seco de cordero* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal*. Moderate.



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Pacific Beach

Baleen 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. The menu features seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, in a room with a water view and monkey-motif decor. Very expensive.

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. Classic French dishes — pâté, ratatouille, calf's liver — in a homey atmosphere. Start off with escargots or mussels and hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Fine dessert pastries and cheese plate. Moderate to expensive.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf 'n' turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel (*unagi*) on rice. Inexpensive.

Kono's 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea view, the prime rib, surf 'n' turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

Zanzibar Café 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Also 707 G St., Downtown, 619-230-0125. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon,

and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Roseville 1125 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-450-6800. Chef Amy DiBise invokes French classics but with twists and local produce, e.g., asparagus subbing for frisée in a bistro salad with pancetta and egg or flawless duck confit that's France's answer to Peking duck. Expensive.

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A 37-year-old, 36-inch man, Lou was “the best midget hooper in the business.”

The press packet for *Herringbone* at the La Jolla Playhouse includes an “artist’s statement” claiming that the “dark, quirky musical allegory” hopes “to illuminate the schizophrenia of what it means to be an American.” Well, first of all, just about every play written these days does that without half trying; and, second, *Herringbone* should concern itself less with ultimate significance and much more with making the story grab audiences, rather than trying to wow them.

The idea’s arresting. It’s 1929, the year, the musical says, “panic became respectable.” People will remember our present economic malaise, says novelist Margaret Atwood, as the time when “debt became the new fat.”

Eight-year-old George Nukin enters a speech contest in Demopolis, Alabama. He wins a \$25 bond and takes acting classes. Somehow, the ghost of Lou — the frog half of Chicken and Frog, a burlesque act — possesses George. A 37-year-old, 36-inch man, Lou was “the best midget hooper in the business.” Lou’s partner murdered him ten years ago. At first jaded, bitter Lou inhabits little

George to get even with his partner (and does). But then, think of it! Now he has the energy of an eight-year-old. And he’s gotta dance!

“Funny how some flowers bloom in plants you’d never guess.” The grafting plunks an experienced old womanizer into the body of an innocent (a song boasts that you can “Build a Man” from the outside in). The combination creates an oxymoronic being: a sex-starved prepubescent. George becomes the best young hooper on the planet, and they head to Hollywood for the big bucks.

The body-mates eventually clash — during a kind of *en flagrante interruptus* at the La Rochelle Hotel — but not much before then. In fact, given the inherent “schizophrenia” of the piece, there’s little tension until the conclusion. This lack comes, in part, because Tom Cone’s book feels padded, as if it began as a 90-minute, no-intermission sprint that got expanded and diluted — the first act especially — in the process.

Tension also wanes because, until the end, most of the drama is tacked on. Then the script makes a major tonal shift, moves inside, and

waxes bipolar/Gothic. The change isn’t just a jump, it’s a vault, unprepared by anything that comes before it, since until now the text has milked the notion of coinhabitants for comedy.

Skip Kennon and Ellen Fitzhugh’s useful score laces standard musical theater numbers with vaudeville intonations. If they marbled in more dissonance, à la Randy Newman, they could help foreshadow the vault into the blue.

B.D. Wong won every imaginable award in 1988 for his performance as Song Liling, the man-woman unbeknownst to his lover for 20 years, in *M. Butterfly*. He’s a regular on *Law and Order*, *Special Victims Unit*, and has performed *Herringbone* several times. He’s an obvious talent, though his opening night fell short of the expected tour de force this show demands. Wong plays 11 characters, sings 14 songs, and narrates as well. He must shift characters in an instant, sing, and dance up a storm as “Little Mister Tippy Toes.”

Would he could sing as well as he dances. Wong brings athletic grace to various styles from tap to waltz. The dances function as brief demonstration pieces, however, and he never has a chance to cut loose with a big number. But then again, he’s in near-constant motion throughout, with every move choreographed by Darren Lee on a whirling turntable.

When Wong sings, particularly when holding a note, his voice goes flat, at times even screechy. It’s hard to tell if he doesn’t have the chops or lost them during rehearsals and previews. That he’s more effective with the early numbers suggests the latter.



B.D. Wong in *Herringbone*

Herringbone, book by Tom Cone, music by Skip Kennon, lyrics by Ellen Fitzhugh
La Jolla Playhouse, UCSD
Directed by Roger Rees; cast: B.D. Wong; scenic design, Eugene Lee; costumes, William Ivey Long; lighting, Christopher Akerlind; sound, Leon Rothenberg
Playing through August 30; Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 858-550-1010.

Wong and multitalented director Roger Rees have worked on several productions of *Herringbone*. What could be a positive may work against them, since the piece, overall, has a cluttered feel. Along with the story, the songs, and dances, the show adds a meta-level about the making of theater. Wong begins in his dressing room (which, thanks to legendary scenic designer Eugene Lee, shuttles on and off the stage, a move from realism to fantasy). As he narrates, Wong sometimes stops and becomes George, and some-



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times himself, struggling with things he forgot to say or with issues in the tale. These self-reflexive takes intrude on the basic story and often appear when creators know a piece too well and want to make it new. They become hooked on leaves and twigs and forget they're growing a forest.

What gets lost in the show-biz dazzle are the core emotions the bizarre yoking of George and Lou should generate. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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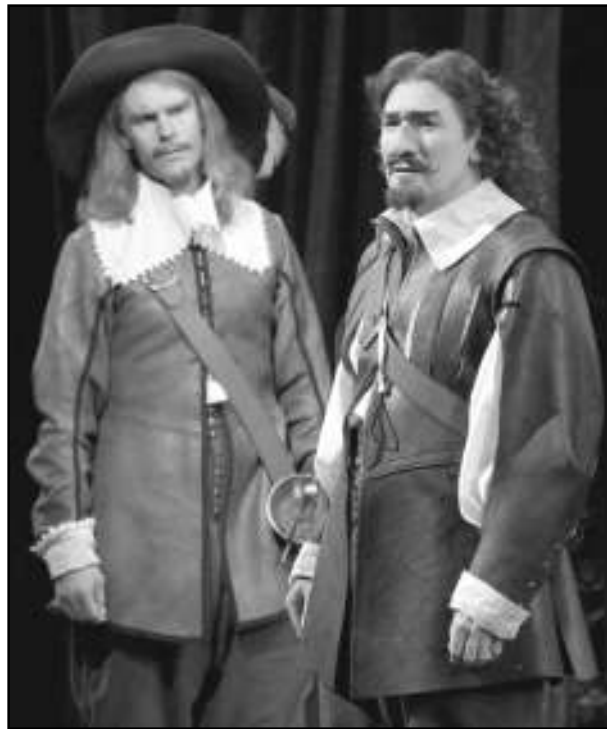
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The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged]

Hey, this one's fun. I've seen several versions of speed-read Shakespeare, including the original, by the Reduced Shakespeare Company (who'd performed it so many times the trio just tried to entertain each other). The Lotus Theatre/Talent to aMuse version stands up to any and all. They blast through the plays, often with updated references (*Chernobyl Kinsmen*, *Titus Androgynous* — as a cooking show). Director Sophie Anderson Ziebell stresses the sheer impossibility of the task, and the cast (Kevin Six, Tyler Richard Hewes, and Tom Hall) performs with an urgency that stays funny: i.e., when asked to do an insane task, go loopy (the only questionable choice: four-letter language narrows the potential audience). The Swedenborg Hall has never been lit better (Marie Miller), and the sound design/background music (Blair Robert Nelson) is a real plus as well. **Worth a try.** SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 29.



Cyrano de Bergerac

Coriolanus

Legend has it that Shakespeare's words flowed unimpeded from mind to pen to paper. Coriolanus, an early Roman warrior, had the same ability. In Shakespeare it's a gift, in Coriolanus a curse, since he cannot be other than himself. Greg Derelian plays Coriolanus at the Old Globe. Though he has an annoying habit of delivering most speeches as HEADLINES, his close-cropped hair and swagger give him instant stature in the modern-dress (circa 1930) production. He could trounce anyone else onstage, which is a problem since stronger opponents would have made the Roman, who fights "dragon-like," even stronger (Steve Rankin's fight choreography, usually an ally, has actors make tentative thrusts and parries, as if careful not to do harm). Darko Tresnjak, an always inventive director, devised some remarkable overlaps: battles and their consequences appear as if coming from the mind of Coriolanus's domineering mother, Volumnia. In Tresnjak's insightful reading, the gods answer her prayers, but in the extreme. Celeste Ciulla's haunted Volumnia watches nightmares unfold as if staring into a furnace. (Note: *Coriolanus* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Cyrano de Bergerac

Okay, it's a long show — over three hours — but Darko Tresnjak's staging and Patrick Page's commanding performance make the time fly. Everyone probably knows about his nose and how Cyrano became the 17th century equivalent of a "Renaissance Man," skilled and courageous in all things save his heart's desire. One of the fascinating aspects of Page's performance: where most Cyranos accentuate the positive — the panache, the swashbuckling, the Disney of it all — Page faces the rift in the man

head on. He admirably walks his own path but pays for being an absolute outsider (in a strange way, the hyperverbal, romantic Cyrano resembles Shakespeare's Coriolanus, who also excels at war and walls himself from intimacy). And the witty Roxane (a terrific Dana Green) pays as well. The Old Globe production unfolds like a pageant. Anna R. Oliver's splendid period outfits dazzle the eye, and Christopher R. Walker's sound merits special mention. When Page whispers, every word is clear. (Note: *Cyrano* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Critic's pick.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

The First Wives Club

Commercial fluff. The husbands are self-centered, manipulative jerks (why did the women marry these oafs in the first place?), the wives gravely wronged but otherwise impeccable human beings, save for a soupçon of low self-esteem. They bond and devise a tripartite comeuppance, not only duping the dopes but getting rich along the way. The Old Globe's world-premiere musical is "Broadway bound," says the pub. And since Broadway embraces shallow remakes of movies set to music, it may find an audience. The songs, by the legendary Brian Holland, Lamont Dozier, and Eddie Holland, who wrote some of the best music the Four Tops and Supremes ever sang, are always serviceable, and boffo when need be (and don't require the rabid overselling the production gives every note — every MOMENT, for that matter). The book, however, is a stumblethrough, nearly three hours long, with three conclusions before the conclusion, and some of the most narrowly drawn characters in memory. Peter J. Davison's fluid scenic designs, with Big Apple backdrops, are simple and stunning, while Lisa Stevens's bland

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choreography is been-there, done-that. Sam Harris and Sara Chase, in supporting roles, will be headliners soon. Leads Karen Ziemba, Barbara Walsh, and Sheryl Lee Ralph almost raise their characters to the level of sitcom. Almost.

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The Glory of Living

InterMission Productions presents Rebecca Gilman's drama about 15-year-old Lisa, her marriage to Clint, an ex-con twice her age, and the crimes she abets. Carla Nell directed. 619-245-4958.

8TEEN ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER, 3925 OHIO ST., NORTH PARK. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS.

"Godspell"

Lamb's Players presents this musical, by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, telling parables of Jesus as found in the gospel of Matthew. Robert Smyth directed. 619-437-0600.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Herringbone

The La Jolla Playhouse stages the "darkly comic, highly theatrical

musical" about George, an eight-year-old with an affinity for tap dancing, during the Great Depression.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Welk Resorts Theatre presents the tongue-in-cheek musical about the parable of Joseph and his brothers with different styles of music.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM FRIDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

Leaving Iowa

Lamb's Players presents the San Diego premiere of Tim Clue and Spike Manton's tribute to family vacations back when "seat belts were optional, 'stupid' was a bad word, and Dad never stopped in any of the cool places." Kerry Meads directed.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20.

Measure for Measure

They're baa-ack! Richard Baird and the always-adventuresome Poor Players are back on a local stage, after far too long a hiatus, reprising their stark, funny, well-spoken pro-



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duction of Shakespeare's "comedy." Between a cross and a hangman's noose, the evening unfolds with crisp scenes and adroit nuances.

Baird excels as Angelo, the seeming saint gone power-mad with a "little brief authority" and an unexpected love for Isabella, a nun-to-be

(played with clarity, astonishment, and hurt — the apt ending, in particular — by Amanda Schaar). San Diego newcomer Eric Schoen is

terrific in four roles, but especially as ne'er-do-well Lucio, whose mouth becomes a parking lot for

his foot. The eight-person cast doubles and triples roles, many walking offstage as one character then emerging, in a jiff, as another.

On opening night only David Loar's Duke wasn't up to snuff. He rushed lines, tripping over some, and made the Duke a one-note interloper, rather than a man known to have "crotchets" (i.e., "strange whims") in him.

Worth a try. OFF BROADWAY THEATRE, 131 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-806-7905. 8PM THURSDAY,

8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 16.

The Mystery of Irma Vep

The Old Globe Theatre presents Charles Ludlam's satire of theatrical and movie melodramas with ghosts and things that go bump in the night ("Irma Vep" being an anagram for "vampire"). Henry Wishcamper directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences."

NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Noises Off

Due to popular demand, Cygnet Theatre has extended the run of this show. It's one thing to put a horse through its paces. Director Sean Murray puts thoroughbred actors through a three-act steeplechase in Michael Frayn's helter-skelter, longish farce about the on- and back-stage doings of a British touring company. An excellent cast keeps funny what in lesser hands could become monotonous (the farce piles ineptitude upon ineptitude and loses some oomph by Act 3). Most of their work resembles a silent film: speechless, they employ often hilarious gestures and movements (thanks to George Ye's intricate stunts, including Jason Heil's breathtaking spill down the stairs).

Rosina Reynolds and Jessica John, Craig Noel Award winners for drama, show they're just as adept at comedy. And Jonathan McMurtry, as a doddering thespian, remains the Clown Prince of same. Sean Fanning's ingenious, eight-door set swivels from on- to backstage. The crew that built it merits special mention.

Worth a try. CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6.

Phantom

Moonlight presents Kopit and Yeston's musical, which is not THE Phantom based on Gaston Leroux's novel. Todd Nielsen directed.

MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREN- GLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TER- RACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATUR- DAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNES- DAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 29.

Shopping & F***ing

Triad Productions and Compass Theatre present Mark Ravenhill's study of our consumer-obsessed so- ciety. Three young derelicts "spiral towards a point of no return."

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 8PM FRI- DAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUN- DAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13.

The 39 Steps

The La Jolla Playhouse stages Patrick Barlow's adaptation of the Hitchcock movie whodunit in which a mysterious woman lures Richard Hannay into a world of in- trigue. Maria Aitken directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUES- DAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13.

Time Flies

New Village Arts opened its inau- gural Summer Comedy Festival with six of David Ives's bizarre short plays that warp both time and space. The title one-act sets the tone: two mayflies on a date learn they only live 24 hours; things speed up. In *Soap Opera*, a man's obsessed with a washing machine's perfection, while the machine (gifted Rachel Van Wormer in plat- inum, including her attitude) yearns for imperfection. Some bits are stronger than others, but the combination makes for a thought- provoking, always-funny evening.

The eight-person cast, ably directed by Joshua Everett Johnson, has ob- vious glee in breaking all the rules and performing over-the-top char- acters. In the final one-act, *Degas C'est Moi*, Johnson plays a man who plays the artistic genius for a day (and comes to the same con- clusion as the washing machine). In a way, *Degas* was hard to watch, since Johnson will be leaving San Diego, come the fall, and he has made a truly indelible contribution to local theater.

Worth a try.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 16.

Twelfth Night

One of the joys of theatergoing is watching a large cast perform with no weak links. When each actor comes back on, you're glad to see them and curious about what they'll do next. The Old Globe's *Twelfth Night*, directed with flair and heart by Paul Mullins, sports such a nicely honed ensemble it's difficult, even unfair, to single out individuals. That said, however, two stand out. James Newcomb's sad- eyed Feste frames the production's sprightly antics with an ancient, this-too-shall-pass wisdom. He isn't just a wise fool. This Feste could have written Ecclesiastes. Patrick Page makes Malvolio the exact op- posite. Every moment is brand-new. His black hair Hitler-slicked across his forehead, Page shows that a little innocence can be a dangerous thing. Mullins smartly reset the play in the Italian Riviera in the 1950s, a choice that lets costume designer Linda Cho work in Technicolor. Ralph Funicello keeps his set static by design. The focus stays, right- fully, on terrific ensemble acting and Shakespeare's menagerie of cross-gendered, cross-gartered ma- niacs rendered loopy by love. (Note: *Twelfth Night* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Critic's pick. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUES- DAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Wicked And you thought you knew Oz. The wonderful musical, based on Gregory Maguire's novel, takes the familiar tale and spins it around. As the musical says, several times, you will be "looking at things an- other way." Long before Dorothy had to play the home version of *Flip This House*, Oz fell from grace. A virus of marginalization infected the region. Among those made Other: green-skinned Elphaba. She will become the Wicked Witch of the West with good reason, bless her defiant heart! *Wicked's* loaded with splashy effects (myriad clogged wheels make the stage re- semble the inside of a watch), but the musical works its major won- ders in the characters' interactions. The leads are excellent. While El- phaba (Donna Vivino) is adamant, young Galinda (Katie Rose Clark) and male ingenue Fiyero (Richard H. Blake) come off, at first, like Ken and Barbie. But unlike the movie, which opts for the status quo ("there's no place like home" — i.e., if your life feels like a black-and-white movie, be con- tent), in *Wicked* Galinda and Fiyero grow up. People can change — for the better.

Critic's pick. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-570-1100. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATUR- DAYS, 1PM AND 6PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

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somebody. So they pick on the homeless. ‘Who wants ‘em? I’ll stab him or shoot him or pour gasoline on him and light it.’ That hasn’t happened too many times in this city, but it has happened. Some of that violence was probably over booze or dope, where the homeless got into conflicts among themselves. I remember a guy in Balboa Park a couple of years ago got stabbed over a cigarette.”

But in Johnson’s view, the homeless were not more dangerous than others. He believed that disrespectful behavior sometimes provoked conflict with them. “When asked for money,” he said, “someone will say, ‘Get away from me, tramp.’ Statements like that could set off someone who’s potentially violent, especially if they are bipolar.”

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I told a story about an incident that happened years ago while I was on the town with a group of people. A filthy-looking man approached us and asked for spare change. The most professional man in our group reached into his pocket and pulled out what looked to be 15 pennies. He flung them on the ground before the man and walked on laughing.

“Yeah, stuff like that,” said Johnson, “you want to set off a potentially violent homeless guy, sneer at him with something like ‘Get a job, you bum.’”

I asked about the City Liquor House and its owners. “Oh, the owners are great people,” he said. “They don’t sell alcohol to anyone who looks too drunk.”

Back at the store, the couple’s nephew Ramiz told me he’s even tougher. “If some guys bought three beers an hour ago and they’re back in the store wanting more, I won’t sell to them.” ■

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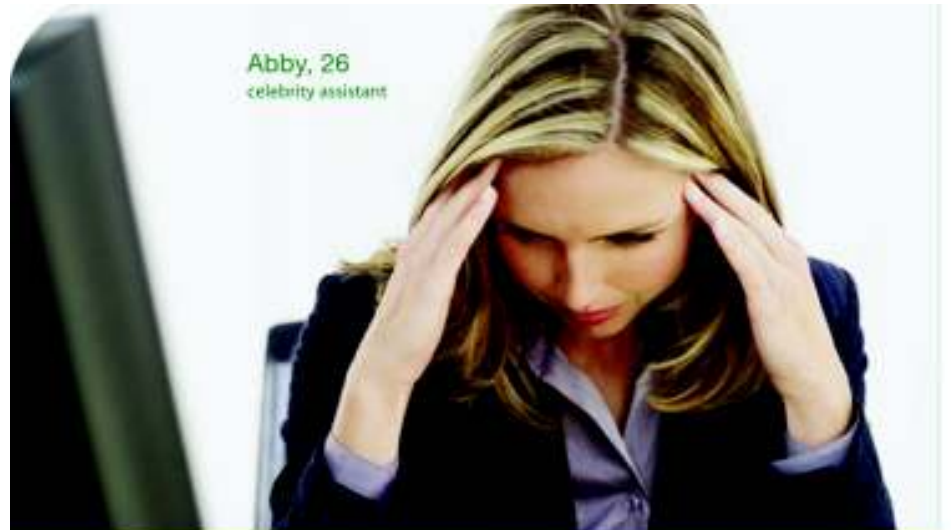
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Westcal Construction also reported that shovels, sledgehammers, jackhammers, and approximately 2300 feet of copper electrical wiring were stolen Wednesday night.

By Diane McNelly, 8/10/09

War of the Words

Chula Vista — For years, city-council chambers has served as the battleground

for many political wars. The latest battle continues more than a month after deputy mayor John McCann's deployment to Iraq.

During last Tuesday's city-council meeting, before the council voted to fill McCann's seat through an appointment process similar to the one used for the port commissioner, residents broadsided councilmember Rudy Ramirez over comments he made about McCann after he left for Iraq.

The harshest of all the comments came during a 12-minute diatribe from Myssie McCann, the deputy mayor's wife.

"I stand before you as the spouse of a serviceman, meaning to discuss the appalling and disgusting behavior of the city council, specifically Rudy Ramirez, towards my husband's military service."

She also lambasted Ramirez for cracking a joke about whether McCann would still receive a car allowance (McCann opposed a car allowance for council members).

Afterward, Ramirez commented on allegations that he was callous and insensitive toward those serving in the military and their families.

"I couldn't sit and not react to some of the words that have been expressed. I really want [the McCanns] to know that I recognize the sacrifice that you and your family [have made]."

By Dorian Hargrove, 8/7

Comments

1. As a fellow wife of a serviceman, I stand with Mrs. McCann's disgust at the low tactics of Mr. Ramirez. I'm peeved that he would use the deployment to make nasty cracks. Mr. McCann isn't here to answer. News flash: he's in Iraq, not Barbados!

By kriste 10:35 a.m., Aug 7

2. In this Navy/Marine Corps town, you have to be really dumb to attack a service member directly or by innuendo.

By Visduh 5:13 p.m., Aug 9

3. What pains Mr. Ramirez is that he accidentally revealed his contempt for those willing to die to defend his right to be free. If he were any kind of man, he'd resign with an apology for slandering the honor of those he's supposed to represent.

By kriste 8 a.m., Aug 10

A male in his 20s was stabbed in the left ribcage and lower left leg. The victim went to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police say the victim, an admitted gang member, was uncooperative with their investigation. No one was arrested.

Police had India Street blocked off to northbound traffic between Kalmia and Laurel streets for the duration of the investigation. As late as 1:20 a.m., drivers heading north on India were diverted to Kettner Boulevard when they arrived at Kalmia Street.

By Steve Horvath, 8/6

Goodbye, Wahrenbrock's

Downtown San Diego — August 2009 began with another old-guard downtown business biting the dust. Locally owned Wahrenbrock's Book



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By Michell Thitathan, 8/6

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Lively Senior Moment

Imperial Beach — Shortly after 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, a 91-year-old man crashed his Dodge Caravan into the entrance railing outside the CVS/pharmacy in the Imperial Beach Promenade Shopping Center.

According to a San Diego sheriff's deputy on the scene, the driver "...forgot he had put the parking brake on..." as he was maneuvering into the handicapped spot.

The driver's car jumped the sidewalk, traveled 12 feet into the walkway railing, bending it over several feet, snapping the bottom railing in half. The car's engine continued to accelerate against the

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steel bar supports, the spinning tires leaving thick skid marks.

"He got confused with the pedals," said Sgt. Lopez, who issued the driver a citation. A community service officer on the scene taking pictures was asked if the driver had a license. "Yes," he answered, "but probably not after this."

By Peter C. Salisbury, 8/7

Comments

1. An 88-year-old had a heart attack and died, crashing his car into a guard rail on the 163 going into downtown. Please, let's take old peoples' drivers licenses.

By joshb 5:10 p.m., Aug 7

2. 1) Heart attacks and other incapacitating ailments can (and do)

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strike drivers of all ages, without warning.

2) Many more young, aggressive, and careless drivers cause accidents than do older drivers. (Why do you think your insurance is so high?)

3) You'll be old someday too, JoshB—let's see how you like it when someone wants to take your freedom away.

Why don't we suggest solutions, like require road tests for license renewal every year, for say, those 70 and up?

By irishwriter

7:12 p.m., Aug 8

3. Irish, I like your idea for license renewal every year after age 70. That sounds good. And, I'd

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want the DMV to be REALLY strict with those drivers. If they are going

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45 on the freeway, they should immediately flunk the test.

The argument that younger drivers cause more accidents is one of those bogus statistics.

By joshb 2:23 p.m., Aug 9

4. Josh, I think the claim is that teenage drivers (and specifically male ones) have the STATISTICALLY highest rate of accidents. And I suspect it's true. But I'm open to correction if anyone knows otherwise.

By russl 2:46 p.m., Aug 9

5. Oh, I have NO DOUBT that that statistic is accurate. But there's nothing the DMV can do to screen WHICH teenagers are going to act like idiots behind the wheel. If they pass the test, they pass the test. Maybe they should get strict laws passed that if you get a speeding ticket

over a certain speed, before the age of 21, you lose your driving privilege.

By joshb 1:20 a.m., Aug 10

Fast and Furious

Banker's Hill — Looking for ways to slow down traffic in their community, residents are gaining ground on bringing in additional stop signs along Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth avenues.

From April to July, the residents tracked more than 40 accidents in Banker's Hill, several with serious injuries and one involving a car running through a print shop storefront, narrowly missing the workers inside.

With the accident data in tow, the community's initiative to install stop signs on Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth avenues at Hawthorne, Quince, and Nutmeg streets to reduce speeds along the Banker's

Hill corridor appears to have worked.

During the past three years, Banker's Hill residents have repeatedly asked City officials to respond to their wishes and calm traffic through their neighborhood.

Two years and several requests from the community later, councilmember Kevin Faulconer is taking action and is now the driving force behind installing the nine additional stop signs.

By Dorian Hargrove, 8/5

Comments

1. Why not install a few roundabouts?....LMAO!

By PistolPete

9:33 p.m., Aug 5

2. That's actually a great suggestion. Better than putting in unnecessary stop signs everyone can then roll through because they're pissed about having them there, so then residents complain about that,

and cops start writing tickets for failure to stop at a stop sign that shouldn't even be there.

By rickeysays

11:55 p.m., Aug 5

3. My roundabouts joke was kind of in jest. When I drove, I only encountered one here or there in Illinois and they weren't THAT confusing. When I went to see my folks in Wisconsin back in March, they installed one in my father's hometown. What an odd sight that was.

By PistolPete

1:16 a.m., Aug 6

4. We have lots of them here in Tijuana; they are called "glorietas." They are amazingly effective in controlling traffic.

By refriedgringo

1:21 a.m., Aug 6

Big Hitachi

Tijuana — Hitachi's maquiladoras ceased operations on August 1. The two factories — 24,000 and 68,000 square meters in

size — cranked out televisions and computer screens. The closures were implemented due to dwindling demand.

Two years ago, 3100 Mexicans worked at Hitachi, one of the top-paying employers in the city. Now, 250 employees remain.

By T.B. Beaudreau, 8/4

Chair Man Down

Imperial Beach — An elderly man in a motorized wheelchair was struck by a car on the corner of Palm Avenue and 11th Street on Friday afternoon, July 31.

The man was attempting to cross Palm and started from behind the 933 bus, which was at a scheduled stop to let off passengers. As the man cleared the back of the bus, he was struck by a dark metallic silver sedan with two women inside. The sedan was making a right turn onto Palm Avenue from 11th Street.

The wheelchair spun

around 360 degrees, and the man fell to the ground. The two women got out and helped the man to his feet while I maneuvered his chair back into position for him to sit back down. The woman who was driving stayed to help the man, while the passenger got into the car and left.

By Justin McGlynn, 8/4

Pedestrian Progress

Carmel Mountain — Additional funding to complete the Ted Williams Parkway Pedestrian Bridge project at Shoal Creek Drive in Carmel Mountain Ranch has been secured.

Approximately \$2.3 million in federal and local funds had been raised, but an additional \$2.5 million from "stimulus" funding (allocated at the end of June) will ensure that the bridge is completed on schedule. Information at sandiego.gov states that the project is estimated to cost \$4.5 million.

The bridge project is expected to make it safer for pedestrians headed toward Shoal Creek Elementary School, near the southeast corner of the Shoal Creek Drive and Ted Williams Parkway intersection.

By Nathaniel Uy, 8/4

Comments

1. These pedestrian bridges are an amazing waste of money. 4.5 MILLION dollars! Hire a crossing guard to work before and after school, pay him \$10 an hour, and it would take about 450 years to cost this much money. But it's easy to spend when nobody's accountable. It's not real money.

By rickeysays 4:32 a.m., Aug 5

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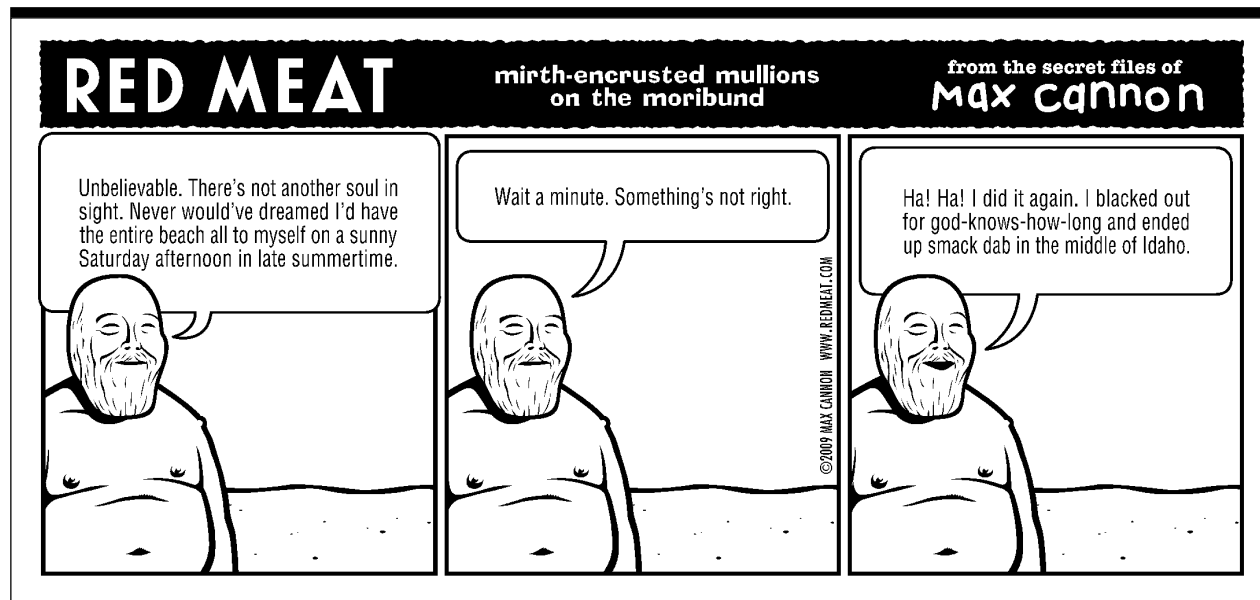
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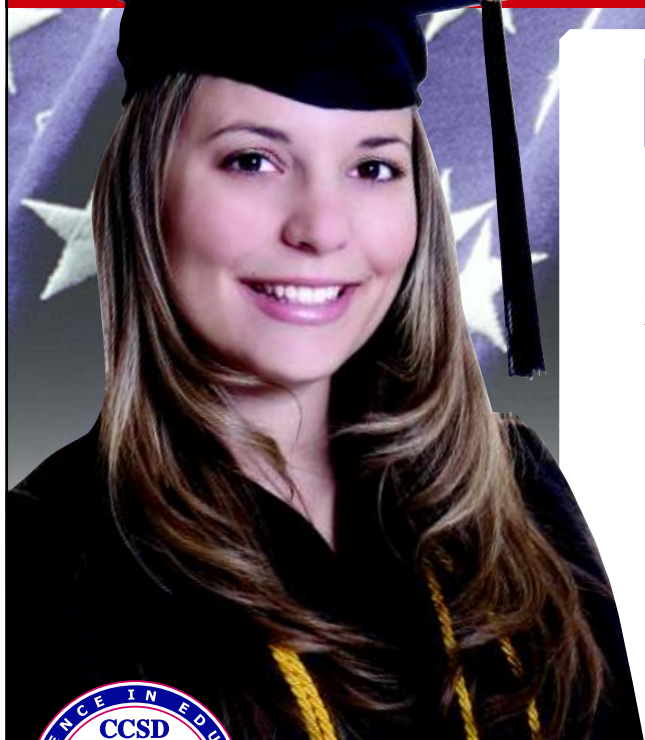
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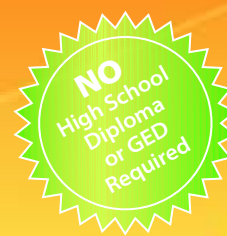
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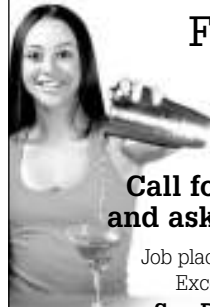
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2) Be one of the first 100 people who submit the correct answers to the puzzle and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no e-mail addresses or phone numbers). This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle contest ranking, shown online and for the first 50 printed in the paper, will begin anew every three months beginning October 1, 2009. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions must be attached to e-mails in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 5 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

And now for the really small print:

1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- Kid's cry
- Shah : Iran :: _____ : Russia
- Some appliances
- _____-Detoo of "Star Wars"
- Throat ailment
- Stephen of "Michael Collins"
- Much-publicized retiree

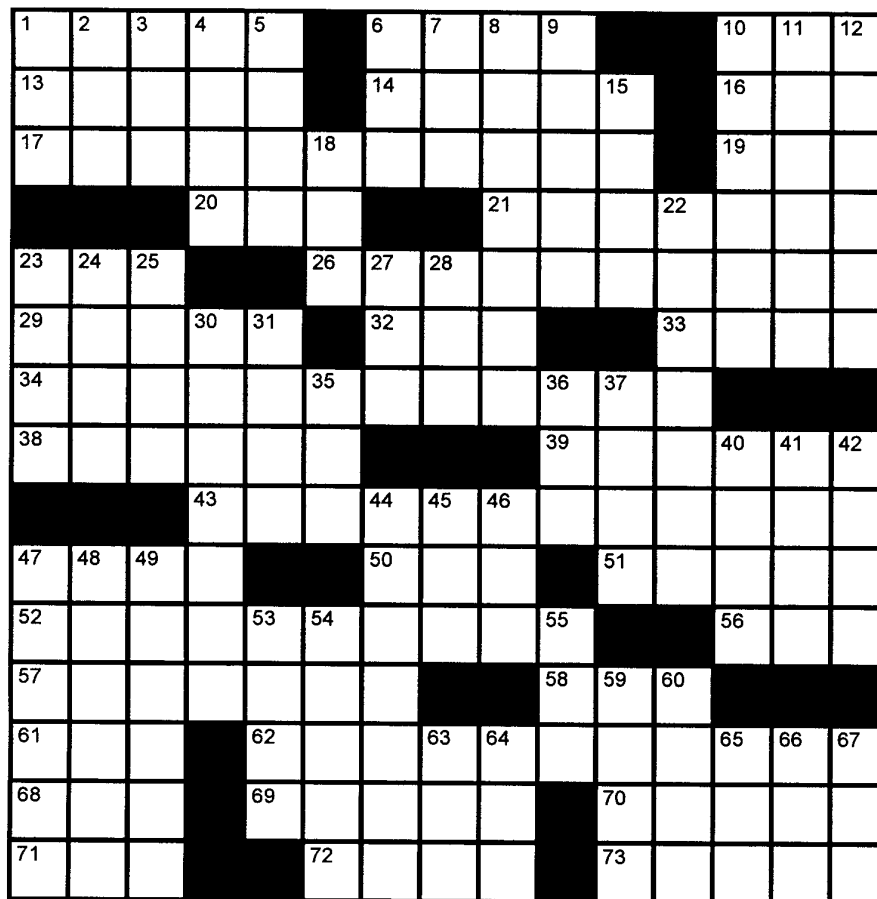
of 2009

- Writer Rand
- Child support?
- "Ain't that the truth?"
- "Spring ahead" letters
- "Lives of Girls and Women" author
- Children's author Blyton and others
- 8 x 10, say: Abbr.
- Colon, in an emoticon
- Actress who says "I'm just a girl standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her" in a 1999 movie
- To-do list
- Related to hearing
- Olympian who wrote the 1995 autobiography "Breaking the Surface"
- United _____ Emirates
- Tummy muscles
- Matches, as tracks
- Subject of the film biography "The Immortal Count"
- "Didn't I tell you?"
- Losing it all
- <http://> follower
- That's "that" in Tijuana
- His first talk show debuted in 1967
- "You betcha"
- 1967 war locale
- Unbroken mount
- '60s leftist grp.
- "Tomorrow is Saturday!"
- Famous quintet that 17-, 26-, 34-, 43-, 52- and 62-Across all have in common

Down

- Loony
- Sixty minuti
- Network that cancelled "TRL" in 2008 after 2,500 episodes
- Drudgery

- Friend to 13-Across
- Name on a Chinese menu
- Disco _____ of "The Simpsons"
- Time piece?
- Oscar winner Witherspoon
- _____ Smith apple
- Hundred Acre Wood character
- Poet Sherod
- Victorian
- Where one might get steamed
- Ruby of song
- _____ vu
- Far from baggy
- Scrabble piece
- Sign before Virgo
- Schubert's Symphony No. 8 _____ Minor
- Nutcake
- Baghdad's _____ City
- Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
- President Johannes _____ of Germany, 1999-2004
- Pulls (on)
- Cozy retreats
- Head case?
- To be, to Claudius
- All choked up?
- Wall Street deal: Abbr.
- CIA precursor
- Monk homes
- Got extra service from
- Journalists Joseph and Stuart
- They may be sealed
- Still alive, in dodgeball
- _____ Jima
- Sports org. formed in 1996
- Ending with flat or spy
- "Love Story" composer Francis
- "What's the _____?"
- _____ polloi
- Game with Wild Draw Four cards
- Old French coin



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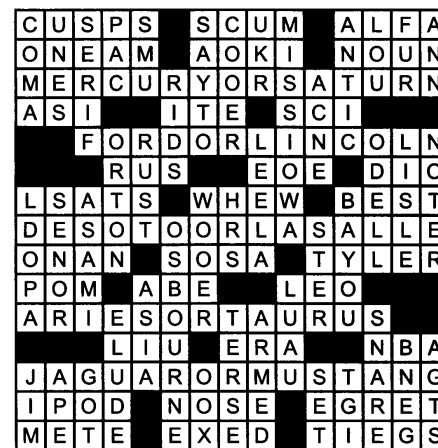
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Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 30. *Awesome food at Dehli Kitchen, Carmel Mountain Ranch.*

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 30. *Oops - goofed last week.*

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 30. *No complaints from me - I am in love!*

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 30. *Another Wednesday night spent doing word games.*

Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 30. *Earlier, but not early enough.*

Ron Meyer, Santee, 30. *Thanks, Hunny, for the great birthday gifts!*

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 30. *Like a day in the park... sdmm.org.*

Ted Scaffidi, Hillcrest, 30. *Salve bilious et hilarious!*

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 30. *Entry was too slow - costs one week in contenders.*

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 30. *Call/write your Congressmen - raise a little hell!*

Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 29. *Happy Anniversary Baby! I love you so much!*

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 29. *Unfair advantage to those who can get Reader earlier.*

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 29. *Football is here! Go Chargers!*

Eddie O. Spaghetto, Coronado, 29. *IVB143DEB! I vove.vou.vove.vovav.vvav.vevvevvav!CIUM.*

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 29. *New rules every week. Just like a kid again!*

Jim Odell, Vista, 29. *Triente. Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 28.* *I love my hubster, Michael.*

Sara Khwaja, Poway, 28. *Check out: <http://theyrodwest.blogspot.com/>*

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 28. *Cars or clunkers.*

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 28. *Happy Anniversary, Pammy, my love.*

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 27. *Focus!*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 27. *We all need a little change-up now and then!*

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 27. *Want to make 14 dollars the hard way?*

Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 27. *The mistaken patriarch of the Saigon eatery was Pho Pa.*

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 27. *Viva Mexico. Let's go.*

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 27. *Drink nothing without seeing it; sign nothing without reading it.*

Kyle Matzke, Vista, 27. *Your new rules suck. You've screwed up a good thing.*

John Pertle, Santee, 27. *1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:8; Acts 16:31*

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 26. *First 50 - why?*

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 26. *9 was the robber who left lookin' pale.*

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 26. *Beat the heat! Hit the beach - it's perfect! Endless summer!*

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 26. *God bless San Diego and everyone else.*

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 26. *I hate the new rules!*

Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 26. *Heartland Lions, "we serve"*

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 26. *No time to talk - gotta get my puzzle done!*

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 26. *No fair. I don't have a scanner or fax machine.*

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 26. *Nonnie: Wishing you a very happy birthday! WLY, KDRS*

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 26. *Golly Miss Molly.*

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 26. *If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.*

M. Zimmermann, Vista, 26. *My wife and I were happy for 20 years. Then we met.*

Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 25. *Oh Shannon, not you too!*

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 25. *I love New York.*

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 25. *www.geocaching.com*

James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 25. *Go Padres!*

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 25. *Shark Week forever!*

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 24. *No more overpaid rednecks on the Pads.*

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 24. *"As long as the cuffs and collar matches"*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 24. *Alpha Bravo? Must be that Marconi again!*

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 23. *Beware health books - you could die of a misprint.*

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 23. *I must have it wrong because I don't get it.*

Best Buys

— EVE KELLY

“Of course everyone wants to visit us,” I quipped to my husband Patrick. “We live in America’s Finest City.”

“Fine,” he retorted. “But all at once? Old-timers, hipsters, and tweens — it’s too much. You figure out what to do with them. I’m going bowling with the guys.”

Bingo. Or rather, bowling. Perfect for old-timers, hipsters, and tweens.

It was with the hipsters in mind that I put in a call to East Village Tavern & Bowl (619-677-2695, bowlevt.com) downtown.

“Some people have the impression that we’re expensive, but we’re not,” explained marketing director Jacqueline Delaney. “Our bowling rates are \$45 an hour for peak times and \$35 for off-peak. Each lane can have up to six people, so the cost per person can be as low as \$7.50 per person during peak hours. And we offer free bowling



Monday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. with a minimum \$10 purchase.” (Shoe rental is extra: \$3.95 per person.) “And walk-on game rates are also available: \$4.95 to \$5.95 per person per game, depending on the time.” (EVT&B hours: 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. daily.)

What to get with that \$10 minimum purchase? “We have a fairly extensive menu — it was created by the Food Dude, who has his own cooking show. Things like Italian-style paninis, steak sliders, burgers, salads, and bar munchies. We even serve breakfast on the weekends. There’s a pool table and 50-inch HD flat-screen TVs. We get all the sports here, even the fights, and you can watch them for free. The atmosphere is fun — you can hop up from the bar, bowl, then come back and eat. It’s a great alternative to the cover charges and dress codes in the rest of the Gaslamp.”

Bill Rossman, manager of Parkway Bowl in El Cajon (619-448-4111, parkwaybowl.com), also boasted of his establishment’s atmosphere. “We’ve got 68 lanes and a great mix of people. In the morning the ladies come in, in the afternoon I’ve got the seniors; after school I get kids. The adult leagues come in the

evenings, and then the younger crowd comes in after 9 p.m.” But it’s not all segregated. “The entire family can bowl together. We’ve got the training bumpers for the kids, so the ball doesn’t go in the gutter. And we have a special device that allows wheelchair-bound people to bowl without even touching the ball.” And besides those 68 lanes, “We’ve got a full bar, a coffee shop, and a pizzeria. The Boardwalk area has rides and redemption games, and we have laser tag and billiards.”

Pricing can be found on Parkway Bowl’s website. “Lane rental varies by time of day. Shoe rental is \$3. Sundays before noon, we run a family special: all lanes \$8.50 an hour. We have another special that the high school and college kids like: from midnight to 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays it’s only \$1.50 per game per person.” Parkway Bowl is open 8:30 a.m.–12:30 a.m. Sunday–Thursday and 8:30 a.m.–3 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Dottie at Kearny Mesa Bowl (858-279-1501, kearnymesabowl.com) told me, “It’s fairly easy to get a lane during the day, but weeknights it’s full of league play until 9 p.m. After that, we have open play again.” Like Parkway Bowl, Kearny Mesa Bowl features a full bar, a snack

bar, pool tables, and a game room. “We do karaoke in the bar on Friday and Saturday as well as Rock ‘n Bowl, which is bowling with music.”

Prices and open-play hours are posted online and range “from \$18 per hour during the week to \$24 per hour on the weekends. But on Tuesday and Wednesday night it’s just \$25 a lane from 9:30–midnight. And on Sunday, if you get in before 10 a.m., you can buy two hours for the price of one [\$18].” (Shoe rental, \$3.50)

Finally, I checked out Aztec Center Bowling & Games at SDSU (619-594-6561). “We’re open 9 a.m.–6 p.m., and it’s first come, first served,” said an employee. “We’re open to students, faculty, and the public. We have 12 lanes for bowling [\$3.25 per game for the public, with \$1.75 shoe rental], pool [\$1 a game], and table tennis [\$.25 a game]. Oh, and we have a Wii.” (I didn’t ask about Wii bowling.)

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3) The puzzle contest ranking, shown online and for the first 50 printed in the paper, will begin anew every three months beginning October 1, 2009. Complete the journey four times a year!

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6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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EASY:

1	2	7	6	4	8	5	9	3
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9	8	5	3	2	1	4	7	6
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7	5	4	8	1	9	3	6	2
5	4	3	1	6	7	9	2	8
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MEDIUM:

6	9	7	1	2	5	4	3	8
4	2	5	7	3	8	6	9	1
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8	6	9	5	7	1	3	4	2
9	4	1	8	5	3	7	2	6
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HARD:

3	4	6	9	7	2	5	8	1
9	7	1	6	5	8	2	4	3
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EVIL:

5	8	7	9	4	6	1	3	2
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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

EASY:

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 14. Easy, peasy, lemon squeezy!
John Pertle, Santee, 12. Believe in the lord Jesus Christ For Eternal Salvation.
Margaret Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 8. How very mean spirited of you. First fifty indeed.
Eric Anderson, Escondido, 4. Elfin!
Paula Davis, San Diego, 3. Have fun P. and S.
Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 3. Happy Centennial Anniversary San Ysidro!
Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 2. Now, back to finish evil
Sherie Hubble, Alpine, 1. RAIN on us, Rain Gods.
Kristy L., Santee, 1. I love Krsi 4-ever Ryry's Grill

MEDIUM:

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 11. 7 was the blackbird who flew off to Havana!
Tiffany Renteria, San Diego, 11. My turtle is flying home this Weekend! August 8, 2009
Neil Gibbs, Encinitas, 10. Life's too complicated for more evil!
Koduko, Poway, 10. This will never make it to print

Becca Cates, Jamul, 5. My work is equivalent to the office on NBC

Kathleen Allegri, Pacific Beach, 3. This is the year! Go Chiefs!!

Lynn Connerney, Serra Mesa, 3. I survived a week of driving in Massachusetts!

Ryan Harris, San Diego, 3. I wanna know... PS - Green Towels... LOL!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2. Space for our 15 secs sold for pot ads!

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 1. Hi Hector mama loves you.

Taylor Lara, Oceanside, 1. Smile; Life is beautiful

HARD:

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 7. We wanna eat Mike's boeuf bourguignien chapignon.

Marty Sinigayan, Point Loma, 7. Gotta get my Reader on Wednesday to make the 50!

Joe Furia, Pacific Beach, 3. Running out of stuff to say

John Stauch, San Diego, 2. Beat Alzheimer's at Adventures in Bridge

Simon Hubble, Alpine, 1. Wildfire season is nigh, decrease risk, tell SDG&E

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 15.

Heavily regulate capitalism, gold standard 4 world ...

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 15. Should now be 15 you neglected to count 7/23 puzzle!

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 15. Need break from a world where rules change? ...

Clyde Christie, East Village, 14. Civilization is a thin and fragile skin covering s...

Julio Magno, San Diego, 14. My wife is the best. Happy anniversary

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 13. ...with my T.B.

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 13. I'm one of 50, but my babe is 1 in a zillion

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 13. I hate the new rules.

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 13. About half an hour this week Mart (believe it or n...

Harry Walker, La Jolla, 13. Puzzle is not fun with new rules. Don't get Reader...

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 12. Need to Thursday morning to get printed

Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 11. Happy 10th anniversary suzanne and garth.

Delfin Bernardo, National City, 9. Yes, Cory Aquino, Icon of democracy-philipino

R.J. Carino, San Diego, 7. Aw man. What happened to mine last week...

Donald Erwin, San Marcos, 6. "I have a passion idleness" Cioacchino Rossini

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 6. Dr. Spera you are the best! Enjoy Cabo.

Ted Tarris, Serra Mesa, 6. Avoid Village Apts.
Harry Graf, Poway, 5. the real evil is excess government

Robert Varga, Poway, 5. Go James- you are the best!

Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 4. The evil made me do it

Toby Campbell, Lakeside, 3. A sparrow in your hand is better than a pigeon on ...

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 3. Much harder! I love you Naomi

Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 3. This one's... For John!!

David Schwartz, Clairmont, 3. Join the Guild of Calamitous Intent

Ron Athey, Santee, 1. Go Yankees!

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Living a Brain-Healthy Lifestyle. Saturday, Aug. 15, 1pm. Concerned about preserving your memory? Alzheimer's Association discussion. Free. Casa de Oro Library. 619-463-3236.

Home-Grown Compost. Saturday, Aug. 15, 1:30-2:30pm. Community gardening seminar covers composting with master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash. El Corazon Compost Facility. RSVP: 800-262-4167 x4.

Healing Waters. Saturday, Aug. 15, 7-9pm. Art by Gerrit Greve, Robin Przybysz, & local teens who created art to help heal others. Free. L Street Gallery. 619-906-4566

Laughter Yoga. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2pm. Experience the healing power of laughter. Free. El Cajon Library. 619-588-3718.

"Bhagavad-Gita" Philosophy of Yoga Lecture. Sunday, Aug. 16, 5-7pm. \$35. YogaWell Center, 2333 Camino del Rio South. RSVP required: Adrienne@yogawellcenter.com or 619-917-0998.

Kirtan & CD Release Concert. Sunday, Aug. 16, 7-8:30pm. Yogacharya Bhava Ram. Devotional music and sacred chants. Free. Ginseng Yoga San Diego, 2985 Beech Street.

Tarot Discussion Group. Sunday, Aug. 16, 5-7pm. Learn how tarot cards work in an interactive group setting. \$10 suggested donation. 2333 Camino del Rio S. RSVP required: 619-917-0998 or Adrienne@AdrienneAbeyta.com.

Hypnotherapy: When and Why? Monday, Aug. 17, 5:30pm. Dr. Charles Knoll, M.D., and Cory Cochiolo, CHT, discuss what it is and isn't, how it works, when to use, how it differs from stage hypnosis. Free. La Jolla Library. 858-552-1657.

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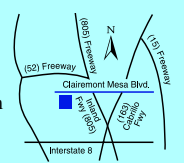
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Compelling Explanations

— Steven Gilmore Jr., 21, was arrested in Gainesville, Fla., after an aborted convenience-store robbery in which he shot a clerk with a BB gun. Police said Gilmore confessed to the crime, explaining that he is an aspiring rap singer and felt he needed to commit a violent crime to gain “street cred” as a thug.
— Marcella Rivera said the last she heard was

that her soldier-husband William Rivera would try to reconcile with her and their five children when he got back from Iraq, but then her mother saw a TV program on returning soldiers that showed William being married to another woman. Marcella pressed a bigamy charge in Independence, Mo., but prosecutors dropped it in May after William convinced them that “post-traumatic stress disorder” suffered in Iraq had made him forget that he was married.

Ironies

— Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick calls the Evergreen Solar Panel manufacturing plant in the town of Devens “the leading edge of our clean energy economy,” but neighbors continue to complain vociferously about the 24-hour-a-day noise. According to a June *Boston Herald* story, farmers report that their horses are developing ulcers and that other animals are behaving strangely. ... Four hundred goats have died since the installation of eight noisy, 24-hour-a-day wind turbines in the Penghu region in Taiwan, according to an agricultural official in a May Reuters report.
— Researchers from the University of British

Columbia nursing school reported in December that lesbian and bisexual high school girls are seven times more likely to get pregnant than other girls. A leading hypothesis is that those girls may try to disguise their sexual identity by uninhibited heterosexual behavior.

— Even though life and health insurance companies now routinely penalize smokers with higher premiums (or by refusing their business), the companies themselves own tobacco company stock worth at least \$4.4 billion, according to a recent *New England Journal of Medicine* report. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that more than 400,000 Americans die prematurely each year due in part to smoking (burdening life insurance companies but perhaps sparing health insurers from having to pay out over longer lifetimes).

What About My Rights?

— In 2006, a jury in Tampa convicted William Deparvine, 57, of murdering a husband and wife in order to steal their restored vintage 1971 Chevy truck that they had offered to sell Deparvine. Judge and jury agreed on the death penalty, and thus began the inevitable delay

until execution. With time on his hands, Deparvine filed a lawsuit in 2007 against the dead couple’s estate, insisting (in line with his failed trial defense) that the truck is now his, that the couple had signed over a bill of sale before they died.

Least Competent Criminals

— In April, police in Fayetteville, N.C., were seeking a pregnant woman who walked into a Carter Bank & Trust branch with a handgun and demanded cash. As a clerk was taking money out to give to her, she received a call on her cell phone, and the conversation became so intense that she ignored the money and walked out of the bank empty-handed, still talking. ... Alfonso Rizzuto, 47, who was on the run from forgery charges in Scranton, Pa., was arrested in nearby Kingston when he wandered into a post office and an employee noticed that Rizzuto bore a resemblance to the photo on the “wanted” poster of “Alfonso Rizzuto” tacked to the wall.

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Thirty Years Ago

I never returned to graduate school. Nor did I ever become Marcuse's student in a formal administrative sense. But I became a student of his ideas and character.

I attended most of Marcuse's lectures around San Diego to find what new textures he wove from customary philosophical terms. Once he spoke about a poem by Rilke and was a poet himself, painting the two women on a rock more impressively, more appealingly — more beautifully — than the author.

I last met Marcuse privately as he walked along the beach at Torrey Pines with his son (and grandchildren?). He still expected something, if not graduate school: "It's been such a long time. I've been waiting. Where is your manuscript?"

— "ON THE DEATH OF MARCUSE," Greg Grubelich, August 16, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

THAT BRASS BIMBO, her tubby

hubby, and your sleazy Point Loma-bound coworker agreed you're "an SOB with a bad attitude." Didn't you belch enough? KISS ME! KISS ME! Kiss me! WONDER WHAT PERSONALS were like in the good old days? Unbroken run of Reader from Summer 1978. Highest bidder takes. Boxholder, Box 16348, San Diego, 92116.

— CLASSIFIEDS, August 16, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

In late June about 20 divers headed down to Mexico for their annual trip to Punta María, about 400 miles below the border on the Pacific side of Baja. Some of them have been going there for 15 years, and the area has always been loaded with abalone, lobster, and clams. "This year, there was nothing," reports Steve Smith, a physical therapist in San Diego.

"First of all, we thought the Mexicans had done it. But then when the Japanese were mentioned,

it made more sense.

— CITY LIGHTS: "LET THEM EAT SUSHI," Neal Matthews, August 17, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Kokomo's was my kind of place, rather seedy and with the ambiance of a Fellini bachelor party. It was right across the street from the Roxy.

Then, through the door walked a white Panama hat, sunglasses, and the thickest mustache I've ever seen. The face belonged to Leon Redbone! He sat down three feet away from me! We drank a beer together, talked for a few minutes, and had a couple of chuckles. When I told him about all the crap I'd been through to see his concert, he laughed out loud and slapped me on the back.

— "THE NIGHT I WENT TO JAIL," John Olson, August 11, 1994

Ten Years Ago

My parents' marriage was an error. I was a product of that error. I was

remainder from and reminder of what went wrong between them. If the marriage was a gala party, then I was the sodden canapés and crumpled cocktail napkins. Once the party was over my father and mother looked at each other and said, "Now, who's going to take out the trash?"

— "OUT OF EGYPT," Judith Moore, August 12, 1999

Five Years Ago

There are about 50 or so of them, in their late teens or early 20s, Japanese who carry surfboards instead of cameras. They are all students, usually from wealthy families, who have come to America. These young Japanese, in their stone-washed jeans and Jimmy Z Surfswear, come to San Diego out of a restlessness that does not fit the image of homogenous Japanese.

None of them knew the others in Japan, but now they are friends. They surf together, each buying two or three \$300 surfboards that



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would sell for \$1200 each in Japan, trying out every spot along San Diego and Mexico. They come to San Diego because Japan, in all its pristine surfside beauty, generally breaks poorly. According to Ken, who has surfed all over the Japanese coast, the only good places to bag waves are off the coast of Yokohama and up north among the ice floes.

— "RISING SUN AND BREAKING WAVE," Michael Ahn, August 12, 2004

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Denomination: ELCA

Address: 7111 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-6459

Founded locally: circa 1945

Senior pastor: Mark Dahle

Congregation size: 75

Staff size: 2

Sunday school enrollment: 12

Weekly giving: n/a

Annual budget: n/a

Singles program: no

Dress: casual to formal

Diversity: mostly Caucasian, but wide age range

Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Website: lajollalutheran.com

A message was pinned to the bulletin board standing in the cozy courtyard off to the side of the trim yellow church with the red-tile roof: "If your photo is not on this board, please get your photo taken after Sunday worship." The better to build a sense of family for those gathered under the verb-heavy banners (Bless, Pray, Celebrate) hanging from the Mission-style ceiling and singing everything from "My Country 'Tis of Thee" to "How Great Thou Art" to a folksy marriage of "Amazing Grace" and the Eagles' "Peaceful Easy Feeling." ("I get

a peaceful, easy feeling/I know He won't let me down...")

The liturgy was brisk and full of song — now accompanied by organ, now piano. But I'm afraid I'm going to give all that short shrift this week and stick with the themes: chewy subjects such as God's power, human freedom, and human suffering.

"We are an affluent community," granted Pastor Dahle when I spoke to him about La Jolla Lutheran's church family. But, he added, "it has the same troubles as any other community, in that people have hopes that they never accomplish in their lifetime. One thing that happens in an affluent community is that people sometimes think their story is unique because everybody else looks like they're doing so well. But everybody is struggling with something, and if they're willing to share that, they can get help at a much deeper level than plastic surgery. Your heart can be helped."

I asked Dahle about his community because of some-

thing he said during his sermon (which offered a commentary on the story of Jonah and the whale). "You will find people in the same context who view it wildly differently and who have wildly different outcomes. Two people in a ghetto in Calcutta — one is dead at age 20, and the other at age 20 has done stuff that nobody can believe: how did he accomplish it in the midst of depressing, oppressive poverty." Meanwhile, here in La Jolla, you can have another two people, "and one of them, by age 20, has completely decimated their life, while the other has done something...amazing. It has a lot to do with the mental screens you use to view your environment. You can get your mind refocused, but sometimes it takes a little bit of work."

How does this tie in with Jonah? Dahle looped around to the answer: Jonah fled when God told him to go to Nineveh. "If you keep practicing in the will, saying, 'You can't tell me what to do,' you might even wind up saying 'no' to

God." Which is a shame because "God never tells you do something that is bad for you. It will be great for you, should you have the courage to do it. One of the ways you can have the courage is when you hear something challenging but not that hard, build up the muscle that takes action on things."

It's also a shame, said Dahle, because it's futile. "Jonah either hasn't read Psalm 139 or he's forgotten it." But we read it, so we knew that "If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me fast."

"The Psalmist realizes two things," offered Dahle. "One is that there's nowhere you can go to be away from God. The other is that this is a good thing because God loves us and wants what's best for us.... He's the only person in the universe Who actually loves us unconditionally."

Even when He's sending a great fish to swallow us. "Jonah was constrained —



Mark Dahle

La Jolla Lutheran Church La Jolla

★★½

Sermon content	★★½
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational	★★
band	★★½
Snacks	★★
Architecture	★★★
Friendliness	★★½
Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
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our choices. You constantly keep presenting us with better options."

But lest that line of thinking veer into Shiny Happy Christianity, the prayers of the people acknowledged, "it is often difficult for us to understand how a loving God who is all-knowing and all-powerful can allow tragedies to occur and wars to wage." Prayer leader Genie Hudkins mentioned natural disasters in China, car accidents in California, drug lords, and soldiers under fire. "God, You know who all these people are and what they need. We trust in Your goodness and we call upon Your mercy."

What happens when we die?

"The same thing that happens when we live," answered Dahle. "God has mercy on us. God's primary attribute is love, so..."

— Matthew Lickona

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